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

**On 7th October ‘21**

**Present**

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

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

**County Councillor:** Absent

**In Attendance:** None

**Apologies:** David Meyer (DM), John Morgan (FJM), Kathryn Silk (KS)

**Declarations of Interest**

LMD declared that she is a friend of the people who have applied for planning permission at Pen-y-Bwlch.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Regarding CSEG, Robin O’Brien had sent the Clerk an email explaining its history, which he was asked to forward to all the Councillors.

The driveway to the Art School should not be referred to as the School’s driveway, as it is for access only. Cwmdu council rents it from Powys Council.

**Matters Arising**

The Clerk has been in contact with Powys Council regarding access to the Art School and they have promised to check the agreement between ourselves.

It follows that any agreement with the Art School is between them and Cwmdu Council; Powys Council is not involved.

The Clerk was asked to check what the Council’s constitution says about what makes a quorum.

MATH has been in contact with Steve Butcher, who has confirmed that the trees in Tretower will be trimmed.

JEB will contact Sarah Farr of the caravan park and invite her to our November meeting.

Regarding the War Memorial in Bwlch, MATH has been in contact with the Heritage Officer of the National Park and she has given him a contact name in CADW. HGS suggested contacting Crickhowell Town Council to find out who maintained their War Memorial.

The Clerk was asked to send a formal acceptance to NJ Jones of their quote for installing the public bench in Bwlch. He should also ask when this can be done.

**Highways**

Signs are being installed on the A479. HGS suggested we await the result of this.

The Clerk has contacted Powys County Council Highways Dept. about the signage for the Llangorse turning on the B4560. MATH said he would provide a contact name in the Highways Dept.

HGS was concerned that the barn conversion in Tretower provided very limited parking space for residents, although CADW have said that residents can park in the barn’s car park. MATH will ask one of the highways engineers for a map which shows who is responsible for respective areas.

RDHJ wanted to know if there had been any progress in replacing the Bwlch sign. This was being expedited by KS.

**Correspondence**

Jean Huxley (in charge of Cwmdu Village Hall) had sent an email thanking the Council for its donation of £600.

The 5 Councils’ meeting has been postponed to January 2022.

**Planning**

**21/19696/FUL – Blaenbychlyd Cottage, Buckland Hill -** Planning permission granted.

**21/20141/FUL – Llygadwy, Old Road, Bwlch –** Planning application withdrawn.

**21/20153/FUL –** Approved.

**21/20306/FUL – Converting Cwmdu public toilets & bus shelter into a wellness centre -** JEB was concerned that there wasn’t any public parking.

The Clerk was asked to write to the BBNPA asking if the toilets will be for public use and where visitors are expected to park.

**Tarmacking the green lane in Tretower:** The Clerk had contacted Powys County Council (PCC) concerning this matter and had been told that they would need to apply for planning permission to do this. PCC would then decide on the merits of the application and we would have an opportunity to make our comments.

**Lower Hill, Cwmdu:** We need reassurance on the level of light pollution as wiring has been laid for lighting on the driveway. The Clerk was asked to find out to what extent correspondence will be made public.

**Financials**

The Councillors agreed to reappoint Bronwen Bermingham as Internal Auditor.

The following payments were agreed:

**000938 - Bronwen Bermingham - £151.83:** Internal Auditor’s fees for 20/21.

**000939 - B S Khaneka - £180.00:** Travel costs for July, August & September ’21.

**000940 –** **B S Khaneka - £101.74:** Petty Cash expenditure for 6 months to 30th September ’21.

NatWest Bank had sent us a list of the current cheque signatories. These were JEB, LMD, RDHJ, FJM, SO, HGS, and JDW. It was agreed that we should not have any more signatories; in fact, the Bank had asked us to reduce the number of signatories.

**Playing Fields & Allotments**

JEB was of the view that the existing gardener should strim the edges of the drive.

The Clerk was asked to contact Patience Rowden to ask for their Annual Return. HGS will provide the email address.

**Council Website**

An interface with Windows 10 is being developed and should be ready soon.

**Any Other Business**

There was a discussion regarding the dinner for Bob Doak. MATH felt that The Manor was the best choice.

HGS suggested that we invite former Councillors who had worked with Bob.

DM would prefer to hold the dinner on a Thursday evening.

JEB is unable to do Mondays and RDHJ can’t do Tuesdays.

Agreed that we will each pay for ourselves and jointly treat Bob.

HGS suggested we give him a memento. JEB will contact his wife for advice.

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