Minutes of Llansaffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held at Memorial Institute, Glyn Ceiriog on Thursday, 24th November 2016

1. PRESENT: Cllrs. Dafydd Morris (Chair); Linda Hughes: Barbara Roberts; Sarah Davies; Julie Jeffreys: Anne Morris; Mair Evans: Jeff Davies; Dilys Bates Community Agent: Jean Davies (Clerk): Ella Platt McClelland (observer)

2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Linda Hughes; Eric Evans; Eric Jones

3. DISCUSSION WITH NWP – Clerk had received an email informing Council that in future NWP would be represented at Council meeting once a quarter. NWP will be represented next at the January meeting. If any concerns are raised to contact NWP or to contact the PCSO’ at their office in Chirk.

4. DISCUSSION WITH COMMUNTY AGENT: Mrs Bates gave an overview of her work currently – the project is deemed a success by all (including WCBC). She mentioned a Christmas Lunch which the Ceiriog Centre is organising on the 22.12.2016. Whilst this is open to all residents’ young and old she is working hard to get as many of her referrals to attend the lunch. She asked if the Council would be prepared to make a donation towards the cost (the lunch is free). It was agreed that a donation of £200 would be given – but to specify that as this is coming out of the Community Agent budget targeting the over 50’s that any underspend should be reimbursed to the Council (donation JJ/BR)

4. CONFIRMATION OR OTHERWISE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – other than change to Cllr Julie Jeffreys not Davies otherwise minutes were found to be correct and signed accordingly

5. MATTERS ARISING:-

Defibrillator: Clerk explained that the Ceiriog Centre were also investigating the possibility of having a defibrillator situation outside the Centre. The Wrexham Triathlon Club is prepared to donate the machine to the community. She has spoken to both Trevor Bates (Chair of the Centre Management Board) and also George Jones. All agreed that it was important to confirm the donation –Mr Bates and Mr Jones of the opinion that it would be better positioned on the Cross. Clerk to liaise with Wrexham Triathlon

Cash Dispenser in village - following the letter received from HSBC – Clerk had responded that given that the community found itself in the current situation due to HSBC’s closure policy it had a duty to ensure that the village was served by an ATM. As yet a response had not been received.

Toilets – Survey of building) – Still waiting for WCBC to undertake the survey

Feedback re BT internet and landline – Response from Open Reach not satisfactory at all – stating that individuals should contact their internet provider. Clearly this is not the answer. Clerk to investigate making a complaint to Ofcom

Broad walk – Fisheries – As yet no response form Groundworks. However Clerk has had confirmation from WCBC – Rights of Way Officer – that whilst it is not a public footpath – responsibility for maintaining the Broadwalk is Ground works’. Clerk to pursue this matter with Ground works

Bus Service – Clerk had written to the bus company and as yet had not had a response. Clerk to pursue the matter with WCBC

Dogs in Park – A consultation is being undertaken by WCBC which the Clerk had responded to stating that the Council needs to be clearer about what is enforceable and what is not. Council decided to await the outcome of the consultation to see if any changes made or clearer guidelines provided.

ROSPA report - Council had asked ROSPA for guidance re fencing and gate. It would appear that the gates to the toddler area may need changing. However Council agreed to leave until the spring (put on the March agenda) for a site visit to be made to look at this also fencing in the toddler area and whether to fence the remaining play area.

Any other matter not listed – no other matter to discuss

Reducing speed restrictions outside the village – Clerk had contact NWP for information re the number of incidents on the corner by the Mill (entering the village from Chirk) and had received an acknowledgement stating that NWP aim to respond to the request by the 29th December 2016

Traffic on High Street – Clerk had contact Cllr Bithell who is the lead Councillor for Transport in Wrexham. He had responded stating that this is a problem many villages have. He reiterated what NWP had told the Council that the cars are legally parked (taxed and insured etc) and this limits what agencies can do.

7. Reports -

9. LETTERS OF THANKS – from Family First for Donation

10. CORRESPONDENCE

A.Bank Statement. – Clerk produced a statement of income and expenditure up to the 30.9.2016. It also included a projection of expenditure up to the 31.3.2017 which had been agreed at the start of the financial year.. The statement was accepted by Councillors.

The projected expenditure is £22500 (excluding CA costs) Clerk pointed out that consideration needs to be given to increasing the precept figure for financial year 2017/18 to cover emergency and other unexpected costs. The precept figure is due to be set in December – due to council elections – the possibility of community council elections being held, and the extra cost of this will need to be factored in. Also need to consider possibility of having to undertake repairs to the toilet which could be significant.

b. WCBC –

Letter from Gaynor Coventry regarding the need to factor in cost of election to the Community Council in 2017 to the precept figure for 2017/18

Be a Councillor Event – notification of a ‘Be a Councillor Event’ to be held at the Guildhall on the 30.1.2017 at 5 p.m. – information to be put in the Glyn News

Letter from Mike Barclay Play Development Co-ordinator re staff play provision – noted

Letter from Donna Dickenson re commissioning Framework for Youth Support Services - noted

c. Welsh Government –

Consultation on the Welsh Government’s new Welsh Language Strategy – noted

Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wale – electoral reviews policy and Practice - noted

**Any other correspondence not listed:-**

Review of Community Health Councils – noted

One Voice Wales – ageing well in Wales – walking survey for neighbourhoods – Clerk to email to CA

One Voice Wakes – Talking Future Generations Report – noted

AON – information re Insurance Act 2015 and data protection – noted

Information from Natural Resources Wales on what they can and can’t deal with – to be put in Glyn News

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APPROVALS –

12. PAYMENTS

A. Of outstanding account (Section 136 Legislative Powers)

Bryn Jones (litter picking) £40,00 -cheque

Jeff Davies (I/B) £273.00- IB

Dilys Bates £492.40 - IB

British Legion £17.00 - cheque

b. Request for donation – (section 137) -

National Eisteddfod 2017 £50 (DM/BR) - cheque

Marie Curie £50 (BR/JD) - cheque

Canolfan Ceiriog -

(Christmas lunch) £200.00 BR/JJ - IB

13. Any other matter not listed –

Estimate received for felling a tree at the Cemetery – Clerk to obtain further quote from 2 contractors

Glyn Valley Tramway – Clerk to write to secretary asking from the society to install a Welsh language sign.

Bins – Councillor Sara Davies had received complaints that the doors of the rubbish lorry was being left open as the lorry was travelling resulting in rubbish falling on roads and pavements – Clerk to contact WCBC

Hedge – by the Chemist needs cutting – Clerk to contact Street Scene

Light opposite Institute – apparently this should be repaired imminently