Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held on Thursday 25th February 2021

PRESENT: Sarah Davies (Chair); Phillip Lloyd; Anina Price; Trevor Bates; Tegid Davies; Barbara Roberts; Dilys Bates; Jean Davies (Clerk):

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| Agenda  No | Details | Minutes | Action |
| 1 | Welcome and apologies | Cllr. Sarah Davies welcomed those present to the Council.  Due to current Covid restrictions meeting held virtually  Apologies; Cllrs. Eric Jones; Rhys Hughes; Mair Evans; Einion Davies |  |
| 2 | Discussion with NW (if present) | Crime figures for this Community for January 2021  1 x criminal damage  1 x assault  1 x other – no further information given  Clerk had also circulated an email sent by PCSO with up dates on areas being addressed etc |  |
| 3. | Discussion with CA | Mrs Bates stated that wellbeing calls by text/phone calls/emails continue and given the improved weather and longer days she is able to walk around the community to try and speak to her target group. She continues to help in preparing the community lunches. She stated that she was impressed by the generosity of Morrison’s with regards to the Community Cupboard which is proving to be very successful. She maintains close contact with the two other CA’s in the valley and also with the Social Prescriber based in the Medical Centre in Llangollen.  Mrs Bates also stated that Delyth Pridding WCBC has tablets that can be available for residents’ use – Council of the opinion that these would be useful for improving IT skills of residents. It was agreed for Mrs Bates to pursue this.  Update from Chair and Clerk meeting with WCBC regarding the future of the CA and funding.  The current funding stream from the WG ends 31.3.2022. Unclear at the moment if the WG will fund this in future and expect WCBC to fund this – this would most probably have implications for CC funding and Precept figure as the CC’s may be expected to take on responsibility for the project. In terms of management of the project WCBC had three options: -   1. No change with the CA’s being line managed by the CC (Clerk) 2. Consortium of a group of CCs i.e. North Central and South meaning we could be included in South with Rhos; Ruabon; Chirk and other councils in the valley 3. Tendered invited from 3rd parties (possibly private)   It was clear from the meeting that all CCs favoured the first option due to each area being unique with different needs in terms of meeting the needs of the group the CA was targeting |  |
| 5. | Expressions of Interest | Councillors Bates; Pryce – CA and planning applications (if any) |  |
| 6. | Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting | Accepted as correct and signed accordingly –  January |  |
| 7. | Matters arising | Pavilion planning application – this is ongoing Cllrs Tegid and Sarah Davies hope to be able to complete the flood assessment report in support of the application soon.  Facebook page for CC – now up and running  Response from \Kerry Williams – Street Scene Lead WCBC.  Clerk had written to Kerry Williams expressing concern regarding the lack of response to issues around pot holes etc. He had responded that he shared the council’s frustration but that he has noted the council’s concerns and some lining work (the roundabout on the Cross) will take place in the ‘near future’. He was also hoping to arrange for staff to address the pot holes in Cae’r Ysgol and Berwynfa Estate.  Payment for damage to toilets – the perpetrator has until the 28th February to settle the outstanding bill.  Skip Broad Oak – Both Clerk and Cllr Bates had attempted to resolve this issue to no avail – seems that Council staff are being hampered due to not being able to undertake site visits due to COVID-19 restrictions. Once restrictions are lifted it is hoped that a site visit can be undertaken and steps taken to remove the skip.  Progress on Grant application (Green Gym) – Clerk had made enquiries the maximum grant available was £2000 and the minimum price of green gym equipment was in the region of 8k – therefore this had not been pursued.  Bin for New Road - in place  Pandy Street Light - Paul Rogers from WCBC is arranging for the lamp to be returned with an LED bulb  Any other matter not listed – no other matter to discuss |  |
| 8 | Reports | Community Cupboard – going well with support from supermarkets. No spending from the contingency fund as yet  Update on Council Policies: -  Risk assessment  Financial Regulation  National Standards  Clerk stated that these policies need to be reviewed at next months’ meeting and will send drafts to Councillors for them to read in plenty of time.  Also possibly draft a post COVID-19 recovery Plan and or a 3-year policy in respect of Council expected capital expenditure – agenda item for April meeting (to include volunteers)  Emergency Planning Strategy – Given that this needs to involve the public and also look at insurance cover etc decided to put on as an agenda item for September when it is hoped that a public meeting can be arranged  Quote for caretaking toilet duties 2021/2 ­ notice to be put on notice board and Facebook page |  |
| 9. | Letters of Thanks |  |  |
| 10. | Correspondence | Bank Statement - a detailed report had been circulated to Councillors separately which was accepted as a true reflection of Council finances.  WCBC -  Welsh Government – circulated as and when received  Any other matter not listed -  Letter from the external auditor stating that a qualified audit report was being submitted for financial year 31.3.2020. The reason for being a qualified report was as follows: -  The Chair of the Council has certified the Accounting statements on 27 May 2020, before the Council approved them on 28 May 2020. In future, the Council should ensure that the Chair or acting Chair certifies the Accounting statements in the same meeting as the authority considers and approves them in accordance with Regulation 15.  Timing of signature – internal auditor had completed her audit on the 13th June – however the Council approved the annual return on the 28th May 2021  Two unpresented cheques totalling £220 that was written before 31/03/2019 but was still unpresented at the bank as at 31 March 2020. The Council should restate the 2020 figures on next year's Annual Return and write "restated" beneath the £ sign on the 2020 column.  Previous action requested by the external auditor - minutes do not state that the 2017-18 was a qualified audit report. In future years, the Council should ensure they document the audit opinion and any issues raised by the external auditor in the minutes. |  |
| 11 | Planning applications/approvals | New dwelling at Bronydd, Ffordd Chwarel – no objections  Also notification of planning approval – Pandy Chapel – change of material for windows |  |
| 12 | Payments | Outstanding accounts - (section 136 Legislative Powers):  Dilys Bates  John Keene (toilets)  John Keene (Bins)  Jean Davies  EDF (toilets electricity)  EE  PWLB  Clerk stated that she had not paid the invoice for the cost of the external audit of £350.25 as the charge last year was £238.75 and she would like to query this with the Auditor General’s Office – this as approved  Request for Donations - (section 137 Legislative Powers):  Mc Millan Nurses £100.00 |  |
|  | Any other matters not listed | A discussion also took place regarding future funding of capital expenditure e.g. the Pavillion and refurbishing the toilets. Clerk asked to make enquiries with the Welsh Church Funds to see what funding/grant is available.  Councillor Tegid Davies also mentioned pot holes being filled in Nantyr Forest and that some tarmac had been left on the side of the road. He had challenged one of the supervisors about this as there are far busier roads that need pot holes filling in the Valley and that dumping the tarmac was in fact fly tipping. Cllr Bates had taken this up with the supervisor who had responded that he had challenged the crew involved and agreed that if the material was unsuitable for potholes repairs should have been taken back to depot and disposed of properly. Apparently, this was done with all good intentions but normal procedure should have been followed.  Councillor Bates stated that local contractor Eifion and Dan Owen have been contracted to assist with filling the pot holes.  . |  |