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**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting Held at Bwlch Village Hall**

**On 1st July ‘21**

**Present**

**Chairman -** Martin Harbour (MATH),

**Councillors:** Sylvia O’Brien (SO), David Meyer (DM), Hank Jackson (RDHJ), John Morgan (FJM), Janice Block (JEB), Heather Sweeting (HGS), Lesley Doggett (LMD), John Williams (JDW)

**County Councillor:** Katherine Silk (KS)

**In Attendance:** None

**Apologies:** Colin Morris (CJM)

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June ‘21 had been circulated to all members. The Clerk informed the meeting that the two corrections required in the May Minutes had been made.

**Matters Arising**

The Clerk circulated pictures of various types of benches and asked each of the Councillors to choose their favourites. However, it was felt that these benches were not suitable for public use. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department for advice.

KS said that she would give the Clerk the name of a contact in Powys County Council who may be able to instal the bench in Bwlch.

The Clerk said that he had examined the agreement between Cwmdu Council and the Allotments and it showed that the council was responsible for repairs to the car park. The Clerk was asked to check the agreement between the Council and the Art School.

Regarding the concert at the Art School, there was a discussion on who would be held responsible for any damage caused by the poor condition of the road leading to the School. There was some concern that the Council might be held responsible and the Clerk was asked to write to the School and make clear that the liability would be theirs.

It was agreed that the Art School should be allowed to use the Council’s playing field for their concert evening, but we should make it clear that we badly need to discuss the road repairs, and this will affect our future permission.

**Highways**

The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding the poor road condition in Tremynfa.

Lyn Parry came to see the potholes opposite the campsite in Cwmdu. He is going to cut back the hedge to see where the water is coming from. However, this will have to wait until the campsite closes on 3rd August.

KS was asked to try to arrange a site meeting with Lyn Parry.

HGS said that the A479 was now open in Tretower and there were heavy lorries going through the village at night. The lorries were carrying chicken faeces, which was foul smelling. However, it was felt that nothing could be done for now.

HGS said that the trees on Tretower Green were causing a problem due to overhanging branches. There was a possibility that a falling branch could cause injury or damage.

MATH said that he would write to Steve Butcher regarding this.

Regarding the War Memorial, Terry Sinnett had suggested that we get back in touch with CADW. LMD suggested we ask Terry about a maintenance plan. MATH said he would do this.

**Correspondence**

The Clerk had issued a list of emails sent to Councillors and asked if any action was required on any. He was asked to send the 5 Councils a reminder of our interest.

**Planning**

Planning permission had been granted for the works to Cwmrhos Cottages.

**Financials**

The Clerk was asked to circulate the accounts of the Alms Houses. He was also asked to contact Chris Evans at Vedw Wood regarding their accounts and to obtain the accounts for the Allotments.

The Clerk had circulated a summary of Bank Receipts & Payments during May.

The following payments were authorised:

**Microsoft Home and Business £249.99 –** Software for the Council’s computer

**B S Khaneka £29.25 –** Travelling expenses for June ‘21

**Playing Fields & Allotments**

The padlock on the gate between the caravan site and the playing fields had been broken. There was a discussion on what action to take. It was noted that the field was not much used by villagers. DM suggested dispensing with the gate and fencing the opening off instead.

It was suggested that we allow the caravan park to use the field for recreation only, provided they pay rent.

The Allotment Society and Vedw Wood are supposed to cut back the undergrowth on the driveway. FJM said that as it was not part of the hedge, it could be cut at any time. The Clerk was asked to contact them regarding this.

**Council Website**

The Clerk informed the Councillors that he was having major problems updating the website. He wanted to contact the creator of the website and asked for the Council’s approval. He was told to go ahead.

**Any Other Business**

The abandoned car outside the entrance to the Allotments and Art School now had an “Abandoned Car” notice stuck on it. It was known that the owner lived in Talgarth. There was also a possibility that the car would be towed away.

There being no further matters to discuss, the Meeting was terminated.