Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held at Memorial Institute, Glyn Ceiriog on Thursday 27th February 2020

PRESENT: Sarah Davies (Chair); Phillip Lloyd; Anina Price; Trevor Bates; Tegid Davies; Einion Davies; Barbara Robert; Judith Wright (resident) Chris Bexell (Resident); Jean Davies (Clerk):

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| Agenda  No | Details | Minutes | Action |
| 1/2 | Welcome and apologies | Cllr. Price welcomed those present to the Council.  Apologies; Cllrs. Sarah Davies; Eric Jones; Rhys Hughes; Mair Evans |  |
| 3 | Discussion with NW (if present) | Not present but according to NWP website 6 offences had been committed in this community: -  1 x ASB; 1 x assault; 4 x criminal damage |  |
| 4. | Discussion with Juliet McKenzie – CBSW Youth Service | Ms McKenzie outlined the SLA with the Council that the provision was for one x visit per week by the Youth Service. However due to poor engagement (due to the dark nights and inclement weather) it had been decided to cease until March and then have 2 x sessions per week until July. It is hoped that a they will have the use of a tent (in the playing field) and there will be 3 x workers. Posters have been distributed and it is hoped that activities etc will be arranged. Ms Juliet was asked to provide a contact number for one of the workers for parents to be able to contact in case of emergency.  *Ms McKenzie to arrange for telephone contact to be put on posters. Clerk to ask toilet caretaker to leave the toilet block open until 8.30 p.m.* | Ms McKenzie/Clerk |
| 4. | Discussion with CA | Mrs Bates not present. Clerk informed Council that she has been asked to submit a monitoring return to WCBC outlining the project – salary paid; how the funding is spent and confirming that the Council has relevant policies in place. The Clerk had pointed out to WCBC co-ordinator that as this is a small council the council did not have some of the policies mentioned, as they were not required. The co-ordinator appreciated this and agreed.  *Clerk to complete and submit return by the 28th February* | Clerk |
| 5. | Expressions of Interest | Councillor Bates in respect of Planning application |  |
| 6. | Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting | Accepted as correct and signed accordingly –  (January) |  |
| 7. | Matters arising | Playing field Development – Councillor Einion Davies had met with representatives from WRU and it has been agreed that a submission will be made by the 13th March for funding to help with developing the site.  With regard to the planning application NRW had expressed concerns regarding the possibility of flooding and is in discussion with WCBC regarding this. It’s hoped that a decision with regard to the planning will be made shortly  Response from National Resources Wales – email from NRW 26.2.2020 as follows:-  NRW have received an initial application for felling licence to clear-fell woodlands and have received an (EIA) forestry determination request for a new track to extract the timber. At the moment NRW have not been supplied with an appropriate level of information to process these. A site meeting was carried out with the landowner to discuss NRS’ information requirement which include evidence of appropriate stakeholder consultation amongst other technical Forestry and Environmental information. Until this information is forthcoming NRW are not able to make a decision.  VE Day Celebrations: Councillor Bates and Price had met together with a Councillor from Glyn Trian. It’s hoped to arrange an all Valley event probably on the Thursday involving the local school; choirs. T was agreed to fund this up to £300 provided that Glyn Trian match fund this.  *Clerk to email Glyn Train to this effect*  Over 16 Transport to Ysgol Morgan Llwyd – Clerk had spoken to Hywel Iorwerth from the Commssioners office who had stated that several LA’s in Wales had raised this issue. The Commissioner had asked the Welsh Government to review their policy regarding transport for post all 16 pupils not just those accessing Welsh medium schools. The Commissioner is hoping that the review will be favourable in providing transport for post 16’s and that a decision will be made shortly.  Buddy System – no one had contacted the Clerk as yet to express an interest in being a Buddy or being referred to a Buddy system  Cemetery Paths – moss clearance  Quote for bin for Pandy. – Councillor Bates had received a quote from WCBC o £220 plus VAT however need to establish if this is waterproof or not  Any other matter not listed: -  Toilets - the toilets had been deep cleaned and the Clerk had purchased soap dispenser; toilet roll holder and a hand dryer (one for the ladies). Council agreed for Clerk to arrange for Ben Barnes to visit to connect the dryer etc.  Councillors were pleased that the Welsh Government has given full relief to WCBC for public toilets rates which will be a saving in the coming financial year | Clerk  Clerk |
