Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held on Monday 23rd January 2023 at the Institute and via Zoom

PRESENT: Phillip Lloyd.(Chair) Trevor Bates; Sarah Davies; Ann Johnston; Jonathan Pritchard; Christina Brewin; Richard Jones; Eleanor Jones; Jane Bates PCSO Martin Griffiths; Brewin (CA); Jean Davies (Clerk) :

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| Agenda  No | Details | Minutes | Action |
| 1 | Welcome and apologies | Councillor Lloyd welcomed all present and in particular Mrs Jane Bates the recently co-opted Councillor. Councillor Bates signed the form and was handed the relevant information regarding Councillor conduct.  Apologies Barbara Roberts; Eric Jones |  |
| 2 | Discussion with NW (if present) | PCSO Griffiths was present and informed Council that the crime figures as follows: -  1 x off road offence; 1 x fraud; 1 x safeguarding issue;  RTC x 3; 1 x crim/damage; 1 x burglary (non- dwelling)  These are figures for the whole of the Ceiriog Valley |  |
| 3. | Discussion with CA | Ms Brewin stated that she has had a few referrals and now has procedures in place. She helps with the Warm places initiative.  It was agreed to increase her hours to 20 hours until the end of March. She also stated that as she prints off leaflets etc she asked if it was possible to purchase a printer. This was agreed (cost will be met by the CA budget). It was also agreed that she looks into purchasing a wheel chair which she could use to help immobile residents to attend meetings etc. Plans are also in place to hold a high tea type of event in March cost is estimated at around £10 per head.  Ms Brewin has agreed to attend Ceiriog Uchaf Council meeting in February to discuss her working in Ceiriog Uchaf a few hours a week. |  |
| 4. | Expressions of Interest | Councillor Bates – Planning |  |
| 6. | Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting | Accepted as correct and signed accordingly (December |  |
| 7. | Matters arising | Defib – Defib should be delivered shortly  ROSPA report –Clerk had contacted Ray Parry and been informed that the timber had been ordered but there is a 12 – 14 week lead in.  CCTV update – NWP still not resolved this issue  Response from Ian Bancroft – Chair read the response from Ian Bancroft. However, Councillors were of the opinion that the response did not answer the issue raised. Clerk asked to respond pointing out the difficulties of residents travelling to Wrexham; is the Ceiriog Valley included plan to have advisors in community centres? Given that the bank holidays are fixed don’t understand why annual leaflets with bin days changes etc are not ‘helpful’  Any other matter not listed  Smilie Faces Traffic warnings – clerk had made enquiries sign with speed only around £3k smilie faces more expensive. Clerk asked to enquire with Highways re the process for installing traffic signs.  Repairs to toilets – Clerk informed Council that following repairs undertaken by Cllr Bates the toilets were now open. The problem seems to be lack of pipe cladding. Tegid Davies to be asked to let the Clerk know the cost of including cladding in the refurbishment work to be taken imminently. |  |
| 8. | LA Representative report - | 1923 celebrations – Case Meurig Thomas hopes to hold a service to commemorate also concert to be held in March 2023. A further meeting on Monday the 30th January Cllr Pritchard and Johnston agreed to attend.  Common land – Cllr Bates had been studying the archives and apparently in 1952 the CC took over common land in the Garth. Not sure where exactly further investigation to take place.  Gritting – lack of gritting on streets and minor roads had been a problem during the recent cold spell. Cllr Bates explained that WCBC will only grit main roads but there should be grit left for housholders to use. If not it is very important the WCBC is contacted and informed. Clerk to send email regarding the lack of grit on Quarry Road, Church Hill, Cadant and Ffordd Tyn y Cestyll.  GLASS taking WCBC to Court – hearing on the 21.3.2023 regarding 4 x 4 issue.  Cllr Bates urged motorists to report pot holes (including claims) on the the WCBC website.  WCBC now in a position to move forward with the Community Energy Scheme -a feasibility will be carried out to look at solar, wind turbines and hydro energy. |  |
| 9. | Reports | OVW Area Committee – Cllr Pritchard had attended on behalf of the Council. The speaker was John Morris Speed Watch NWP – where he explained how the Community Speed Watch scheme works – residents prepared to do the monitoring would undergo training with radar guns. Motorists found speeding then sent letters – if a 2nd letter is sent within a 12-month period followed by a further infringement then a 3rd letter is sent and referral made to the Speed Watch Group and the Police alerted. |  |
| 10. | For discussion/decision | Pavilion Funding – Clerk in the process of completing an application for funding from the PCC (maximum £10,000)  Bike Track – Funding successful. Cadwyn Clwyd urging that the tree planting is started and picnic tables ordered and paid for. Clerk had received an email from which she had responded to. |  |
| 11. | Letters of thanks | Ysgol Cynddelw |  |
| 12.. | Correspondence | Bank Statement- Clerk had prepared budget bank reconciliation which was accepted as a true and accurate reflection by the Council  WCBC –  Any other correspondence not listed-  Email regarding a meeting with WCBC Rights of Way Office at Caffi Wylfa on the 1st February and asking for representation. Cllr Johnson agreed to attend on behalf of the Council |  |
| 13 | Planning applications/approvals | 2 x conversion of cow sheds to domestic dwelling – Councillors did not object in principle but raised concerns regarding the impact on phosphate levels and the increase in traffic on a narrow steep lane leading to the village.  Change of description – land off Church Hill – unclear what the changes are – Clerk to contact planning. |  |
| 14 | Payments | Outstanding accounts - (section 136 Legislative Powers): - amounts sent separately to Councillors and discussed in Council  Christina Brewin (CA)  John Keene (caretaking/bin emptying/Box)  John Keene (toiletries)  Canolfan Ceiriog (room rent (CA)  Jean Davies  EDF  EE  HMRC  IOC (Data Protections Certificate)  Trevor Bates (Repairs to toilets)  Request for Donations - (section 137 Legislative Powers):  Eisteddfod Dyffryn Ceiriog £300.00 |  |
| 15. | Any other matters not listed | Clerk informed Councillors that the bench on the New Road had been replaced and was now in place – many thanks to Cllr Bates for fixing the new bench. The old seat to be repaired (needs welding) and will be positioned across the road from the new bench as it is a popular spot for residents to sit and admire the views.  The bench outside the cemetary in the Garth need now slats – Clerk asked to contact Einion Davies for a quote to replace the slats with hard wood.  Grass cutting quotes – the three-year contract ends March 2023 Councillors agreed to ask Rhys Hughes for a quote to cut the grass at the cemetary and playing field for the next three years. Clerk to contact Glyn Trian and Chirk CC to ask for the contractors they use so that three quotes can be obtained. Advert to be placed in the Glyn News. Quotes to be submitted by the 27th March 2023  Caretaking quote for the toilet block/bin emptying etc. Current caretaker’s contract had been extended by 12 months last year. However, decision made to advertise the contract in the Glyn News, for 12 months with possible further 12 moths extension there after– closing date 27th March 2023. |  |