



Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

1st December 2021

At the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

Present:

Councillor Graham Barrow
Councillor Robin Boston
Councillor Edith Jones
Councillor Colin Hidden
Councillor Donald Roberts

Councillor Sarah Hawkes
Councillor Pam Hughes

Also present: Stephanie Masters (Clerk), Davena Davies (Community Agent)

Chairman opened the meeting at 6pm

01-1221 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Emma Jones, Cllr Dave Edwards, and Cllr Ted Johnston (personal circumstances)

02-1221 Declarations of Interest

None

03-1221 Public Participation

Two residents came to the meeting to share their concerns over the issues of speeding on the B4500 between Dolywern to Glyn Ceiriog. They explained that there had nearly been a serious accident and would like the Council to add weight to their request for at least monitoring the speed of cars along this section of the B4500. Having speed watch signs in the area was suggested. **SM** to find out from the local Traffic Police if this would be possible.

04-1221 Reports

(a) Police Report

PSCO Martin Griffiths had sent a report to **SM**, and this had been sent out to Councillors prior to the meeting. The report:

Action

SM

- Reiterated Police request for the Council to encourage as many residents as possible and businesses to sign up to the North Wales Community Alert website (www.northwalescommunityalert.co.uk).
- Complaints of dangerous parking near to the Leonard Cheshire Home has been resolved with the delivery company (DPD) involved. Residents and Cllr Trevor Bates have assisted the Police to address this issue
- Off-road related issues are still ongoing in the area.

(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates

TB reported:

- **TB** suggested the Community Councils in the Valley set up an Emergency Plan as the recent storms had shown it would be beneficial for local communities. During the power cut the use of the facilities at the Oliver Jones Hall and the Canolfan in Glyn Ceiriog had proved essential and these could be used again in any emergency in the future. Phone numbers for the emergency services should be made available to residents. **SH** said the Council could have a stock of basic items available for use during emergencies. **GB** said these items would be the responsibility of the Council and the associated costs with maintenance would be too expensive for the Council to support.
- WCBC has confirmed that the job for replacing the Tan-y-Garth culvert had been put out to tender on 22nd November 2021.
- **PH** asked whether there had been any progress with replacing the crash barrier above the river following repairs to the bank. **TB** confirmed the new crash barrier was now available, but WCBC was working with BT to locate the fibre cables in the area before installing it.

05-1221 Community Agent

DD reported:

- Has renewed hygiene certificate and emergency first aid qualification
- Brunch club is now well supported with between 18 and 20 people attending
- Sainsbury's collections are now transported by Community members from Llanarmon and used the same day to support the Community Cupboard
- Community Christmas lunch is on 7th December. This will be a two-course lunch and 50 Glyntraian Community members have been invited
- Community Agent meetings have taken place both with just Community Agents in attendance and with Steve Latham-White who oversees our work from Wrexham Council. Community Agents have been assured funding will still be available after March 2022.
- Holding a card making workshop on 1st December
- There are still ongoing issues with the heating systems in some homes both in Glyntraian and the whole of the Ceiriog valley. These problems are magnified when we face severe weather conditions as we have this last weekend.

- We have had a spot check from Wrexham Council on the kitchen at the Hall and having been given a few recommendations for doing the lockdown lunches We have managed to keep our 5-star rating.
- After the storm overnight on Friday into Saturday and the loss of power it caused, so many residents were left without the means of heating water for drinks. I opened the Hall and boiled water to fill flasks for people to be able to have a hot drink to take medications. I also made soup to supply to the most vulnerable Community members. I haven't paid rent to the hall to use the kitchen, so I would ask please if the Community Agent funds could pay the cost of a bottle of gas. I believe it would be around £90 to replace what has been used. I also cooked soup for people who needed it on Sunday and supplied Sunday lunches but was able to do this from home.

GB had already purchased new gas (£74) for the Hall and said the cost could be covered by the Community Agent funds as expenses. **CH proposed** the Council pay for the gas. **Seconded** by **SH**. **All agreed**.

06-1221 Correspondence

SM had received:

- An email from the Electoral Office in Wrexham Council advising the election costs for May 2022 will be £2500. This estimated cost must be considered when making a decision on the 2022-2023 precept. The date of retirement for existing Councillors is 9th May 2022.
- An email from the Wales Air Ambulance requesting a contribution to their donation appeal. They need to raise £8m to help them to continue providing fast critical care. **SM** advised the Council could make a s137 donation to a national charity. **RBo proposed** the Council donate £500. **Seconded** by **SH**. **All agreed**.
- An email from WCBC confirming plans are being progressed to upgrade the trash screen and headwall of the Bro Dewi culvert within the current financial year. Any defects identified at the design or construction stage of the scheme will be addressed by means of repair or replacement, but WCBC will continue to attend to any ongoing reactive or maintenance issues as they arise. WCBC will request the cooperation of the riparian landowners with regard to periodic removal of debris, as this is clearly a significant factor in the performance of the culvert.
- A letter from the Welsh Government confirming the maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2022-23 will be £8.82 per elector. For **SM** informed Councillors the number of electors in Glyntraian is 662 and therefore the Council's limit would be £5838.84.
- A notification from WCBC of a proposal to extinguish part of Glyntraian footpath 43 and create a new footpath south of the original one.
- **GB** had received a message from a resident informing Councillors that the new door on the Glyn Valley Tramway waiting room in Pontfadog was being officially opened on 11th December 2021. The Council had paid a contribution towards the new door.

07-1221 Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 3rd November 2021

(a) Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2021 were reviewed and approved as a true and correct record. Proposed by **DR** and **seconded** by **RBo**. **All agreed**.

(b) Matters Arising

- **SM** confirmed she would order the litter bin for Castle Mill and once **GB** has checked the type of fixing kit required. **GB SM**
- There is again a problem with rubbish from Mellow Mountain (holiday property) being put in bins away from the property. **SM** had previously written to the owner of the property to tell them to take on their responsibility to provide satisfactory refuse collection for visitors to the property. **SM** to send another letter. **SM**
- **EJ** said water was still running across the road by the Old School due to a blocked culvert and asked if a letter had been sent to the landowner to resolve the matter. **SM** confirmed she had done this.
- **SM** informed Councillors that WCBC had confirmed it had installed a charging point at the Canolfan in Glyn Ceiriog. However there had been a number of difficulties in terms of the network signal for the operating of the charging point in the Ceiriog Valley. When this matter is resolved WCBC will look to explore more sites in the Valley for the installation of charging points.
- **GB** raised the issue of the wireless telephone mast not working during the recent power cut which meant no emergency service calls could be made. There had been no generator or battery back up to maintain the service. **SM** to contact EE for further information. **SM**

08-1221 Finance Report

SM had sent a copy of the financial report to Councillors prior to the meeting detailing the account balances, receipts and what had been paid. A schedule of items for payment totalling £2175.28 had also been circulated prior to the meeting and these were discussed. **RBo proposed** the payments be authorised. **Seconded** by **EJ**. **All agreed**. All the payments were signed by **GB** and **PH**. No receipts had been received. **GB** signed the financial report.

09-1221 Dolywern Playground

SM informed Councillors she had sent an enquiry to Cadwyn Clwyd about a grant from their Green Communities project. Waiting for their response.

SM to research and apply for a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund.

10-1221 AOB

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:10pm

Next meeting will be on 5th January 2022 at 6pm

