



Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

5th January 2022

At the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

Present:

Councillor Graham Barrow
Councillor Pam Hughes
Councillor Edith Jones
Councillor Sarah Hawkes
Councillor Donald Roberts

Councillor Emma Jones
Councillor Ted Johnston
Councillor Dave Edwards

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

Chairman opened the meeting at 6pm

01-0122 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Robin Boston, Cllr Colin Hidden, and County Cllr Trevor Bates (personal circumstances)

02-0122 Declarations of Interest

None

03-0122 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:

- 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).
- Reports of a set of number plates being stolen off a vehicle in the Pontfadog area. There had also been cases in Chirk and other areas in Wrexham.

Action

SM

- There had been fewer calls relating to off-road related issues, but this was still ongoing in the area. **TB** had advised **SM** prior to the meeting that there was an issue with 4x4s driving the track through Ysgythre Ganol.
- **TB** had also advised a local farmer had a bird-scarer stolen from a field.

PH drew the attention of Councillors to two vehicles which had been parked on the Hall's carpark for a considerable length of time. **GB** asked **SM** to notify the Police about the issue.

SM

EJ informed Councillors that she had met several quad bikes being led by a 4x4 vehicle in the lane near her farm. She had been told by the leader of the group that they were on an organised tour to the Valley. The group were from Birmingham. **SM** to notify the Police.

SM

(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates

TB reported:

- The new pipe for the culvert is now installed at Tan y Garth. Other work still to be completed.
- WCBC Highways had confirmed that the Traffic Regulation Order for double yellow lines in Dolywern was being added to the next composite order and work would be starting in the next few weeks. A plan detailing the extent of the yellow lines had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors were satisfied with the proposed location of the lines.
- Still trying to get a timescale for the completion of the work replacing the crash barrier above the river following the repairs to the bank.
- Advised there is a meeting of the Wrexham Planning Committee next week, but the development at Cae Mor is not on the agenda.
- Advised the Community Cupboard had been held successfully at the Hall on Christmas Eve and had been well attended. It was suggested that this could be held at the Hall more regularly. Alternatively, **TJ** had offered to arrange one for residents in Pontfadog. **DD** advised Councillors the Community Cupboard had its own committee. **GB** said it was important to know the intentions for the Community Cupboard. **SM** to contact **Cllr TB** about the project's future plans.

SM

05-0122 Community Agent

DD reported:

- Expressed thanks to **GB** for planning the menu and cooking the Glyntraian Community Christmas Lunch and to **RBo** for preparing the ingredients and helping on the day. 36 meals were served at the Hall and another 6 had been delivered to people who had been unable to attend on the day. Also expressed thanks to **PH** who supplied a beautiful display of flowers for the top table, to **EJ** who supplied the flowers for each table, to **CH** for supporting with the music and to Cass for coming to the lunch and leading the prayers and singing of Christmas carols. The total cost of the event was £210 which included cleaning and sanitation products which were donated to the hall after the event and included the cost to hire the hall which was paid at the same rate as lockdown lunches. A donation of £100 had been received from the St Thomas's Trust (arranged by **EJ**) and the cost of the crackers had been paid for by **RBo**. There had also been a very well supported raffle which left an overall profit on the day of £37. Since the event we have also received a donation of 3 very large Turkey butterflies from Bookers, meaning we can look forward to doing all over again, perhaps at Easter.
- After numerous phone requests brunch club starts again on the 4th of January with added restrictions. We will of course have to be mindful of any new rules, but as there is a staggered

attendance to this event, we are confident that we will be able to continue at least at present with as little risk as is possible.

- Welfare calls continued over the Christmas and New Year period.
- Continued with support for meals to Community members during Christmas and Sunday lunch delivery where these were not affected by the holiday season.
- With the support and generosity of residents of Glyntraian along with local businesses and supermarkets, Helping Hands was able to deliver hampers and 'hugs' to nominated Community members. The following were delivered by **DD**, **RBo**, **SM** and 2 residents:
 - 13 hampers were delivered to people on their own
 - 2 family hampers
 - 18 bunches of flowers and small boxes of chocolates**DD** thanked everyone who had contributed and said everyone had been so pleased to have received these gifts.
- Card making workshop was well attended and it has been decided to continue with more of these at intervals over the coming year.
- Computer club will continue being held online for the time being.

