Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held on Thursday April 28th at the Institute and via Zoom

PRESENT: Phillip Lloyd.(Chair) Trevor Bates; Eric Jones; Mair Evans; Sarah Davies; Anina Price; Barbara Roberts (via Zoom); Anne Johnston (resident – observer); Jean Davies (Clerk) ;

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| Agenda  No | Details | Minutes | Action |
| 1 | Welcome and apologies | Councillor Lloyd welcomed all present;  Apologies: Einion Davies; Rhys Hughes; Tegid Davies; Dilys Bates |  |
| 2 | Discussion with NW (if present) | Latest crime figures (March not yet available) only available 5 x assault; 2 x ASB; 3 x criminal damage; 2 x other offences (not specified) |  |
| 3. | Discussion with CA | Mrs Bates had emailed the Clerk stating that the craft taster sessions have started and that she has 12 sessions planned with a volunteer available to share their skill and knowledge about their particular craft.  The local surgery is now happy for her to start the drop-in sessions there.  Clerk reported that there was no news regarding the new contract from WCBC |  |
| 4. | Expressions of Interest | Councillor Bates – CA (3) and (11) Planning applications and Donations  Councillor Lloyd - Donations |  |
| 5. | Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting | Accepted as correct and signed accordingly (March) |  |
| 6. | Matters arising | Refurbishment of toilets – Four contractors had been identified – once election period is over and the new council in place quotes can then be requested.  Bike Ramp/track – Letter received from NT giving consent to the bike track with certain conditions one being to work closely with Jon Brewin WCBC Tree Preservation Officer – meeting to take place with him 3 May on site.  Planning application – Approval received – once new council is in place can then look at funding the project  Hospital Transportation – Cllrs Bates reported that WRVS had stated that to make having a scheme in the valley viable 3 volunteers (minimum) was needed. Two had so far put their names forward. Advert to again be placed in Glyn News.  Draft Emergency Plan - this was postponed to the 24.5.2022 at the last minute.  Defibrillator – application for free defibrillator sent closing date 30.4.2022 – cost of cupboard which the CC will need to purchase is £391.20 plus £10 delivery.  Response from Street Scene - email sent regarding the pavement on New Road (gradient) – response stating this being passed for an engineer to visit.  Safer cycling signs - as yet not response from WCBC for signage.  Any other matter not listed |  |
| 7. | LA Representative report | NRW/WCBC to visit the water pools on land by Aber Las – Cllr Bates being told that this is the responsibility of the landowner – but he will keep pursuing the matter.  Tree at the back of the Insitute belonging to Bronydd damaged a shed belonging to Mr Richards the caretaker. Cllr Bates to ask Jon Brewing to look visit the site.  Cllr Bates had been contacted by Graham Byrne – regarding a Community Energy Scheme – however cost was too high and there was no reliability that it would produce enough energy |  |
| 8. | Reports | No reports this month |  |
| 9. | For discussion/decision | Update on Ukrainian Refugees moving to the Valley – two families due to move at the end of May a couple to Erw Wladys and a family toa property in Dolywern. The group leading with this hoping to have the Christian Centre as a base for them to meet and use the internet to contact their families back in Ukraine. However, no internet at the Christian Centre although Cass Meurig Thomas confident that this can be accessed using a dongle. If the dongle doesn’t work then Councillors agreed in principle to help with securing internet connection (dependant on the cost)  Review of hourly rate – the hourly rate for both the CA and Clerk was discussed. It was greed to increase the CA hourly rate from £10.20 to £10.80 p.h. and the Clerk from £13 to £14 p.h. |  |
| 10. | Letters of thanks | From Cllr Keith Benning on behalf of Ceiriog Uchaf Council |  |
| 11. | Correspondence | Bank Statement-. comprehensive statement with expenditure and income for the month emailed to councillors and discussed at Council meeting. This was accepted as a true and accurate account  WCBC -  Welsh Government – emailed to Councillors as and when received.  Any other correspondence not listed- |  |
| 12 | Planning applications/approvals | Cefn Uchaf – erection of roof between two agricultural buildings and erection of cover for slurry pit  No objections to the above |  |
| 13 | Payments | Outstanding accounts - (section 136 Legislative Powers): - amounts sent separately to Councillors and discussed in Council  Dilys Bates  John Keene (toilets)  John Keene (Bins)  John Keene (toilet cleaning equipment  Jean Davies  EDF (toilets electricity)  HMRC  EE (Mobile phone)  Arkify (Bike track plans)  Request for Donations - (section 137 Legislative Powers):  Donation of £400 each approved to: -  The Institute  Canolfan Ceiriog  Glyn Valley Tramway |  |
| 13. | Any other matters not listed | Cllr Jones asked if it would be possible to have a bin situated at the entrance to the old tramway path along the river to Pandy. This is NT land and therefore Clerk to ask the NT.  Bollards along the B4500 from Coed y Glyn to Pandy – the bollards placed when the rail was damaged have been removed. Clerk has already alerted Street Scene to the risk this poses particularly at night - as yet no response – Clerk to pursue  Date of next meeting: Following an election the next meeting should be held asap and therefore it was decided to bring it forward to Wednesday the 18th May at 7 p.m. – as the large room in the Institute is already booked Councillors agreed to hold it in the Islwyn Ffowc Elis room. | Clerk  Clerk |