Minutes of Llansaffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held at Memorial Institute, Glyn Ceiriog on Thursday, 22nd September 2016

1. PRESENT: Cllrs Linda Hughes: (Chair) ; Barbara Roberts; Jeff Davies Sarah Davies; Anne Morris ;Eric Evans; Julie Jeffreys; Jean Davies (Clerk):

2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Dafydd Morris; Mair Evans; Eric Jones:

3. DISCUSSION WITH NWP – not present

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:-

Cash Dispenser in village – Clerk had had numerous telephone conversations with Card Zone the latest in which she was told that an assessment would be undertaken on the 26th September 2016 which would be sent to the agent who had commissioned the ATM to be installed in the village in the first place (assume this is HSBC although this not confirmed. Cash Zone were reluctant to pass much information to the Clerk as the Council was not to body that had commissioned them to install and manage the ATM in the village. Decision made to write to AM and MP regarding this to see if pressure could be put on the agency who had commissioned the ATM to replace the machine.

Feedback re BT internet and landline – Clerk had received an excellent response to this from residents who have/are experiencing difficulties regarding their BT internet and landline service. It is understood that some improvement has been made to the internet service in the village itself although outlying areas e.g. Pandy, Nantyr remain problematic. Decision made to write to BT and copy AM/MP to the letter

Bus Service – the bus service to the valley had been resumed and seems to be at the moment working well.

Survey of toilet building - due to cost implications of commissioning a surveyor to undertake a survey of the condition of the building decision made to ask WCBC first if one of their surveyors would be able to undertake this.

Any other matter not listed –

Defibrillator – Clerk to pursue possibility of getting a grant/match funding from BHF

7. Reports - no reports

9. LETTERS OF THANKS – no letters of thanks

10. CORRESPONDENCE

A .Bank Statement. – Clerk produced a statement showing £20021.58 in the current account as at the 4th September 2016. The external auditors had returned the annual return for the 31.3.2016. Observation was that the Council should review the actual income and expenditure incurred against its agreed budget as part of its quarterly budget monitoring (this is a new requirement introduced by the Audit Office)

b. WCBC –

Nantyr Outdoor Education Centre – notification received from Steve Plack WCBC that the Centre together with Pandy Woodland will be vacated end of November 2016 and the Council is looking to sell the property and woodland early 2017

Dog Fouling - Cllr Roberts produced a report Martin Howarth from WCBC had prepared for the Council’s Scrutiny Panel regarding a public consultation on how to deal with dog fouling. The report concluded that dogs should not be allowed on ‘marked sports pitches and play areas’. Report not clear on the definition of play areas – fenced or otherwise. Clerk to seek clarification from Mr Howarth and report back to Council.

c. Welsh Government – Community Asset/Transfer of Value Questionnaire – Clerk to complete

Notification of a workshop on the 7.10.2016 in Llandudno Junction entitled ‘Sustainable Energy and Energy Efficient Workshop’ open to Councillors - NFA

c. Any other correspondence not listed –

Email received from Michael Morris regarding a consultation which will be undertaken shortly on proposed savings and operational methods for the Fire Service in the Wrexham area. The plan is to reduce the number of fire engines from 2 to 1 in Wrexham making 24 jobs redundant in their attempt to save £1m. Apparently there is a petition on Facebook which those who have concerns can access and record their opposition..

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APPROVALS –

12. PAYMENTS

A. Of outstanding account (Section 136 Legislative Powers)

Bryn Jones (litter picking) £40,00

Jeff Davies (I/B) £273.00

Dilys Bates (I/B) £290.60

Jeff Davies (paint/Toilet) £213.00

b. Request for donation – (section 137) -

Institute £400.00

Canolfan Ceiriog £400.00

13. Any other matter not listed –

Street Lights – light opposite the steps to the Institute not working. Street light in Cae’r Ysgol on all the time – Clerk to inform Street Scene

Problem with Gate to Cenotaph – Cllr Davies to investigate

Poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday - this is ordered on behalf of the CC by the British Legion early in the year. Clerk to check with Mrs Northwood

Broadwalk along by the Fisheries/Upper Mills towards the rive - Cllr Morris reported that this had been overgrown an unpassable. Apparently organisations such as Groundworks had many years ago donated towards the cost of developing this which was for the use of the residents. Not sure if there is a covenant that allowed the public to access this. Clerk to contact Groundworks to ask if they have any information

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