Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held on Thursday 23rd July 2021 at the Institute and via Zoom

PRESENT: Anina Price (Deputy Chair) Philip Lloyd (via zoom); Trevor Bates; Sarah Davies; Tegid Davies; Mair Evans; Barbara Roberts; Dilys Bates (CA via Zoom) Martin Griffiths PCSO NWP – for part of meeting; Lorna Mills – member of the public for part of the meeting; Jean Davies (Clerk)

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| Agenda  No | Details | Minutes | Action |
| 1 | Welcome and apologies | Councillor Price welcomed all present;  Apologies: Einion Davies  Absent: Rhys Hughes  Due to Covid concerns – Councillors were given a choice of attending in person or virtually  Also Present was Lorna Mills who had requested to address the Council after the Agenda had been completed. The Chair had agreed to this. Ms Mills informed the Council that the Valle Cruces Mission Area (deanery) had taken over responsibility for St Ffraid’s Church Yard. It is looking into what exactly needs doing and have already started some clearance and strimming the areas that appear to be used the most. Ms Mills asked for anyone who regularly visit graves to let her know. Many are in poor state and to comply with H and S regulations they will all need to be checked. Ms Mills asked if the CC would be prepared to make a donation towards the cost of the work. (see agenda item 11) |  |
| 2 | Discussion with NW (if present) | Crime figures for July as follows:-  4 x violent offences |  |
| 3. | Discussion with CA | Clerk and Mrs Bates had met previously to review appraisal targets.  Mrs Bates informed the Council that she and Glyn Trian’s CA due to start Digital Skill Courses at Oliver Jones Hall. They have been fortunate in attracting a grant to cover the cost of hiring the hall. They have also asked Chris Futcher to assist in delivering the sessions. So far, 5 have confirmed attendance.  Her work continues in contacting clients in the village by walking around the village, telephone calls, texts and emails. She has had a meeting with the new co-ordinator for WCBC. Clerk also has a meeting with him next week.  Mrs Bates continues to help with the community lunches and food cupboard, which appears to be well used. |  |
| 4. | Expressions of Interest | Councillor Bates – CA (3) and (11)Planning applications |  |
| 5. | Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting | Accepted as correct (other than change Sarah Bates to Davies) and signed accordingly – |  |
| 6. | Matters arising | Pandy Rock – Cllr Bates reported no update.  Refurbishment of toilets - Councillor Tegid Davies had not been able to meet with Medwyn Davies – hopefully this will happen in due course – with a need then to draft a schedule for the remedial work required and put out to tender.  CCTV (extra around toilet block) Councillor Sarah Davies had met with MSF who had provided an estimate of the cost, which is £995, plus VAT to install a camera around the entrance to the ladies toilet. This was accepted – clerk to contact MSF  Application in retrospect for planning permission -CCTV on Glyn Valley wall – email received from Planning Department – Councillors of the opinion that the questions asked was irrelevant as the camera is already installed. Clerk to forward a photo of the camera to Planning pointing out the position.  Bike tamp/track – Meeting had taken place between NT/Councillors (parent representative not present). NT had pointed out that it would need to arrange for a survey of the damage to the trees to be undertaken. This had taken place and the advice from NT was for the CC to get its own survey done. Councillor Sarah Davies had met with Falcon Trees who had pointed out what work needed and would provide contact details of a surveyor they use. Clerk to arrange for this to be undertaken asap.  Consecrating of ground at the cemetary – Clerk had contacted Rev Carey who had agreed to officiate. He is officiating at the church in Llanarmon on the 24th October – Clerk to contact Rev Carey to ask if he could undertake the service at the cemetary at the same time.  Discussion with John Austin – Clerk had contact Mr Austin who had agreed to cut the grass at the land at the cemetary.  Play Box donated by the Youth Service - In situ. Clerk had previously emailed Councillors regarding extra payment to Mr Keen for opening and locking the box (during school holidays). The figure was agreed.  