Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held on Thursday 25th November 2021 at the Institute and via Zoom

PRESENT: Phillip Lloyd.(Chair) Trevor Bates; Sarah Davies; Tegid Davies; Mair Evans; Eric Jones; Dilys Bates; Jean Davies (Clerk) ;

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| Agenda  No | Details | Minutes | Action |
| 1 | Welcome and apologies | Councillor Lloyd welcomed all present;  Apologies: Rhys Hughes (bereavement); Anina Price; Einion Davies; Barbara Roberts: |  |
| 2 | Discussion with NW (if present) | Crime figures October as follows:-  1 x ASB 1 x criminal damage |  |
| 3. | Discussion with CA | Mrs Bates and Clerk had met prior to the Council meeting. Mrs Bates reported that she continues to maintain contact with her target group. The Digital Skills for Life continues to be well attended (up to 12) and the hope is that this will continue in the New Year. Mr Bates also coordinates the book club and the Welsh learners group ‘Grwp Sgwrsio’ continues as well. The craft sessions that were taking place at the Christian Centre will now be held at the OJH.  The Clerk had also met with the CA coordinator from WCBC who had stated that he is confident that the WG will continue to fund the project after March 2022 the aims and objectives of the project may change. However, the status quo will continue during the next financial year as the LA/CC and CA’s review the project to enable it to meet the WG’s aims and objectives in the future. With regards to management of the project – this will also be reviewed and a decision made whether the management of the CA’s will remain with the CC’s/managed in clusters/ or run by a private company. |  |
| 4. | Expressions of Interest | Councillor Bates – CA (3) and (11) Planning applications |  |
| 5. | Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting | Accepted as correct and signed accordingly |  |
| 6. | Matters arising | Refurbishment of toilets – Meeting with Cllr Tegid Davies and Medwyn Davies not taken place – hopefully this will be before not too long  Application in retrospect for planning permission -CCTV on Glyn Valley wall. Following a meeting with MSF between Cllrs Bates, Lloyd and the Clerk it was proposed that the camera currently on the Glyn Valley was removed and a 360 degree camera installed by the toilet block. MSF pointed out that the location would not be appropriate for the ANPR camera. MSF suggested that both cameras placed on the existing pole just within the playing field, which used to hold the Institute sign.  However, on inspection it appeared that the pole was rusty and it was decided for H and S reasons to renew this. MSF had been asked to provide a quote for this work which they had £1395 and £1195 plus VAT. Given the figures, the Clerk pointed out the Council has a duty to obtain two further quotes. However, it appears that the systems provided by other companies would not be compatible with the current system and would require a completely new system installed which would be financially counterproductive. Council therefore decided to ask MSF for a quote that did not include housing the system in the toilet block – which should reduce the cost- also to ensure that the existing pole replaced by a green pole.  Planning application – Pavilion – Clerk had contacted Geraint Edwards who had completed and submitted the original plans. He had amended the plans which will hopefully meet with NT and once this is received he will then complete the forms and submit to WCBC.  Bike ramp/track –Following an independent report arranged by Falcon Trees Cllrs Bate, Lloyd and the Clerk had net with Jon Brewin the Tree Officer for WCBC. He had advised the CC to leave everything as it is until the spring (May or June) when he will re-visit to ascertain the full damage to the trees then. This may involve not having to completely fell some damaged trees but only partially cut them. Discussion had then taken place to the possibility of having the bike ramp/track on the land between where the previous ramp was erected and the road. This would of course need NT approval as well as consultation with the yp/parents/youth service  Consecrating of ground at the cemetary /100 years – cenotaph - this to take place on the 28th November at 2 p.m. With Reverend Phillip Carey officiating  Purchase of Benches – 2 further quotes received – decided to go with the cheapest Recycled Plastic and Steel Bench £354.99 plus VAT  Football goal post – following repair work by Ralph Bennet the football post has now been repaired. Clerk asked to send a thank you to Mr Bennet  Issues re Garden of Remembrance: Clerk had checked her records and visited the garden or remembrance. The tablets follow in strict chronological order and the records correspond with the physical records. She had sent an explanation email to the family but as yet no further communication from the family – therefore assume that the matter is resolved.  Pandy: Water pip/bin/street light: Bin delivered to Pandy! Issue of Water pipe and lamp still outstanding. Clerk asked to email Paul Rogers explaining that if the lamp is not returned then the Council will invoice WCBC the cost of the lamp (estimated to be around £2000)  Any other matter not listed –  Hospital transport – Clerk had placed an advert in the Glyn News as yet had one response |  |
| 7. | Letter of thanks | no letters of thanks |  |
| 8. | Correspondence | Bank Statement: Clerk had prepared the bank reconciliation up to the 25th November which was accepted  WCBC - letter received regarding the forthcoming May election and for the cost to the CC’s to be factored into the precept figure for 2022/3  Welsh Government – letter stating S137 payments been increased to £8.83 per elector (from £8.41) for 2022/3  Any other correspondence not listed- Cllr Jones had received a letter of complaint from a Pandy resident – this was anonymous and whilst the issue raised was noted unable to respond due to its anonymity |  |
| 9. | Reports | Remembrance Sunday – all agreed arrangements had gone very well. |  |
| 10. | For discussion | Biodiversity Plan – Clerk had been informed that this is mandatory. It involves some work and probably a subcommittee – to be included in the January agenda  Emergency Plan – Clerk had contacted Glyn Train and Ceiriog Uchaf Clerk – will be on Glyn Trian’s December’s agenda – no response as yet from Ceiriog Uchaf. It is hoped that the three councils can work collaboratively |  |
| 11 | Planning applications/approvals | To convert Soar Chapel into a holiday property – no objections |  |
| 12 | Payments | Outstanding accounts - (section 136 Legislative Powers):  Dilys Bates  John Keene (toilets)  John Keene (Bins)  John Keene (toilet cleaning equipment  Jean Davies  EDF (toilets electricity)  HMRC  EE (Mobile phone)  Hafren Dyfrdwy  Engraving +  MSF (maintenance agreement)  Falcon Trees (tree survey)  Geraint Edwards (Pavilion Planning app)  Request for Donations - (section 137 Legislative Powers):  Rev Phillip Carey and Cassandra Meurig Thomas – had refused to charge for their services. However it was decided to make a donation each o £50 to cover their travelling (from Bala).  The recent house fire in Pandy was also discussed which had left the family homeless. It was agreed that the Council would make a donation of £200 to help with their immediate needs  Denbigh Urdd Eisteddfod 2022 £50 |  |
| 13. | Any other matters not listed | LA Representative Report:  Councillor Bates had met with Jonathan David WCBC’s Empty Houses Officer and taken him on a tour of all the empty houses in the Valley. Property can owners – provided they meet the criteria- get financial help to make their property habitable.  Roadworks in the community – Residents frustrated by the number of diversion signs that seem very complicated and that in some cases road closed signs but no work taking place. Cllr Bates had made enquiries and the signage company has had a number of positive testing by staff for Covid hence the delay in resolving this issue. They have promised to address the issue in the next few days.  Traffic Lights outside Pontfadog – still in place although no wok undertaken currently. Cllr Bates had made enquiries and been told that the contractor has now been made aware that there is BT fibre but not exactly where – it is taking BT some time to liaise with WCBC/company to get this resolved and restart the work. |  |