Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held on Thursday 24th June 2021 at Canolfan Ceiriog

PRESENT: Phillip Lloyd(Chair); Anina Price; Trevor Bates; Sarah Davies; Eric Jones; Tegid Davies; Mair Evans; Barbara Roberts; Dilys Bates (CA) Jean Davies (Clerk) Jonathan Pritchard and David (residents – observing)

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| Agenda  No | Details | Minutes | Action |
| 1 | Welcome and apologies | Councillor Price welcomed all present;  Apologies: Einion Davies and Rhys Hughes  Due to Covid concerns – Councillors were given a choice of attending in person or virtually |  |
| 2 | Discussion with NW (if present) | Crime figures for May as follows:-  3 x theft; 1 x ASB; 1 x assault |  |
| 3. | Discussion with CA | Mrs Bates and Clerk had met prior to the meeting. Mrs Bates is to provide statistics of the number of clients etc. and send them to the Clerk who is to have a meeting with WCBC’s CA co-ordinator to discuss the project and the policies etc. that the CC has in place.  Mrs Bates continues to make contact with her clients through a variety of ways. She has made contact with the Community Liaison Officer at the Surgery. She is hoping to start basic IT skills to residents using the tablets that WCBC has provided. Mrs Bates also has a meeting with Tom Hughes the Community Catalyst. His role is to help support people to set up their own businesses. She continues to help with preparing the lunches and meets regularly with the CA from Glyn Trian. |  |
| 5. | Expressions of Interest | Councillor Bates – Planning applications |  |
| 6. | Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting | Accepted as correct and signed accordingly –  May |  |
| 7. | Matters arising | Skip Broad Oak – clerk had written to the owner and Councillors were pleased to note that the skip had been removed  Payment for damage to toilets - clerk had received notification from the Court that it was seeking payment from the perpetrator  Pandy Rock – Councillor Bates had had not further update from WCBC  CCTV Glyn Valley - Councillor Sarah Davies had managed to get the planning application signed. Clerk will now complete and send to Planning Dept.  Cemetary – Councillor Bates had visited the cemetary and reported that the gravestones, apart from two that were slightly lose, appeared to be secure and did not pose a risk of falling over. However, the situation needs to be monitored annually.  Refurbishment of toilets – Councillors Sarah and Tegid Davies had undertaken a survey and concluded that all that was required was cosmetic work – re- tiling, decorating and painting the facia boards, new toilet seats. The urinal may need replacing and Councillor Davies was going to seek the opinion of Medwyn Davies whether or not it needed replacing or re setting. Councillor Sarah Davies and Councillor Roberts to undertake a survey. Some lights not working and Clerk asked to contact Ben Barnes to rectify  Also Clerk to contact MSF (CCTV) re possibility of having another camera on the pole to enable to see entrance to the ladies toilets clearly (where a lot of ASB has been taking place)  Illegal Bik ramp/track - ROSPA had reported to Clerk stating that it was a significant risk and need to be removed immediately. Councillors appreciated the work the young people had put into this, agreed that the area be cordoned, and a meeting to take place between the yp/youth service/parents/councillors on Tuesday 29th June to discuss a way forward.  Container on Star Land – Clerk had emailed the Clerk at Glyn Trian who had responded stating that this had been passed on to a Councillor to investigate.  Biodiversity Plan – to be put on the agenda for September | Clerk  Cllr Tegid and Sarah Davies/Councillor Roberts/Clerk  Clerk |
| 8 | Reports |  |  |
| 9. | Letters of Thanks |  |  |
| 10. | Correspondence | Bank Statement - a detailed report had been circulated to Councillors separately which was accepted as a true reflection of Council finances.  WCBC –  Welsh Government – circulated as and when received  Any other matter not listed - |  |
| 11 | Planning applications/approvals | Licensing Act 2003 application for an external bar at the rear of the Glyn Valley. Following a discussion, agreed to write to both Licensing Dept. and Planning regarding this. There had been reports of ASB along Quarry Road already and concerns expressed about the pedestrian entrance to the hotel from Quarry Road and the risk to the public due to no pavement and narrowness of the lane due to parked cars. In addition, whilst the WG had eased guidelines on beer gardens allowing temporary/pop up beer gardens to be erected – it would appear that the Glyn Valley beer garden was more of a permanent fixture –hence councillors of the opinion that this was a planning and licensing matter. Clerk to draft an email to Licensing and Planning and circulate to Councillors for approval/editing etc. | Clerk |
| 12 | Payments | Outstanding accounts - (section 136 Legislative Powers):  Dilys Bates  John Keene (toilets)  John Keene (Bins)  Jean Davies  EDF (toilets electricity)  National Trust  EE (Mobile phone)  Request for Donations - (section 137 Legislative Powers): |  |
|  | Any other matters not listed | Clerk had circulated latest OCW training scheduled available to Councils and Councillor Price had asked to attend the module on chairing meetings – this was agreed. Clerk to arrange  Clerk had received requests for all the swings and equipment to be unlocked – however due to Covid restrictions this was not currently possible  Councillor Bates stated that the medical centre is to have the carpet removed and floor covering that meets covid guidelines be installed – once this is done the surgery should be able to offer increased opening hours.  Church Hill – whilst WCBC had promised to resurface Church Hill ‘sometime during the current financial year’ due to the dire condition of the hill Clerk asked to write again asking it to be re-surfaced as soon as possible  Councillor Bates asked volunteers to help with cutting the grass in the church cemetary (belonging to Church in Wales).  It was also agreed for the Clerk to ask Rev Carey if he could consecrate the remaining piece of land in the cemetary (up to the fence).  Clerk was asked to speak to John Austin about the land he is allowed for grazing below the fence, as the grass is very long and may shortly be too long for grazing or strimming.  Clerk reported that Peter Bates had informed her that the Institute is hoping to install Wi-Fi/internet connection shortly – therefore once this is in place – council meetings could return to the Institute.  Clerk asked to contact Peter Bates regarding the Institute sign and asking for it to be re-erected.  Councillor Bates informed Councils that AM Ken Skates was to visit the valley regarding the state of the roads (invited by Ceiriog Uchaf). He also stated that the cost improvements to the roads in Wrexham and Flintshire likely to be in the region of £100million.  Due to residents, frustration regarding 4 x 4 usage there had been incidents of large tree stumps and other items positioned across the path to stop the vehicles. The situation is escalating and AM Ken Skates and Mabon ap Gwynfor and Mike Isherwood (WCBC) are now involved. Councillor Bates had also met with Simon Baynes MP. Sgt Jenna Hughes NWP and Kerry Williams (WCBC) following a near miss between a motorbike and toddler at Ty Nant.  The bins at the cemetary are only emptied provided they are placed on the roadside. Councillor Bates stated that the pavement from car park to church is covered in moss | Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk |