Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held at Memorial Institute, Glyn Ceiriog on Thursday 28th November 2019

PRESENT: Sarah Davies (Chair); Phillip Lloyd; Einion Davies; Anina Price; Trevor Bates; Barbara Roberts; Mair Evans; Rhys Hughes; Eric Jones; Jean Davies (Clerk):

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| Agenda  No | Details | Minutes | Action |
| 1/2 | Welcome and apologies | Cllr. Sarah Davies welcomed those present to the Council.  Apologies; Cllrs. Tegid Davies; Mrs Bates |  |
| 3 | Discussion with NW (if present) | Not present - crime figures for month as follows: -  1 x ASB  Dangerous Dog – Tregeiriog  Criminal damage (Oliver Jones Dolywern)  Assault x 1  Increase sighting of 4 x 4 and trail bike operation recently carried out. PACT funding recently secured for Glyn Ceiriog Rugby Club |  |
| 4. | Discussion with CA | Clerk had received an email from Annette Howatson the CA co-ordinator inviting Mrs Bates to be a member of a CA working group – this would be extra to her contractual hours and salary. Clerk had sent the email to Mrs Bates asking her if she was interested.  Mrs Bates had asked to attend a WCBC run training on the 20th January entitled Person Centred Approached to Dementia Care which was agreed. |  |
| 5. | Expressions of Interest | Einion Davies |  |
| 6. | Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting | Accepted as correct and signed accordingly - September |  |
| 7. | Matters arising | Youth Provision – Clerk had made enquiries with Juliet McKenzie regarding the engagement with the provision in the village. Unfortunately, thus far this had been very disappointing due no doubt to the weather and dark nights. WCBC had therefore offered to stop the visits and restart in March when two visits a week would take place. Councillors agreed to this.  Playing field Development - Councillor Tegid Davies in the process of completing the planning application but need National Trust contact – Clerk to provide. Unclear if a fee is payable but could be £160.  Councillor Einion Davies due to meet with representatives from the WRU before Christmas regarding funding.  Clerk had made enquiries with WCBC regarding the grant available for Youth Provision but had been told that the community did not meet the criteria (in terms of free school meals; looked after children etc)  Response from National Resources Wales – Clerk had sent a 2nd email reminder – no response as yet  Feedback on condition of wall in Pandy – wall needs re pointing (removing soft mortar and re bed loose stones. Cost estimated at £250 plus VAT – awarded to Councillor Tegid Davies ( under £500 3 quotes not needed as per financial regulation ),.  VE Day celebrations: Neene had asked for this to be discussed at the next management meeting on the 10th January.  Councillor Bates asked if it was possible to purchase the soldier sculptures which can be seen in other communities – this was agreed  Any other matter not listed: -  Rates on Public Toilets – Clerk had written to WCBC regarding the cost of rates £591.75. Apparently Rural Rate Relief has ceased to exist and being a precepting Council, the council is not allowed to claim any of the current reliefs available to non-council assessments. It is possible to appeal but WCBC warned that this could result in an increase as this is the 4th lowest rates in the county. Councillor Sarah Davies to check this with the rates for her business and to discuss again next month. In the meantime, it was agreed that Clerk pay 2 x monthly instalments - £124.66  CCTV – had been installed – however protocol needs to be in place should the CCTV need to be viewed and councillors Sarah Davies is not present. Also needs to be registered – Councillor Davies to discuss with MFSS. |  |
| 8 | Reports | Quote for bench in Pandy – three quotes had been requested but only one quote received for £450 plus VAT from Einion Davies – as the cost is within the guidelines (where 3 quotes are not needed as cost under £50 0in accordance with Financial Regulation) Quote was awarded to Einion Davies  Quote for painting street lamp in Pandy – two quotes received one for £119 and £200. Council decided to award it to the cheapest JP Painting Service Glyn Ceiriog |  |
| 9. | Letters of Thanks | Eisteddfod Dyffryn Ceiriog |  |
| 10. | Correspondence | Bank Statement –  Clerk provided statements showing £22141.06 in the current account and £9161 in the deposit account as at the 4.11.2019. Clerk reiterated that the precept figure needs to be agreed next month for 2020/21 and the importance of considering any extra expenditure that the Council may make as extra expenses such as provision for the cost of CCTV installation and the park fence had not been included in this years precept and therefore this will need to come out of the reserves.  WCBC  Letter from Stephen Bayley regarding the consultation into Library services provided by WCBC. Clerk was asked to write stating that the mobile library should not be reduced because of the negative impact this would have on vulnerable adults within the community.  Letter asking for precept figure to be agreed and sent to WCBC by the 10th January – to be discussed at next months meeting. In the meantime Clerk to forward the budget for this year to councillors for them to consider what extra costs will need to be covered next year.  Welsh Government –  Letter stating the maximum amount that can be paid under S137(a) – Donations has been increased to £8.32 per elector.  Reporting on Section6 -the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty- apparently all CC’s need to publish a report on how it has or intends to comply with section 6 duty. This had been circulated to Councillors by email and a decision was made to include this in February’s agenda  Any other matter not listed  Letter from Wales Ambulance Service asking for details of all the defibrillators installed in the community (which they already hold) to be sent to British Heart Foundation. Email had been sent to first responder Adam Salmondson. . | Clerk |
| 11 | Planning applications/approvals | No planning applications this month |  |
| 12 | Payments | Outstanding accounts - (section 136 Legislative Powers): -  Dilys Bates  John Keene (Caretaking)  John Keene  WCBC (|Rates)  WCBC toilet charges  Adam Salmoson (defibpad)  British Legion (wreath)  Request for Donations - (section 137 Legislative Powers):  Canolfan Ceiriog (community lunch) £100.00 |  |
| 13 | Any other matters not listed | Councillors Bates had been approached asking that following the disbandment of the British Legion in the community that the CC take over co-ordinating the Remembrance Service. This was agreed.  Councillors Evans brought to the attention of the Council that those A level students attending Ysgol Morgan Lloyd are not provided with free transport. In addition, there is no public service resulting in parents transporting pupils on a daily basis. Apparently, those attending Coleg Cambria do receive free transport. Clerk a letter to Darren Williams outlining concerns.  Retaining Wall after the Caves in Pandy travelling towards Llanarmon in poor state and could collapse. Clerk to inform Street scene.  Pot holes in:- Cae’r Ysgol; High Street; Outside the Mill New Road : Clerk to inform Street scene  Of concern is that the white lines on the Cross have faded resulting in many motorists not giving way to the right. Apparently, there have been a few near misses. Clerk to inform Street scene. | Clerk |