Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held on Thursday 27th May 2021

PRESENT: Phillip Lloyd (Chair); Sarah Davies; Trevor Bates; Tegid Davies; Barbara Roberts; Mair Evans; Dilys Bates (CA); Einion Davies; Jonathan Pritchard (resident) Jean Davies (Clerk):

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| Agenda  No | Details | Minutes | Action |
| 1 | Welcome and apologies | Cllr. Lloyds welcomed those present to the Council.  Due to current Covid restrictions Councillors were given a choice of attending in person or virtually  Apologies; Cllrs. Eric Jones; Rhys Hughes; Neene Price |  |
| 2. | Discussion with Jonathan Pritchard | Mr Pritchard had been asked to address the Council as a result of an email he had sent to Cllr Bates. The email outlined concerns he and his partner had about the state of some properties in the community. Some were empty and he asked if it was possible for action to be taken regarding these properties. Cllr Bates pointed out that the WCBC Officer responsible for empty properties had not been allowed to undertake visits due to Covid restrictions. However, it is hoped with the easing of restrictions this situation will change. The Officer would then be able to put pressure on owners to address the problem. One problem was the skip that was on Broad Oak land – complaints had been received that as well as being unsightly it was now posing a health hazard. Apparently, the owner had agreed that the skip needed removing but that the owner could not remember who the skip had been hired from! Clerk was asked to write to the owner to ask for it to be removed and to offer assistance from the Council should this prove difficult.  Councillor Tegid Davies stated he would try and make tentative enquiries with Tudor Griffiths to ask if the company would be willing to remove the skip. | Clerk/Councillor Tegid Davies |
| 2 | Discussion with NW (if present) | 5 offences: -  3 ASB; 2 violent offences |  |
| 3. | Discussion with CA | Mrs Bates and Clerk had met prior to the meeting for supervision and to agree appraisal targets for the next 12 months.  Mrs Bates stated that she is now able to increase her contact with residents whilst observing Covid restrictions. She continues to help prepare the lockdown lunches – residents now have a choice of home delivery or go to the Oliver Jones for their lunch. She continues to meet with the social prescriber (Medical Centre) and when the Medical Centre re-opens in the village she hopes to be able re-start her drop-in there. Some of the activities have restarted although some residents are still reluctant to attend. Mrs Bates also hopes to update the contact list/list of activities and in include this in the next edition of the Glyn News. |  |
| 5. | Expressions of Interest | Councillors Bates – Agenda item 3 ;11 CA; planning applications; |  |
| 6. | Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting | Accepted as correct and signed accordingly –  April |  |
| 7. | Matters arising | Pavilion planning application – Planning application approved. Cllr Einion Davies stated that the WRU is hoping to be able to consider grant applications starting in September  Payment for damage to toilets – Clerk had paid the outstanding invoice and informed NWP that the debt was owed to the CC and that further costs of £100 was also being asked for from the perpetrator. As the invoice has not been paid this will now be dealt with by the Court.  Funding/Grants available – as stated above grant application to be considered by the WRU from September – Council will then need to decide how to finance the cost of the refurbishment of the toilets – seek grant funding or via the precept.  Changes to land behind Glyn Valley/Nant Lafar with possibility of increasing risk of flooding - Clerk had contact NRW who had responded stating that a flood risk assessment activity should have been obtained before the work was undertaken - NRW to check if this is the case.  Pandy Rock – Councillor Bates had contacted the planning officer but as yet not received a response.  CCTV Glyn Valley Hotel: Councillor Sarah Bates had spoken to David Bright who had stated that he did not have a problem with the CCTV camera remaining on the wall of the hotel. Clerk to write a confirmation letter to Mr Bright and to seek planning approval in retrospect.  Cemetary: Still pending – hopefully Cllr Bates and Tegid Davies will be able to complete the work in due course.  Any other matter not listed | Clerk |
| 8 | Reports | Refurbishment of toilets – survey of the work to be undertaken to make the toilets ‘fit for purpose’ not yet undertaken – hopefully this will be completed in due course  Illegal Bike ramp - over the last few months young people had erected a bike run/ramp and shelter. Whilst initially – this was not a problem but of late the young people had added to it and it is now without doubt a H and S hazard as well as an eyesore. In addition, some of the young people making changes had used timber from the Tramway shed and Men’s Shed and also from private properties. Also, some young people were then going into the ladies’ toilets to clen themselves up and in the process blocking the toilets (not sure if this is intentionally or not but has resulted in the caretaker having to close the ladies’ toilets due to blockage. All of this has been reported to NWP who have been able to identify some young people from the CCTV footage.  It was agreed that the Clerk alert ROSPA who is undertaking a risk assessment in June about the ramp to ask for the inspector to assess whether or not it meets with H and S standards. If not, then clearly it will have to be dismantled as there could be implications for the Council’s liability insurance should there be an accident. Also, discussion took place about the wall by the ladies toilet as this hides the entrance from the CCTV camera. Councillor Sarah Bates to check and if deemed necessary will need to seek permission from WCBC to take the wall down | Cllrs Sarah and Tegid Davies  Cllr Sarah Davies |
| 9. | Letters of Thanks | Canolfan Ceirog and the Institute |  |
| 10. | Correspondence | Bank Statement – Clerk had prepared and emailed expenditure and income for the month and bank reconciliation – which was accepted as a true and correct reflection of the Council’s finances  WCBC –  Welsh Government – circulated as and when received  Any other matter not listed - |  |
| 11 | Planning applications/approvals | Erection of Farm Building – Coed y Glyn - no objections  Vodafone Mast – by Maes y Ffynnon – no objections |  |
| 12 | Payments | Outstanding accounts - (section 136 Legislative Powers):  Dilys Bates  John Keene (toilets)  John Keene (Bins)  Jean  EDF (toilets electricity)  EE (Mobile phone)  HMRC  Hafren Dyfrdwy (water rates toilets)  Amazon (Jean Davies)  Request for Donations - (section 137 Legislative Powers): |  |
| 12 | Any other matters not listed | Containers on Star land – Clerk asked to email Glyn Train Clerk regarding the containers that were supposed to be temporary but now seem to be a permanent feature  Gardening Competition - Clerk had been asked by residents if this was going ahead this year. Due to concerns about how much of the Covid restrictions will have been eased in the next month decision made not to go ahead with the competition.  OVW area meeting - Clerk had attended part of this meeting – apparently in future the WG is proposing that councillors are given a choice of attending virtually or in person. OVW is challenging this as it could have implications for smaller councils who may meet in church halls etc without internet connection. It could have implications for this Council as in the past meetings have been held at the Institute but due to lack of internet connection now being held at Canolfan Ceiriog.  Biodiversity Plan- Due to Covid restrictions this is something that has been put on the back burner but needs to be considered in the near future.  Resurfacing of Church Hill – Councillor Bates was pleased to inform Council that resurfacing is on the list of work by WCBC although exactly when is unclear currently.  Ty Nant – following a near miss involving a bike and a child by Tyn Nant Councillor Bates is hoping to meet with the householder and NWP to discuss  Councillor Bates also stated that a tree bolder had been placed on the track between Nantyr and Llanarmon in an attempt to stop 4 x 4 accessing the track. Clearly this is a sign of the frustration felt by many but will have to be removed as it is a right of way. |  |