| 8 | Reports | Councillor Bates and Lloyd had attended the meeting in Dolywern by a representative of WCBC regarding the library proposals. Consultation nearly completed and will be reported on shortly although any action not likely for some time  Biodiversity Policy/action plan – whilst there is no mandatory requirement for the CC to have a policy in place it was decided that the Clerk contact Glyn Trian and Ceiriog Uchaf to ask what policy they have in place and if there is a template.  *Clerk to contact both councils as above* | Clerk |
| 9. | Letters of Thanks | From the Institute for donation |  |
| 10. | Correspondence | Bank Statement - Clerk produced statements showing £23549.50 in the current account and £9165.56 in the deposit account. The PWLB payment of £1847 due to be paid this month and also invoice for the playing field fence and bench for Pandy  WCBC – Off Street Parking Places of Orders 2020 – none in this community – noted  Renewal of WCBC Dog Control and Dog Fouling Protection Order – one additional condition proposed to existing Order that a person in control of a dog must carry bags or an appropriate receptacle to remove dog foul.  Welsh Government  Any other matter not listed –  Letter from OWL Cymru stating that due to cuts in budgeting they would no longer be able to send out alert emails free of charge – the basis email charge is £350 per annum should the Council want to continue – this was refused and the letter noted  Email from Glyn News stating that due to excessive printing costs Public notice advertisements there would in future be a charge of £46 for A5 page notice. Council minutes will continue to be free. Noted.  Clerk had received an electricity bill for electricity for the toilet block, which seems excessive and showing a standing charge of 80p per day. Clerk to query this with EDF and try and get a reduced tariff  *Clerk to contact EDF regarding tariff being charged* | Clerk |
| 11 | Planning applications/approvals | Reapplication of car port at Pistyll y Garth, Garth  The applicant and Judith Wright representing Garth Organic Garden gave a short presentation to Council for and against the application. Following discussion (the applicant had by this time left the building and Ms Wright left the room) Council decided to reconsider it’s original decision and gave no objections.  *Clerk to inform WCBC* | Clerk |
| 12 | Payments | Outstanding accounts - (section 136 Legislative Powers): -  Dilys Bates £  John Keene (toilets)  John Keene (Bins)  WCBC (Street lighting)  Tegid Davies (Builders)  (playing field fence)  ACS  (deep cleaning toilet block)  One Voice Wales (membership)  Request for Donations - (section 137 Legislative Powers):  Ceiriog Valley Wildlife –donation towards a moth survey in the valley –  *Clerk asked to find out –details of the group; how is it financed; has it a constitution; charity status? What else does it do*  Air Ambulance Wales £100.00 BR/TD  Canolfan Christnogol £500.00 TB/BR | Clerk |
|  | Any other matters not listed | Following Bryn Jones ‘retirement Clerk asked to put litter picking on next month’s agenda  Clerk suggested that cemetery fees should be looked at as they had not reviewed for some time. Clerk to put on next month’s agenda.  *Above two items to be on March’s agenda*  Councillor Roberts asked - if the salt box placed in the car Park on the High Street could be moved behind the shop –  *Councillor Tegid Davies to see if this is possible*  Concerns have been expressed regarding the skip at the rear of Broad Oak, which has been there for some time and is possibly a public health issue as rats have been observed. Cllr Bates to forward photos to Clerk  *Clerk to report this to Street Scene*  Councillor Bates reported that the budget has been approved and that WCBC has received an increase of 3.5% from the Welsh Government. An extra one million pound has also been allocated and is being split between Children’s Service and mending potholes in the county/  Michael Duggine has been appointed connectivity officer for WCBC and is looking at poor internet connection in the county. Cllr Bates is hoping that he will agree to running a surgery in the village to help with any queries | Clerk  Cllr Tegid Davies  Clerk |