06-0122 Correspondence

SM had received:

- An email from the Clerk of Glyn Ceiriog Community Council requesting an Emergency Planning meeting be arranged for mid-January 2022. It had been suggested two Councillors from each Community Council in the Valley attend, with the aim of looking at all the issues and drafting a suitable plan of action in case of an emergency. **GB** and **SH** agreed to represent the Council. **SM** to confirm date and time of meeting.
- An update (December 2021) of the guide to taking part in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons event on 2nd June 2022. It was agreed the Council should arrange an event and this should be on the agenda for the next meeting. **EJo** said she was looking at ideas for a celebration event in Pontfadog. **GB** asked all Councillors to consider possible events to celebrate the Jubilee so these can be discussed at the next meeting.
- An email from WCBC requesting Council provide Precept information by 21st January 2022. Discussed later in the meeting.
- An email from Wales Air Ambulance thanking the Council for its donation which was very much appreciated.
- An email from Chirk and Ceiriog Valley Partnership thanking the Council for its donation
- Notification of a planning application (P/2021/1183) for a single storey extension at Bronallt in Llwynmawr. This was discussed and there were no objections. **SM** to notify WCBC.

07-0122 Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 1st December 2021

(a) Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2021 were reviewed and approved as a true and correct record. Proposed by **DR** and seconded by **PH**. All agreed.

(b) Matters Arising

- **GB** to check the type of fixing kit required for the litter bin for Castle Mill. **GB**
- **SM** had sent a letter to the owner of Mellow Mountain regarding the problem with rubbish from Mellow Mountain (holiday property) being put in bins away from the property. The letter advised the owner it was their responsibility to provide satisfactory refuse collection for visitors to the property.
- **SM** still to contact EE for information about how it could maintain the service of the wireless telephone mast during a power cut to allow emergency service calls to be made. **SM**
- **SM** had researched and applied for a grant for the playground from the National Lottery Community Fund.
- Following a discussion at the last meeting, **SM** had spoken to the Police about vehicles speeding along the B4500 between Glyn Ceiriog and Dolywern after concerns had been raised by two residents. **SM** to now contact the Highways officer at WCBC regarding the issue. **SM**

08-0122 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 £2487.39 had also been circulated prior to the meeting and these were discussed. **EJ proposed** the payments be authorised. **Seconded** by **SH**. **All agreed**. All the payments were signed by **GB**, **EJ** and **PH**. The final payment of the Precept (£5300) had been received. **GB** signed the financial report.

SM presented a review of the 2021-22 budget and had calculated a Precept (£18900) to meet the 2022-23 budget. **SM** said £2500 had been added to the budget to account for the election costs in May 2022. **GB** said that as the Council invariably did not need all of the funds allocated to the budget, a surplus was being carried over every year. **DR proposed** the Precept remain at £15300. **Seconded** by **EJ**. **All agreed**.

09-0122 Environment Committee

SH and **GB** presented information from the inaugural meeting of the Council's Environment Committee. It had been agreed that all environmental impact is considered in all the tasks and actions carried out by the Council. For example, when planning applications are being reviewed the Council should consider their impact on the wider environment and include these in its response to WCBC.

The Council's duty to support biodiversity in the local area had also been discussed. The Committee had taken the decision to create a managed wildflower/wildlife meadow in the grounds of the Hall to encourage diversity and to support pollinators and other wildlife essential to our environment. The Welsh Government's Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales focuses on these types of projects to maintain and enhance resilient ecological networks.

The state and health of the River Ceiriog had also been discussed and the Committee made the decision to accept the offer of a full photographic/video survey of the stretch of the river that flows through Glyntraian from a student volunteer. Water quality is already being monitored on the Council's behalf by the Ceiriog Valley Wildlife Group.

10-0122 AOB

DR raised the issue of the very dangerous condition of the road to Selattyn and informed Councillors there had recently been 3 accidents as a result. **GB** said the Council should report specific incidents to

WCBC to highlight the issue. It was suggested a representative from WCBC be invited to a meeting to discuss the general maintenance of roads in the area. **SM** to find out if this is possible. Highways to be discussed further at the next meeting.

SM

Items for next agenda:

Ideas for Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Highways

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:15pm

Next meeting will be on 2nd February 2022 at 6pm

