



Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

7th March 2018

At the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

Present:

Councillor Kyran Lawford (Chairman)
Councillor Chris Futcher
Councillor Graham Barrow
Councillor Edith Jones
Councillor Jools Payne

Councillor Donald Roberts
Councillor Pam Hughes
Councillor Merle Hunt

Also present: Stephanie Masters (Clerk) and County Councillor Trevor Bates (who was late arriving due to a late meeting in Wrexham)

Chairman opened the meeting at 6pm

01-0318 Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Councillor Ralph Bennett (personal circumstances)

Resignation of Councillor Eifion Davies. **KL** read out Councillor Davies' letter of resignation. **CF** proposed sending a gift as a mark of appreciation which was seconded by **MH**. However, **EJ** said this had not been done in the past. **4 votes in agreement** to send a gift. **4 abstentions**. Left up to individual Councillors if they wanted to send a gift. **SM** to speak to Councillor Davies' wife for ideas for a gift.

DR proposed a letter of acknowledgment thanking Councillor Davies for his service to the GCC. This was seconded by **EJ**. **SM** to send a letter of appreciation.

SM to contact WBCB regarding new Councillor vacancy.

02-0318 Declarations of Interest

None

Action

SM

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03-0318 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February 2018 at the OJMH

(a) Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2018 were reviewed and approved as a true and correct record. Proposed by **PH** and seconded by **EJ**. All agreed

(b) Matters Arising

SM said that circulating the Minutes for any amendments prior to the meeting, (as in this case) saved time at the meeting itself. A final draft will be sent out before the meeting to allow for any final comments.

CF noted the GCC budget should be reviewed quarterly.

All Councillors agreed with both suggestions.

There was a review of the actions from the last meeting to confirm what had been completed.

04-0318 Reports

- (a)** It was noted that police visits to the Council meetings were becoming less frequent. Councillors want to be able to show their support and appreciation to the local Police. **SM** to invite the Police Community Support Officer to the next GCC meeting in April 2018.

SM

JP, CF and **KL** had reported drivers who were speeding in Pontfadog, all of which had been followed up by the Police within 24 hours.

A Police report for the Valley received on 22/02/2018 noted:

- Dangerous dog – 1
- Interference with a motor vehicle – 1
- Assaults - 3
- Harassment
- ASB off road related calls
- SCOPA had been a successful operation targeting off road concerns.

(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates reported:

- The new village signs are up in the Valley. **TB** has the old 'Dolywern' sign if the GCC want it or, perhaps sell it with the funds going to the OJMH.
- WCBC to look at any issues and whether there is anything that can be done about the empty houses in the Valley. **TB** to provide feedback as there are a few empty properties in Dolywern.
- **TB** has been invited to the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust Board Meeting on 22nd March 2018. A further meeting of the Safeguarding Committee when representatives from Betsy Cadwallader will be present is on 30th April 2018. Those invited have been asked to give their questions in advance, so they can come to the Committee with answers at that meeting. **TB** has tabled a question about what is being done in A&E in respect of reducing the time that ambulances have to wait outside, thus tying them up and unavailable to respond to the next 999 calls.
- As the GCC is looking to fund 2 defibrilators,(one in Pontfadog and 1 in Dolywern) **TB** suggested support may be available from the Ceiriog Valley Patients' Fund via the doctors surgery.

05-0318 Correspondence

SM had received a letter from 'Kidney Wales' requesting a donation. It was agreed there should be no further action at this time but could be reviewed when the S137 donations were being discussed later in the year.

SM had received a letter from One Voice Wales inviting GCC to renew its membership for 2018. **GB proposed membership should be renewed. Seconded by PH. All agreed.**

06-0318 Community Agent

KL welcomed Davena Davies as the new Community Agent who had been appointed on 1/3/2018. **DD** had already attended initial meetings and training session which had proved very useful and given ideas for activities. **AVOW** arranging a DBS check and once completed **DD** will be able to start work in the community. IT facilities, mobile phone and literature for CA discussed. **CF** suggested a contract with Plusnet for the mobile phone which would be better than the existing 'pay as you go' phone. **JP** to arrange press release about **DD**'s appointment.

07-0318 Finance Report

SM reported the balance of each GCC account and confirmed what had been paid. It was agreed that **SM** to circulate a financial report to Councillors prior to the meeting. **SM**

SM presented a list of items that needed to be paid. The payments were checked and authorised at the meeting by **EJ** and **KL**.

