Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held on Monday 26th September 2022 at the Institute and via Zoom

PRESENT: Phillip Lloyd.(Chair) Trevor Bates; Sarah Davies; Ann Johnston; Eric Jones; Jonathan Pritchard; Richard Jones; Eleanor Jones Dilys Bates (CA); Miles Matile newly appointed Clerk to Ceiriog Uchaf (Observing); Jean Davies (Clerk) ;

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| Agenda  No | Details | Minutes | Action |
| 1 | Welcome and apologies | Councillor Lloyd welcomed all present  Apologies Anina Price and Barbara Roberts  Chair offered a particular welcome to Eleanor and Richard Jones the new Councillors who signed the appropriate forms and given a copy of Councillor Code of Conduct |  |
| 2 | Discussion with NW (if present) | 5 x assaults; 1 x criminal damage; 1 x drug related;  3 x ‘other crimes’: |  |
| 3. | Discussion with CA | Following Mrs Bates’ resignation, she had agreed to continue working 5 hours a week, which allows her to keep in touch with residents, and been an opportunity for her to let residents know of her decision to resign.  Clerk informed Council that she has a meeting with WCBC’s CA coordinator on Thursday the 29th to discuss CA cover in the Ceiriog Valley. He’s also attending Ceiriog Uchaf’s meeting. |  |
| 4. | Expressions of Interest | Councillor Bates – CA (3) ) Planning applications  Cllr Sarah Davies item 9 – toilet refurbishment quote |  |
| 5. | Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting | Accepted as correct and signed accordingly July) |  |
| 6. | Matters arising | Defibrilator – Clerk had contacted Welsh Ambulance Service who had informed her that the cost had now increased to £930 (from around £850) due to demand and shortness of parts. Council agreed for Clerk to purchase one defib (cabinet already) be situated on the outside wall of the Glyn Valley Hotel.  ROSPA report - Ray Parry and Councillors Bates and Lloyd to meet on site September 30th to discuss ROSPA report  CCTV update – as a result of the damage caused MSF had send an invoice for the cost of repair and also cost of installing anti-vandal system on the pole. NWP will seek to recover the cost of repair from the perpetrator but it was decided not to install the anti-vandal system as in due course the Institute sign will be placed on the pole.  Other matter not listed: Clerk informed Council that she had contacted NT regarding lack of litterbin on the gate leading to the tramway path and having the hedge cut. NT had responded stating that they had over the last few weeks picking litter on the path, which was minimal and did not justify placing a bin by the gate. The hedge will be part of the programme in the autumn of hedge cutting so as not to interfere with birds nesting. |  |
| 7. | LA Representative report | Councillor Bates informed Council that WCBC will struggle to meet statutory services due to budget constraints and also staff shortages. There is in particular shortage of taxi escorts that affect the service.  Councillor Bates also asked Council to consider writing to Ian Bancroft Chief Executive WCBC about the lack of post 16 provision to YMLL pupils. Travelling using public transport is logistically extremely difficult resulting in parent having to resort to transporting their children to the school. This policy results in many parents deciding to send their children to other secondary schools outside of the County or to Coleg Cambria (who does provide transport) and is at odds with the Welsh government policy of one million Welsh speakers by 2050. Clerk asked to write to Ian Bancroft.  The issue of phosphate impacting on planning consents is an ongoing issue. NRW had undertaken a survey and the river in Llanarmon and Chirk was not contaminated but the river in between showed contaminated. Until this is addressed obtaining planning permission will be difficult.  WCBC had at last delivered the two benches which will be installed in due course.  Flag Pole - Councillor Bates informed Council that Chris Burnell had undertaken some remedial work but that more work was required on the flag pole. Council agreed for Cllr Bates to ask Mr Burnell for an estimate of the cost.  There followed a debate about whether or not the Welsh Flag or Union Jack showed be flown during national events. During the period of mourning following the Queen’s death the Welsh Flag was flown and it was proposed and agreed that this should remain in the future. |  |
