Minutes of Llansaffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held at Memorial Institute, Glyn Ceiriog on Thursday, 26th January 2017

1. PRESENT: Cllrs. Linda Hughes (Chair) Jeff Davies; Eric Evans; Mair Evans; Sara Davies; Anne Morris; Barbara Roberts; Martin Griffiths NWP; Dilys Bates (CA for part of the meeting) Garry Price (Member of the public) Jean Davies (Clerk)

2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Dafydd Morris; Julie Jeffrey; Eric Jones

3. DISCUSSION WITH NWP – PCSO Griffiths reported that there had been 2 x thefts (oil and a trailer); one x criminal damage; 1 x ASB. NWP had observed that the 20mh limit in Pontfadog was not been observed by motorists - there is a possibility that the Go Safe vehicle may visit the village. NWP were asking for volunteers to operate speed guns in villages – any breaches of the speed limit would be reported to NWP. PCSO Griffiths agreed to put a notice in the Glyn News.

A 4 x 4 vehicle had caused damage in Llanarmon – registration number had been taken but this eventually transpired to be incorrect.

PCSO Griffiths also reported that illegal drug misuse and dealing were of concern to the Police – he emphasised the importance of the community working with the Police in this regard to report and suspicious behaviour by individuals.

4. CONFIRMATION OR OTHERWISE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – December meeting minutes found to be correct and signed accordingly

5. MATTERS ARISING:-

ATM – Cllr Davies stated that contrary to the minutes Mr Lyons from HSBC had not given information regarding the impact of installing an ATM in shops in villages such as Betws y Coed and Cerrigydrudion

Cemetery – Green Valley Services had undertaken the work at the cemetery as requested

Defibrillator – Clerk still awaiting Wrexham Marathon Club to provide information re which model they were donating

Toilets - WCBC had commissioned firm o surveyors to undertake a survey of the toilets. The state of the building was said to be satisfactory – however it was unclear whether the roof timber had been thoroughly checked as it mentioned that the paint seemed to be in good order. Clerk to seek clarification.

Cllr Davies stated that the light time switch in the toilet was not working properly – Clerk to ask Ben Barnes to undertake work to resolve the problem.

Broad walk - Clerk had received a letter from Groundworks stating that their responsibility ceased once the contract to develop the broadwalk had been completed. The broadwalk had been completed many years ago. However Cllr Morris volunteered to investigate whether the status of the broadwalk still applied or whether it had expired.

Notice Board in Bus Stop - Clerk had asked Mr Einion Davies to undertake this. She had also received an email from the Litter Picking Group stating they were prepared to make a donation towards the cost (they had requested the notice board in the first place. However Councillors whilst appreciating the offer stated that the Council would pay the full cost of the work,

Speed Limit into the village. – Clerk had been in touch with Highways and had a response from Darren Green stating that the legal charge for changing the speed limited from 50 to 30 mph would be £2000 which WCBC would pay. However WCBC was not able at this moment to pay the cost of installing street lamps in the extended area. It therefore meant that the CC would have to pay this. Clerk asked to ask Mr Green if street lighting was necessary, and if so how much this would cost and when WCBC would have the funding

7. Community agent – Mrs Bates addressed Council giving an overview of the latest developments. Two new groups are due to start in 2017 a Board game group and ‘Sgwrs and Paned’Group. The former meetings last Monday of each month 10.30 to noon. The latter the first Tuesday of the month 10.20 to noon – this group is to allow Welsh Learners to practice speaking Welsh in an informal setting. Both groups meet at the Christian Centre. She is hoping to attend Llangollen and Glyn Ceiriog Health Centre to strengthen links with health professionals.

Clerk had received a letter from WCBC asking if Council wanted the CA project to continue – all agreed this was the case – Clerk to sign and return contract.

