

Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held on the 27th January 2025 at Hedyn Mwstard and virtually

PRESENT: Councillors Sarah Davies (Chair) Trevor Bates; Jane Bates; Phillip Lloyd; Christina Brewin (CA); Jean Davies – Clerk (virtually)

Also present members of the public; Steven and Tom Lewis, Bryn y Groes, Nantyr – regarding a recent planning application

Agenda No	Details	Minutes	Action
1	Welcome and apologies	Apologies Councillors: Richard Jones; Elinor Jones; Eric Jones; Barbara Roberts; Jonathan Prichard Councillor Davies welcomed everyone to the Council meeting	
2.	Discussion with NWP`	Not present but a crime report had been submitted for offences committed in the whole of the Valley for December 2024 1 x theft; 1 x RTA; 1 x ASB; 2 x Harassment; 1 x criminal damage:	
3.	Discussion with CA	Update from CA – Ms Brewin mentioned the lone working and the knee-jerk reaction that WCBC had mooted which has now been revoked. She is as expected, is vigilant when meeting new people and Councillors did not think there were any concerns.. Ms Brewin did ask for a newer mobile phone as the one she has is getting very old. She said she would be able to source one, on contract, with more data which she uses a fair bit when she is doing the blue badge applications. Councillors agreed that would do this. Ms Brewin also mentioned the Tramway, by the Bendalls, is deteriorating and the National Trust plan to plant some trees to stabilise the bank. The Clerk was to have attended a meeting with WCBC regarding CA funding on the 6 th January however due to being incapacitated had not been able to do so. She had had feedback however and it seems that what was discussed was that CC's need to be prepared to accept that the CA grant will not increase but that the cost of employing a CA will increase due to NIC increase and hourly rate rise – this the CC's will have to meet	
4.	Expressions of Interest	Councillor Bates – planning	
5	Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting	Accepted as correct and signed accordingly (December 2024)	
6	Matters arising	Broad Oak – Clerk had received a phone call from a family member beginning of January to say that an estate agent was	

		due to value the property with a view to putting it on the market. Response tom SM/MP regarding storm Darragh – Clerk had written to SM and MP – received an acknowledgement from MP but as yet nothing further Response from Insurance company re council liability regarding tress falling in cemetary – response received as follows:- <i>‘Please note any damage to third party property, by Council owned trees, due to Storm, will be a claim against the Council. Please see attached covers for Trees.</i> <i>30 - Tree Felling and Lopping Cover</i> <i>Applies to:</i> <i>The following Extension is added to Part A - Section One - Property Damage:</i> <i>The Insurer will pay for necessary and reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Insured with the Insurer’s consent for the lopping or removal of trees for which the Insured is responsible if such trees are considered by an arborologist or other qualified person to be an immediate threat to life or to the Property Insured.</i> <i>However, this Extension will not cover legal or local authority costs involved in removing trees or costs solely incurred to comply with a preservation order.</i> <i>The liability of the Insurer under this extension shall not exceed a maximum of £1,000 any one Occurrence and £5,000 any one Period of Insurance’</i> Any other matter not listed –	
7	LA Representative report -	Councillor Bates stated that the recent ‘Pothole Land’ campaign had garnered a lot of interested from the press and television and the hope is that this will now spur WCBC to take action at last! No more news from NRW regarding the riverbank erosion. With regard to Chwarel/slate tip/High Street – the aim is for an assessment to look at any risk the slate tip poses to the High Street. Cllr Bates liaising with WCBC.	
8	Reports	No reports this month	
9	For discussion/decision	Review of cemetary charges – the charges to be reviewed when there are more Councillors present. Response from NRW regarding river erosion and following MP visit – see 7 above Feedback regarding Chwarel tip. High Street – see 7 above Wales in Bloom – Clerk to contact WCBC to find out what grants are available	

10.	Letters of thanks	Canolfan and Institute for recent donations	
11..	Correspondence	a. Bank Statement; Statement of income/expenditure/monthly bank reconciliation – statement of expenditure and income circulated to Councillors separately which was accepted. b. WCBC - Email received from WCBC' pop up Library service stating that the Canolfan is no longer able to allow it to use the building FOC and asking if the CC would be able to assist. Councillors agreed that this was an important service which many residents, particularly vulnerable residents valued and depended on. Councillors agreed to meet the cost of renting a room at the Canolfan monthly c. Welsh Government – emailed to Councillors as and when received d. Any other correspondence not listed – e. Letter from National Trust stating that the rent for the playing field will increase to £370.90 (currently £299.25) p.a.	
12	Planning applications	Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling at Bryn y Groes Farm, Nantyr. – decision as follows: - Councillors fully support this application. Bryn y Groes is a working farm located in an isolated part of the Ceiriog Valley. For the farm to continue as a viable business, the applicant requires a full-time worker throughout the year and in particular during the lambing and harvesting seasons. Therefore, this application is a sensible solution to a need to have residence available for a farm worker which is in close proximity to the farm.	
13	Payments	Outstanding accounts - (section 136 Legislative Powers): - amounts sent separately to Councillors and discussed in Council Christina Brewin John Keene (caretaking) John Keene (Bins) John Keen (cleaning equipment) Jean Davies (monthly) EE (monthly bill CA) HMRC EDF Nest Pension Date Protection Fee Other payments: - (section 137 Legislative Powers):	

14.	Any other matters not listed	Councillor Anne Johnston – it was with regret that the Clerk had to inform Council that Councillor Johnston had decided to resign. Councillor Johnston had always made a valuable contribution to the Council and will be greatly missed. Clerk will now take the necessary steps to inform WCBC and complete the necessary forms and advertise the vacancy. Councillor Jane Bates stated that some branches of trees on Nantyr Road had been cut but that some remain overhanging. Councillor Lloyd stated that the gully at the top of the High Street needed emptying. – Clerk to email Street Scene Bio-diversity Policy/action – Councillors accepted and agreed the policy/action plan drafted by the Clerk and sent separately to Councillors Feedback from 3 Councils meeting – was well attended by this CC's councillors – Chirk Town Council has been asked to send a representative to the next meeting	