| 8. | Reports | No reports this month |  |
| 9. | For discussion/decision | Pavilion Funding - Cllr Pritchard had made enquiries with AVOW who was to contact him regarding what funding was available. Clerk agreed to enquire with Cadwyn Clwyd regarding the possibility of a grant.  Quote for toilet refurbishment – (Cllr Davies left the room whilst discussion took place) Clerk had contacted four local contractors – two had responded stating they were not in a position to undertake the work at present. Two quotes had been receive. The quotes were discussed at some length and Councillors decided to award the contract to Tegid Davies.  Bike Track - following on from the meeting with NT Clerk had asked the architect to provide revised plans based on what the NT had specified. The revised plans had not, as yet, been received. |  |
| 10. | Letters of thanks | Institute and Canolfan Ceiriog |  |
| 11. | Correspondence | Bank Statement-. Clerk had prepared a comprehensive report, that had been emailed to Councillors beforehand This was accepted as a true reflection of the Council’s finances.  WCBC – Invite to Mayor’s Charity Dinner – noted  Invite to Civic Service at Ste Giles to celebrate Wrexham being awarded city status – noted  Warm Places project – because of cost of living crises and the need to signpost residents to warm places such as libraries and other public buildings. This is something that the CA can look into and develop  Welsh Government – emailed to Councillors as and when received.  Any other correspondence not listed- |  |
| 12 | Planning applications/approvals | * [Planning Application P/2022/0791 - Valid From 31/08/2022](https://planning.wrexham.gov.uk/planning/search-applications#VIEW?RefType=GFPlanning&KeyNo=73170&KeyText=Subject) - Land Off Church Hill, Glyn Ceiriog, Llangollen, Wrexham - erection of storage building, greenhouse, goat hut and composting toilet (partly in retrospect) – objections raised due to size of the greenhouse and the resulting increase in traffic on a steep and narrow lane – Clerk to inform WCBC * [Planning Application P/2022/0696 - Valid From 22/08/2022](https://planning.wrexham.gov.uk/planning/search-applications#VIEW?RefType=GFPlanning&KeyNo=73063&KeyText=Subject) - Upper Mills Trout Farm, Glyn Ceiriog, Llangollen, Wrexham, LL20 7HB - First floor side extension – no objections * [Planning Application P/2022/0703 - Valid From 27/07/2022](https://planning.wrexham.gov.uk/planning/search-applications#VIEW?RefType=GFPlanning&KeyNo=73078&KeyText=Subject) Brushwood Cottage, Quarry Road, Glyn Ceiriog, Llangollen, Wrexham, LL20 7DA - single storey front extension – no objections * [Planning Application P/2022/0666 - Valid From 19/07/2022](https://planning.wrexham.gov.uk/planning/search-applications#VIEW?RefType=GFPlanning&KeyNo=72980&KeyText=Subject) – Bonc, Plas Nantyr Road, Glyn Ceiriog, Llangollen, Wrexham, LL20 7DDsingle storey extension to side and rear and first floor extension above garage – no objections |  |
| 13 | Payments | Outstanding accounts - (section 136 Legislative Powers): - amounts sent separately to Councillors and discussed in Council  Dilys Bates (CA)  John Keene (caretaking/bin emptying/Box)  Jean Davies  EDF  EE  HMRC  Youth Service WCBC  Ben Barnes  MSF (damage to CCTV)  John Keene (Toiletries0)  Engraving +  Youth Service  Rhys Hughes  Chris Burnell  Printer  National Trust  Request for Donations - (section 137 Legislative Powers):  No requests |  |
| 13. | Any other matters not listed | Gullies in Pandy need clearing – this is an ongoing issue throughout the valley and will form part of WCBC clearing cycle  Remembrance Sunday - Cass Meurig Thomas has plans in place similar to last years. Poppy wreath on behalf of the Council already ordered.  Clerk informed Council that there is a mandatory requirement that should be in place by November outlining training needs of Council members and Clerk. Agreed that Cllrs Pritchard; Johnson and Richard and Eleanor Jones attend the ‘New Councillors Training’ held by OVW. Clerk to email the programme of training available to Councillors in the meantime. |  |