Gardening Competition - Had taken place – 14 competed. Cups to be presented on the 23rd October. The Cup Winners Cup is tarnished – clerk to purchase cleaning equipment – if not a solution then ask Engraving + to repair the damage (estimate cost in 2019 was over £100). Agreed to give 1st 2nd and 3rd winners Dobbie’s voucher of £15, £10 and £5 each.  Any other matter not listed  Centenary of Cenotaph - the Cenotaph is 100 years old. Hopefully, Rev Carey will be able to officiate on the 24th. In addition, Clerk asked to write to Adrian Richards for his hard work painting the cenotaph railings.  AONB – Clerk had made enquiries and the response had been very positive although much discussion would need to take place. Councillors asked to be ‘kept in the loop’ regarding this. | Cllr Bates  Cllr Tegid Davies  Clerk |
| 7. | Reports | Update/discussion on grant application and funding the Pavilion on the playing field – During the meeting with NT it was pointed out that the size of the pavilion was larger than NT had agreed. After consideration, NT agreed to a size of 7.5 meters in length is acceptable. Clerk to ask Planning if a new application needs to be submitted  Approval of CCTV Policy – Clerk to forward the draft policy to Councillors again – some suggestions already made. If no further comments then Policy approved  Remembrance Sunday – Clerk had contacted Rev Carey who had arranged for Rev Ben Parry to officiate. Wreaths ordered. Will need to look at any restrictions needed due to Covid 19 at the October meeting.  Welcome Day or Meet and Greet Day 23rd October – event taking place at Canolfan Ceiriog. Hoping to have a marquee, a pump track for bikes, magician, a local vocalist and a sing along. Cllr Bates had applied for a grant towards the cost – CC had already approved a donation of £500 towards the VE day celebrations, which was cancelled due to Covid 19. Therefore, agreed to donate this amount towards the cost of the day. NWP had also donated £250 in 2019 towards activities for young people, not spent as the day had been cancelled due to the weather.  OVW area meeting - Cllr Price had submitted a report – the main outcome of this meeting was the charges HSBC are planning to make to what they deem to be Community Accounts. Clerk had already emailed OVW regarding this and they have agreed to send a letter to HSBC pointing out that CC’s are a tier of local government. Clerk had also attempted to ring HSBC – she will attempt to do so again. | Clerk  Clerk |
| 8. | Letters of Thanks | Institute and Canolfan Ceiriog |  |
| 9. | Correspondence | Bank Statement – Clerk provided a quarterly statement of expenditure and income for period ending the 20th September  WCBC –  Welsh Government – circulated as and when received  Any other matter not listed - |  |
| 10 | Planning applications/approvals | Amended plans to original application Tan y Berth, Glyn Ceiriog – no objections  Erection of agriculture building – Gelli – no objections | Clerk |
| 11 | 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)  AVOW (DBS certificate DB)  Cartridges  National Trust  Request for Donations - (section 137 Legislative Powers):  Following Ms Mills’ request for a donation – this was discussed. Agreed that the Clerk email Ms Mills asking her to formally request this with what exactly the donation would be used for and the cost. |  |
| 12. | Any other matters not listed | Clerk pointed out that she had been communicating with EDF regarding tariff for next we months – to attract the best tariff need to pay by DD – agreed that Clerk arrange this.  Precept figure for 2022/23 – Clerk reminded Councillors that this need to be agreed at the December meeting – CC’s now have to draft a plan of activities/expenditure for the next we months as well.  Freedom of Information Request - Clerk informed Council that she had had a FOI request, which Clerk had responded to.  Deposit Account – Clerk pointed out that the interest the deposit account attracts from HSBC is miniscule. Need to look at ensuring that the buying power of the money is maintained taking into consideration inflation. Clerk had made enquiries with OVW who had sent her the WG guidelines – agreed Clerk to circulate the policy  Councillor Sarah Davies- reported regarding the poor state of the seat by Bont Wedlog. Clerk to explore prices starting with WCBC  Councillor Bates - stated that the family are hoping to donate a seat at the cemetary in memory of their mother Mrs Rona Bates – Clerk asked to explore price with WCBC  Sewerage in Pandy - Councillor Jones reported that there is a pungent smell coming from the sewerage – Clerk asked to liaise with Welsh Water regarding this. |  |