Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held on Monday 27th March at the Institute and via Zoom

PRESENT: Phillip Lloyd.(Chair) Trevor Bates; Sarah Davies; Ann Johnson; Jonathan Pritchard; Christina Brewin; Richard Jones; Elenor Jones; Jane Bates; Barbara Roberts ;PCSO Martin Griffiths; Christina Brewin (CA); Keith Benning (Chair Ceiriog Uchaf CC); Miles Matile (Clerk Ceiriog Uchaf CC)Jean Davies (Clerk) :

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| Agenda  No | Details | Minutes | Action |
| 1 | Welcome and apologies | Councillor Lloyd welcomed all present  Apologies Eric Jones |  |
| 2 | Discussion with NW (if present) | PCSO Griffiths in attendance.  Crime figures: -  2 x ASB; 1 x Threats of violence; 1 x concern for safety; 4 x theft; 2 x animal wildlife offences; 3 x criminal damage: |  |
| 3. | Discussion with Cllr Benning and Miles Matile re CA in Ceiriog Uchaf | Cllr. Benning and Mr Matile had met with the Clerk and was in attendance in the meeting to explain their preferred arrangements for Ms Brewin undertaking 8 hours work in Ceiriog Uchaf. Basically, Ceiriog Uchaf did not want responsibility for any of the usual employee responsibility of salary payment PAYE management etc. The plan was that Ms Brewing and the Clerk would meet bimonthly for supervision and there was not an expectation that Ms Brewin would attend every council meeting.  Councillors agreed in principle but with the following conditions: -   1. With regard to HMRC and PAYE etc rather than merging the two councils - CA's salary with regards to HMRC will be separate but managed by this Council. 2. Hourly rate to be agreed by this Council 3. Mileage rate to be paid to the CA from her home to Ceiriog Uchaf 4. Ceiriog Uchaf to agree to the policies in place by this Council currently in terms of employee and employer responsilbity e.g., Grievance and Complaints Policy. 5. New contact to be drafted reflecting the change in circumstances covering the CA working 24 hours i.e., 16 hours in Glyn Ceiriog and 8 hours in Ceiriog Uchaf 6. Supervision - to be undertaken by Ceiriog Uchaf Clerk bimonthly.   The above points could be discussed at the next Ceiriog Uchaf Council.  If in agreement could Ceiriog Uchaf CC to contact Steve Latham-White WCBC CA Coordinator to inform him of the agreement so that this Council's contract can me drafted accordingly for the financial year starting 1st April 2023.  Funding in full to be paid to this Council. |  |
| 3. | Discussion with CA | The high tea went well with 38 in attendance. Warm places project going well particularly in the Canolfan – the sessions held at the Christian Centre will finish end of March as will the chair yoga. CA will revert back to the normal 16 hours from April. |  |
| 4. | Expressions of Interest | Councillor Bates – Planning |  |
| 6. | Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting | Accepted as correct and signed accordingly (February) |  |
| 7. | Matters arising | Defib – Has been delivered and now installed  CCTV update – NWP still not resolved this issue  Smiley Faces speed signs – Clerk had received one price but given that the Welsh Government is reducing the speed limit in all villages and town to 20 mph – this will require new signage and Councillors decided to postpone any decision regarding a speed sign until the nature and type of warnings to be erected are known.  Kings’ Coronation – Councillors had decided that commemorative memorabilia of any type was too expensive. Agreed on a picnic at the Canolfan on the Monday (8th May) for all residents. Children’s entertainment to be explored. Possibly ask Canolfan to offer burgers etc with the proceeds going to Canolfan. A Request had been made to have the Union Jack as well as the Welsh Dragon on the flag pole. After some debate it was agreed that purchasing another flag pole was to be explored so that both flags can be flown during the weekend. A limit of £300 was agreed towards the cost of the celebrations.  Any other matter not listed - Clerk pointed out that she had been asked to get a quote from Einion Davies for repairing the seat outside the cemetary. He had sent a quote of £230 – Councillors agreed to go ahead with this. |  |
| 8. | LA Representative report - | Cllr Bates reminded Councillors that the Youth Service are holding sessions on the playing field every Tuesday and it’s important that as drop in as possible.  GLASS case to be dealt with in Court and a video link is available at the Canolfan on the day. If WCBC lose the case then this could have implications in terms of ongoing issues around 4 x 4 in the valley.  He stated that WCBC currently days to turnaround council properties at a cost of £25k each – a lot of this seems to be removing bathrooms and kitchens installed by previous tenants which are in good order. Some previous tenants who installed walk-in showers and WCBC then remove these and install baths |  |
| 9. | Reports | Centenary Celebrations – celebrations moved to August- when the plan is to have a Welsh evening, art exhibition. All arrangements to involve local children. It is also hoped that a concert with Welsh artists will be held  Wrexham Town and Community Council Meeting – Cllrs Bates and Davies had attended. They had made their case regarding communicating with residents – particularly those without internet connection. Their comments were taken on board but is questionable if anything will change as an outcome. |  |
| (10. | For discussion/decision | Tenders for 3-year grass cutting contract  2 tenders had been received – it was agreed to accept Rhys Hughes’ quote.    Tender for 12-month caretaking contract. - two tenders had been received- however one was withdrawn last minute. Agreed to accept John Keen’s tender.  Bike track update – JB extreme were on site and hopefully everything will be ready for the opening on the 1st April  Pavilion Funding – CC had been granted £10k grant from the PCC now need to source the remaining cost. Clerk to approach Einion Davies to explore if any grants available via the Rugby Club.  Biodiversity Policy - the recent tree planting exercise on the playing field has gone some way towards increasing biodiversity – Clerk to draft a policy. |  |
| 11. | Letters of thanks |  |  |
| 12.. | Correspondence | Bank Statement- Clerk had prepared budget bank reconciliation which was accepted as a true and accurate reflection by the Council  WCBC – Chair read the response from Samantha Williams Play development regarding the request to hold play sessions in Y Gamer etc. Councillors were still of the opinion that there were plenty of other safer locations but given Play Development has undertaken a full risk assessment etc Councillors agreed to this going ahead.  Any other correspondence not listed- |  |
| 13 | Planning applications/approvals |  |  |
| 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)  Jean Davies  EDF  EE  HMRC  JB Extreme (Balance)  National Trust – Legal fees  National Trust – Rent  Youth Service – (6 months)  Request for Donations - (section 137 Legislative Powers): |  |
| 15. | Any other matters not listed | Clerk asked to write a letter to Wayne Hughes and Michael Edwards owners of the Workshop by the playing field thanking them for allowing contractors to use their parking space for plant/machinery and deliveries |  |