8. Reports -

Clerk informed Council that she had been approached regarding concerns expressed regarding the bus service to the village. Apparently residents were under the impression that the service would cease post 31.3.2017. Indeed a notice had been pinned on to the notice board on the Cross. This notice was apparently from WCBC contact Andrew Mytton

Clerk had contacted Andrew – and had received an email from the lead Councillor for transport stating that the notice was false, and that bus service to the Valley would not cease post 31.3.2017.

Councillors were pleased to be given this information which it is hoped will appease concerned village residents

9. LETTERS OF THANKS –

10. CORRESPONDENCE

A .Bank Statement. – Clerk produced bank statements showing £18803.27 on the current account and £9133.98 in the deposit account. Whilst the balance currently was healthy Councillors were reminded that an invoice for street lighting had not been paid and the figure in the current account included CA budget

b. WCBC –

Proposal to change Ysgol Cynddelw to a Welsh Medium School – if this is approved changes to take place from September 2018. Councillors of the opinion that given the high numbers of pupils being educated through the medium of Welsh as opposed to those through English – this seemed a sensible proposition. Councillors were of the opinion that the change may protect all three valley school. The proposition was unanimously accepted. Clerk to inform WCBC

Letter inviting Clerk to a meeting on the 14.2.2017 at the Guildhall regarding the forthcoming Community Council Elections – Clerk hoping to attend

Commissioning Framework for Youth Support Services – Frequently asked questions – noted

Request to sign SLA for Street lighting – Clerk to return contract stating we do not have an SLA – Council pays 50% of the cost

Letter confirming precept figure for 2017/18

c. Welsh Government –

Letter informing Council that the maximum expenditure Council can incur under section 137 (1) and (3) for 2017/18 had increase to £7.42 per elector - noted

Any other correspondence not listed –

Clerk had received an email from Canolfan Ceiriog thanking the Council for providing a financial buffer for the Christmas Lunch. 40 residents within the age bracket which the CA was targeting had attended. The cost to the centre was £87.16 resulting in the centre planning to reimburse the Council with the £112.84 difference

Invitation to attend Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB annual local members and community forums on the 2.2.2017 at 7 p.m. - noted

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APPROVALS –

Application for a Modification Order to add bridleway and to upgrade Public Footpath 50 to a Bridleway on the Definitive Map and Statement – no objections

12. PAYMENTS

A. Of outstanding account (Section 136 Legislative Powers)

Bryn Jones (litter picking) £40,00

b. Request for donation – (section 137)

Home Start £30.00

British Red Cross £100.00

Eisteddfod Dyffryn Ceiriog £100.00

Jeff Davies £273.00

Dilys Bates £454.70

13. Any other matter not listed –

1. Councillors discussed the Trustees of Canolfan Ceiriog to dismantle the pavilion/bench area at the back of the building. This apparently because of anti-social behaviour by some young people in that area. The centre had tried to resolve the problem by dialogue and contacting the PCSO to no avail and therefore the Trustees had decided to dismantle the pavilion and bench in an attempt to resolve the issue. However these were erected with money donated by the Council and the Clerk was asked to write to eh chair of the Trustees asking if this is the case and was there an alternative to dismantling the pavilion and removing the bench. Clerk was also asked to find out what the Centre’s policy is regarding the tennis court which belongs to the community and not to the Centre.

2. It was agreed that Clerk ask for quotes for caretaking the toilets and also grass cutting playing field and cemetery.

3. 4 Councils meeting – due to the forthcoming election it was agreed to arrange the 4 Councils meeting to be held in June

4. Cemetery – Cllr Davies stated that since the shrubs had been removed (as requested) this had resulted in the access from the path below the church to the public footpath becoming a risk as there was no fence. Agreed to visit the site on Sunday 30.1.2017 at 11.30. Once it was agreed what work needed to be undertaken quotes to be asked from – Dale Roberts; Rhys Hughes; Mick Newbrook; Eifion Owen.

5. Cllr Roberts stated that Lee Roberts who currently works for Powys County Council had been appointed Head of Lifelong Learning for WCBC

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