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Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

Minutes of Council Meeting

6th November 2024

At the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

**Present:**

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| Councillor Robin Boston | Councillor Colin Hidden |
| Councillor Edith Jones |  |
| Councillor Richard Evans |  |
| Councillor Ky Lewis |  |
| Councillor Pam Hughes |  |
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Also present: Stephanie Masters (Clerk), Davena Davies (Community Agent) and

County Cllr Trevor Bates

Chair opened meeting at 6:30pm

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| **1/1124 Apologies**  Apologies received from Cllr David Sopwith  **2/1124 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**  **(a)** **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**  None  **(b) Requests for dispensations**  None  **3/1124 Reports**  **(a) Police report**  PCSO Gareth Jones had sent a report summarising crime in the local area to **SM** and this had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. No comments or concerns raised by Councillors.  **(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates**  **TB** reported:   * Advised Councillors that planning permission for a property at Springhill Farm had been refused as the applicant hadn’t proved the need for a house on the site. However, the applicant can resubmit the plans and a letter of support from the Council would aid the application. * Had met with David Evans from Cadwyn Clwyd to discuss the installation of Ultrafast Full Fibre broadband to approximately 190 homes in the Glyn Ceiriog exchange area (Dolywern, Llwynmawr, Glyn Ceiriog). **RBo** said Gavin Jones from Openreach had given a presentation at the Council’s meeting in September outlining the plans and confirmed a minimum of 40 pledges would be required for the project to go ahead. **TB** reported that so far, a total of 35 pledges had now been received. * The Rainbow Foundation in Wrexham was looking for volunteers to provide car transport in communities. * Informed Councillors that Ceiriog Uchaf Community Council had organised a public meeting regarding the proposals for the new National Park. The meeting is on 26th November 2024 at the Llanarmon Village Hall at 7pm. A representative from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) will be attending the event. * A NRW consultation event on the proposed new National Park was held at the Wrexham Memorial Hall on 1st November 2024. There were 252 people at the meeting and 248 voted against the proposal. * Following an appeal hearing on 14th October 2024 WCBC is awaiting the decision to confirm the legalities surrounding the adoption of the Council’s Local Development Plan. * £25,000 had now been raised for the International Sheepdog Trials. Further events are being organised. A total of £80,000 is required.   **4/1124 Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 2nd October 2024**  **(a) To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2024 as a true and correct record.**  **KL proposed** the Minutes be approved as a true and correct record. **Seconded** by **RE. Unanimously agreed**. **RBo** signed the Minutes.    **(b) Matters Arising**   * Glyntraian Community Council would be hosting the next meeting of the three Councils in January. Councillors set the date for the meeting as 15th January 2025. **SM** to notify other Clerks. * **SM** informed Councillors that the new Council noticeboard had been put in place and she had received an invoice. This was approved for payment later in the meeting. * It had been agreed at the last meeting that **SM** would present a review of the work of Caru’n Pentrefi as volunteers and the associated paperwork to ensure it met the Council’s insurance conditions. Councillors agreed the work of the volunteers was excellent and were satisfied that appropriate paperwork was being completed at each group meeting. **SM** advised Councillors that the total spent on the group’s activities was £88.89 this year. **RE** thanked the Council on behalf of Caru’n Pentrefi for its support which was much appreciated. **SM** to send letter of thanks to the volunteers for all their hard work. * **RBo** informed Councillors that Morrisons in Oswestry was being approached and asked if they would consider donating groceries for the Christmas hampers again this year. Their contributions in the past have always been very generous. * **RE** reported that the Repair Café held in October at the OJMH had made a good start with 8 or 9 repairs made successfully. The next session is on 7th November and details would be presented at the Council meeting in December. He informed Councillors the Repair Café was paying the rent for using the Hall facilities. * **SM** confirmed she had thanked the Welfare Charities for their donation towards the Community Christmas lunch. * **SM** had given the poppy wreath to **RBo** for the memorial service in Pontfadog. * **DD** had been unable to attend the meeting regarding the ‘Wales in Bloom’ competition but reported it had been decided to leave competing in the competition this year. It is now planned to enter the competition in two years’ time, allowing a longer time to plan and source funding. * **SM** to request clarification of WCBC’s responsibilities concerning roadside verges and washes from Linda Roberts, Chief Officer Governance & Customer at Wrexham Council.   **5/1124 Correspondence**  **SM** had received:   * **SM** had received a copy of the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024. Discussed later in meeting * Email from Olivia Gallagher from Wrexham Sounds thanking the Council for its donation. She confirmed Wrexham Sounds are keen to deliver some outreach events in Glyntraian/Ceiriog Valley and would appreciate Council’s support with this. **SM** had sent contact information for Ysgol Cynddelw and the Brownies and Guides. * Email from One Voice Wales announcing their 3rd Annual Bionet Conference will be on Saturday, 1st February 2025 at Venue Cymru, Llandudno. This year’s conference *“Connecting Communities for People and Nature,”* is specially designed for Councils looking to start or grow community groups focused on nature recovery and food growing. * Email from One Voice Wales with a link to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales’s draft Annual Report 2025 to 2026. This is in accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. * **SM** had received notification that S137 limit will be £11.10 per elector for 2025-2026. Currently Glyntraian has 675 electors so the Council can donate up to £7492.50 during the 2025-2026 Financial Year. * An email from Wales Air Ambulance detailing their Community Council Appeal 2024 and request for donations. As the Council had already donated recently Councillors did not want to make a further donation this year. * Email regarding the appeal campaign for the National Eisteddfod Wrexham 2025. This had been circulated prior to meeting. **RE proposed** a donation of £100. **Seconded** by **KL**. **Unanimously agreed.**   **6/1124 Community Agent**  **DD** reported:   * The Santa Run would be in Glyntraian and Glyn Ceiriog on 23rd December. **DD** requested the Council make a donation for the selection boxes. **EJ proposed** £200. **Seconded** by **PH**. **Unanimously agreed.** * She had attended a meeting with Jo from AVOW with **CH** and **KL** to look at available grants to help set up a men’s club and youth club at the OJMH. **DD** advised Councillors the Council can apply to Tesco for Groundworks grants and for further information they would need to contact the Community Champions at the store. **DD** to arrange Council membership of AVOW (£10). * The Community Christmas Lunch will be held on 17th December. The Council agreed to cover the cost. **KL proposed** £250. **Seconded** by **EJ**. **Unanimously agreed.** * Shesaid some residentswere finding it more difficult to make ends meet and she had been providing food from the foodbank at the OJMH and stocks were becoming low. **EJ** said the Llangollen Urban, Rural and Glyntraian Welfare Charities would give a donation of £50 for **DD** to use to pay for emergency meals and groceries. * She had found a safeguarding training course in Wrexham and would be completing this in the near future. * She was looking to arrange a First Aid course again at the OJMH. The last course was successful and well attended. Her own training was due for renewal. * She told Councillors that Annette Thomas from Community Catalysts was looking at holding drop-in sessions in the area in the coming months to make people aware of their free community micro-enterprise development programme running across Wrexham. This is aimed at making a positive impact on how people access care and support. The programme means a person will be supported to set up an enterprise that offers care and support to older or disabled people in their homes. * A Community Concert with Rob and Carwyn followed by a disco with a local DJ has been arranged for 11th January 2025 at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall. * David Evans from WCBC is visiting the Valley with Kerry Williams to explore the idea of a flood defence warning system for properties. This would involve fitting a receiving box and sensors to monitor properties at the time of excessive rainfall.   **7/1124 Finance**  (a) To review Financial Report and (b) to authorise and sign payments  **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 £ 3006.96 had also been circulated prior to the meeting and these were discussed. **SM** advised Councillors that the following payments were unpaid and were on the list of payments:   * Unlimited Webhosting (domain renewal): £7.19 * Poppy Wreath: £24.49 * Printer Ink: £88.56 * New Council Noticeboard: £1455   **RE** proposed all payments be approved. **Seconded** by **PH**. **Unanimously agreed**. The payments were authorised at the meeting by **PH** and **EJ**. **RE** proposed the Finance Report be accepted. **Seconded** by **EJ**. **Unanimously agreed**. **RBo** signed the financial report.  There were no receipts.  (c) To confirm Clerk’s salary  **SM** had received details of the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25. The new rates were payable from April 1st 2024. The Clerk’s new hourly rate was £15.58 (SCP 17). As a result, £196.56 was owed in backpay and would be payable on the 1st December with November’s salary. **PH** **proposed** payment of the Clerk’s new hourly pay rate and back pay be made. **Seconded** by **EJ**. **Unanimously agreed**.  **8/1124 Oliver Jones Memorial Hall**  **RBo** informed Councillors that the sub-committee of the OJMH Management Committee had met to discuss what improvements would be of most benefit the OJMH.  Resurfacing the Hall car park was a priority once the portacabin had been removed from the site. **RBo** had received quotes of £4950+VAT and £6624+VAT for the work. He was arranging for a further quote. It was agreed that it should be the current owner who pays for its removal. **SM** to find out from the Bowls Club who they sold it to so arrangements can be made.  Refurbishment of the toilet facilities had also been discussed and a local building company had inspected the site. A quote of £104,000 had been received and grant funding would be required for the project to go ahead. In the short term it was agreed that the installation of cistermiser urinal flushes would reduce the odour of the men’s toilets. The price quoted for this work was £800.  The refurbishment of the stage was also being considered.  **RBo** planned to get information and costs for the work.  New Hall Trustees were being appointed at the Hall meeting on 11th November. **DD** requested clarification of the roles of the Hall Management Committee and Subcommittee. **RBo** explained that the Subcommittee simply identifies the improvements and work that would benefit to the OJMH. The Management Committee is responsible for managing the facilities and making business decisions including expenditure. Approval for any of the proposed ideas would be made by the Management Committee.  **9/1124 Agenda items for next meeting**  Appointment of new Chair  Council Budget 2022-2026  The Chair closed the meeting at 8:01pm  Next meeting will be on 4th December 2024 at 6:30pm | **SM**  **SM**  **SM**  **SM** |