KL reported the Ceiriog Valley Bowls Club lease was up for renewal in May 2018. The Bowls Club pay the GCC £110 on an annual basis under the existing 10-year lease, but no payment was made in May 2017 because the Bowls Club had received no invoice. **SM** to send invoices for May 2017 and 2018. The Bowls Club is planning to make improvements to facilities and has requested a 20-year lease instead of a 10-year lease to enable them to qualify for grant funding. A brief discussion followed about a suitable length for the new lease but was inconclusive. **CF** said he felt the Council should not take a decision at this meeting and needed further details from the Bowls Club. **CF** proposed representatives from the Club should be invited to make a presentation at the Council meeting in May 2018. **Seconded by JP. 5 votes for and 3 abstentions. SM** to send invite to Bowls Club secretary. It was agreed there would be an ad hoc extension to the lease for the time being until August 2018. **SM**

08-0318 Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

KL put forward the idea of making the OJMH an 'emergency centre'. He had received an email from Jonathan Holland, the Emergency Planning Officer for North Wales Councils, who was prepared to come to the GCC meeting in April 2018 to give a presentation. If an 'emergency centre' is used, then any costs are funded by WCBC. **SM** to invite to make presentation at next meeting. **SM**

Access to Council Room at OJMH: Ways in which to ensure the Council Meeting Room is secure and access is only granted to authorised individuals to be discussed by the Communications Committee. An invite will be sent to the OJMH Secretary. **JP CF KL**

09-0218 Ceiriog Valley Federation Schools Consultation

The Consultation period had closed. **KL** and **JP** reported there had been 200 responses made to the WCBC. **SM** to email Simon Adams, Chair of the Ceiriog Valley Federation Schools Governors with figure. No further information available and **EJ**, as a Governor, not allowed to disclose any details.

SM

10-0218 Council Procedures

GB reported he is still in process of reviewing the GCC's Standing Orders and will be presenting at a later meeting.

GB

GB said there was no feedback from the Councillors Surgery held on 3rd March 2018.

11-0318 Follow up of 'My Vision' Event

The 'My Vision' Action Plan to be discussed at next meeting.

The issue of poor ambulance response times experienced by people in the Ceiriog Valley was discussed. **TB** said the agreement made at the time of closure of the Ambulance Station in Chirk is available, which could be looked at by the Council. It was agreed the Council should put in a complaint to the Ambulance Service. **GB proposed a letter should be sent. Seconded by MH. All agreed.**

SM

JP said there is a need to educate people in the Community to make sure they know the grid reference of their property to help the Ambulance Service locate them more quickly. **KL** suggested it should be made a community issue with Llanarmon and Glyn Ceiriog. **SM** to write to the Clerks of Glyn Ceiriog and Llanarmon Community Councils and Chirk Town Council to find out if any of their Councillors are prepared to meet to discuss the ongoing issue of the poor ambulance response times in the local area. **Proposed by JP and seconded by MH. All agreed.**

SM

JP had put forward the idea for two public access defibrillators, one in Pontfadog and one in Dolywern, to be made available. Grant funding is available through the British Heart Foundation. **SM** to register the Council with the BHF for grant applications. **GB** and **MH** to find out further information.

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GB &
MH

12-0318 Communications Committee

At the GCC meeting in February 2018 the need for IT facilities for the Council had been discussed and agreed. **CF** had found a hp tabloid size colour printer for £119 (plus a £60 cashback offer). He had also found a TV screen for £300. It was agreed to go ahead and purchase these items.

SM

JP said the Communications Committee would be reviewing the Council website.

JP
KL&CF

13-0318 Ground Maintenance

Ground maintenance contract awarded to 'Greenfingers' at an annual cost of £2069.00 including hedge cutting. Price does not include cutting around the benches, which will be done by the Pentrefi Village Tidy Volunteers. **Proposed by GB and Seconded by MH. All agreed. SM** to confirm with contractor.

SM

KL gave details of quote for the renovation of the roundabout at Dolywern which will cost £1250. **DR proposed work should go ahead. Seconded by EJ. All agreed. SM** to notify B Jones and confirm work start date.

SM

14-0318 Planning

KL reported there had been no objections or comments for Planning Application P/2018/090. **SM** to notify WCBC Planning Department.

SM

15-0318 Highways

All agreed a thank you letter should be sent to the CCVP for the new village signs and one to WCBC Highways Department for erecting them

SM

16-0318 AOB

The following will be on the agenda for the next meeting:

'My Vision' Action Plan
Emergency Planning
Access to Council Room at OJMH
IT Facilities

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:00pm

Next meeting will be on 4th April 2018 at 6pm