Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held on Thursday 28th January 2021

PRESENT: Sarah Davies (Chair); Phillip Lloyd; Einion Davies; 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  It was with great sadness that Councillors learnt of the death of Miss Einwen Jones – who had been a Community Councillor for many years. Also the recent death of Mrs Sydney Davies both of which had served this community and organisations over many years. There followed a minute silence as a token of respect. |  |
| 2 | Discussion with NW (if present) | Crime figures for this Community for December:-  1 x ASB – Cae Plas Teg  1 x ASB and 1 x assault – Coed y Glyn area |  |
| 3. | Discussion with CA | Mrs Bates reported that she has spent a morning in the Ceiriog Valley Community Food Cupboard to see ow it is working.  She reported that some volunteers had come forward to transport residents who have no transport for vaccine – she had passed their names to the Social Prescriber.  She has also had a meeting with the Social Prescriber regarding referral process.  Wellbeing calls continues to be made which includes walking around the community to try to make contact (social distancing being observed) as well as telephone calls; emails and texts.  Her contact with the CA in Glyn Trian continues and she continues to help prepare the community lunches.  She mentioned a WCBC Community Catalyst officer who aims to help elderly residents and those with a disability to start a new business. So far 10 people have used the service.  Clerk had also prepared a report on how the CA has managed during COVID and what changes have had to be made and the impact on the service.  The meeting she was to have with WCBC CA co-ordinator had been postponed at the last minute. A new meeting is scheduled for the 23.2.2020 where the Clerk and Chair have been asked to attend. The current funding stream for the CA ends on the 31.3.2021 and WCBC are looking at other ways of funding it – hopefully, a clearer picture will emerge on the 23rd. |  |
| 5. | Expressions of Interest | Councillors Bates; Pryce – CA – report  And Councillors Tegid and Sarah Davies and Einion Davies – Quote for metal gate |  |
| 6. | Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting | Accepted as correct and signed accordingly - December |  |
| 7. | Matters arising | Defibrillator – two new defibs not installed – one bottom of Church Hill – Glan Deg and the other in Nantyr  Pavilion planning application - Cllr Sarah Davies reported that she and Cllr Tegid Davies have the information they need and that the field had fortunately not been affected by flooding hopefully this should satisfy NRW. Cllr Tegid Davies to take measurements and photos, which is hoped, will enable the planning to be approved.  Facebook page for CC – Clerk had difficulties creating a Facebook page – Cllr Bates agreed to look into this  Response from Street Scene – lack of paint on the roundabout at the Cross-; Potholes – car park Cae’r Ysgol – the response from WCBC had not been satisfactory thus far. It was decided that the Clerk write to Kerry Williams Lead Manager for WCBC to express dissatisfaction about the state of roads in the community and that complaints are not been addressed.    Play List for Life – started pack now handed to CA who will distribute as appropriate.  WCBC Rates (toilets) – name changed to Clerk, which should therefore meet the requirements for concession on the rates payable on the building.  Payment for damage to toilets – Clerk had contacted the officer dealing with this who had in turn contacted Cllr Tegid Davies stating they had now contacted the offender and he had been told that he needed to settle the outstanding amount otherwise he would be taken to Court – to be paid by the 28th February.  Skip Broad Oak – Clerk had made enquiries about this but had been passed from one department to another – more recently, she had been told to contact Health and Housing and was still awaiting a response. In the meantime, Cllr Bates had contacted Empty Houses Officer about this and other properties in the village who was investigating.  Any other matter not listed  Food Cupboard Cllr Bates reported that this as going well – donations were being received and this was spent in Aldi’s on basic food.  However, some families are desperate for funds as their benefits, may for a variety of reasons, be delayed. It was agreed that the CC have a contingency fund of £500 that could be used in such circumstances. A report to be given to Council each month of how much has been given (TD/PL)  Replacement bin New Road (by Bus Stop). Clerk had been in negotiation with Street Scene who stated that one would only be put there provided the CC paid for it. Clerk pointed out that the bin originally there had been removed by WCBC staff – still awaiting response from Street Scene. | Cllr Tegid Davies  Cllr Bates  Clerk |
| 8 | Reports | Quotes for replacing metal gate – ladies toilets at the Cross  (matter deal with at the end of the meeting)  Councillors Tegid and Sarah Davies and Einion Davies signed out of the meeting and Councillor Phillip Lloyd took over the Chair. Three quotes had been invited from Einion Davies; Tegid Davies and Mike Jones. Only one received from Einion Davies. Decision made to award the contract to Einion Davies.  Report following OVW Area meeting – Cllr Price had already circulated a report from the meeting. Clerk had also attended. The meeting expressed concerns that one of the causes of the recent flooding in many areas was that culverts were not being cleared. Whilst this is an ongoing issue between this Council and WCBC, clearly it affects other areas as well.  Also information about the new audit process – which is a 3 year cycle of 2 years of ‘ordinary’ audits and 1 year of more intensive audit where all documents relating to budgets and processes will be scrutinised.  Grant available via AVOW to support Volunteers – Clerk had attended a meeting regarding this with AVOW who has been successful in getting a WG grant to support and develop the roles of volunteers in the community. The plan was to develop a Community Response Project with the aim of having two teams one to respond to emergencies (as in the case of the recent flooding) and the second to be available for one off days to help charities with fund raising events etc. The aim is to recruit 100 volunteers for each team. Full training will be given and DBS clearance where appropriate.  This was because of the number of volunteers who enrolled with AVOW during the pandemic. However, this community managed and enrolled their own volunteers. Also following on from the floods in the community recently there may be a need for an Emergency Response Strategy and the volunteers currently working delivering lunches/food cupboard parcels may be interested in becoming involved in a more local one. | Clerk |
| 9. | Letters of Thanks | Canolfan and Institute for recent donation |  |
| 10. | Correspondence | Bank Statement - a detailed report had been circulated to Councillors separately. However the Clerk stated that the VAT refund of £2800 had been received and therefore as at today there was £23832 in the current account.  WCBC - Clerk had sent details of a grant of up to £2000 available through Play Development towards improving play and leisure pursuits for children and young people. Clerk asked to look at possibility of applying for this for a green gym in the playing field.  Welsh Government – circulated as and when received  Any other matter not listed - no other matter |  |
| 11 | Planning applications/approvals | No applications |  |
| 12 | Payments | Outstanding accounts - (section 136 Legislative Powers):  Dilys Bates  John Keene (toilets)  John Keene (Bins)  HMRC  Jean Davies  Ben Barnes (defib)  Wales Audit Office  Cartridge/paper  ICO registration  EDF (toilets elec)  Request for Donations - (section 137 Legislative Powers):  Wales Air Ambulance £100.00 |  |
|  | Any other matters not listed | Clerk had spoken to Cllr Eric Jones who reported that he had received many complaints from residents about the street lamp that had been removed and replaced with an LED lamp. Clerk asked to email Paul Rogers regarding this although it is acknowledged that it is Council policy to replace all lamps/bulbs with LED bulbs to save energy.  Cllr Jones also reported that the road by Ty Newydd had collapsed and although temporary cones had been placed there – it should be repaired asap. Cllr Bates stated that WCBC were aware of this.  Clerk also reported that she had not received an invoice for WCBC for street lighting cost for some time. It was agreed that she emailed Paul Rogers.  Cllr Bates reported that the cost of assembling/painting the Christmas float and purchasing gifts for the children amounted to over £300 – CC had already agreed to meet the cost of this.  Cemetary Bins - not emptied – Clerk to email Street Scene.  . | Clerk  Clerk |