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

**On 2ND December ‘21**

**Present**

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

**Councillors:** Hank Jackson (RDHJ), Heather Sweeting (HGS), Sylvia O’Brien (SO), Janice Block (JEB)

**County Councillor:** Kathryn Silk (KS),

**In Attendance:** None

**Apologies:** David Meyer (DM), John Morgan (FJM), Leslie Doggett (LMD), John Williams (JDW). Colin Morris (CJM)

**Declarations of Interest**

JEB declared that she was Churchwarden at St Michael’s Church, Cwmdu. We had received a request for support for proposed work on the Grade 2 listed tomb of Thomas Price.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

There were no changes to be made. The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising**

MATH informed the Clerk that Tim Barnes is the Highways Team Leader, Transport Agency Wales.

JEB informed the meeting that she did not choose a painting by Jenny Care as a present for Bob Doak. Instead, she chose a painting by another well-known local artist.

RDHJ said that the sign to Llangorse had been repaired, but was still in the wrong place.

MATH had spoken to Anna Irwin of the Welsh Government regarding the cleaning of the War Memorial monument. He had been told that we needed to seek the approval of CADW.

KS said she knew of someone who might be able to do the cleaning.

The Clerk said he had written to the Trunk Road Agency requesting a 30mph speed limit in Cwmdu.

DM attended the meeting of the Crickhowell Flood Alleviation Committee. He and/or KS will also attend the meeting about flooding in Cwmdu.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that we pay Powys CC £50 per annum for the playing field in Cwmdu and £175 for the allotments. The Allotment Society then repays us £175.

3 wreaths had been laid at the Bwlch War Memorial on 11th November at 11:00am. The guest was James Evans of the Welsh Senedd. The sermon was read by Reverend Kevin Richards.

**Highways**

MATH said he had reminded the Highways Agency about the path widening scheme in Cwmdu.

Many people in Cwmdu had written to Gareth Day (Welsh Government official) about speeding traffic through Cwmdu, but had received only a standard pro-forma reply. There was concern that the high speeds in Cwmdu & Bwlch were damaging the brickwork of houses.

MATH suggested writing to VOSRA, providing the names of lorry owners who were speeding.

There was concern that a lamppost near Well Cottage in Bwlch might fall into the road.

MATH offered to ask the Highways Agency to inspect this.

**Correspondence**

HGS said that we needed to respond to the questionnaire regarding second homes in Wales. SO suggested we look at the responses of One Voice Wales and discuss this at the next meeting.

MATH wanted us to encourage the tree planting in Cwmdu being done by the charity Stump up Trees.

The Clerk was asked to make a formal application to Nick West of Vedw Wood for updated financial information.

There was a discussion regarding the Grade 2 listed tomb at St Michael’s Church, which was falling into disrepair. All agreed that the Clerk should write to them to say that we are happy to support the project.

The Clerk was asked to provide blank forms for Councillors to sign when they have an interest to declare.

**Planning**

**21/20153/FUL – Pen-y-Bwlch, Brecon – Renovation and rear extension including revised parking area:**

The revised plan was approved.

**Financials**

The following payments were agreed:

**000944 – B S Khaneka - £71.55:** Travel expenses for November ’21.

**000945 – J E Block - £145.00:** Reimbursement of cost of Bob Doak’s present.

**Playing Fields & Allotments**

No matters to discuss.

**Council Website**

The Clerk was currently updating the site.

**Any Other Business**

The Vale of Grwyney CC have appealed for support regarding their objection to Retrospective Planning Permission.

KS said that the issue is not clear-cut and very few people have supported the appeal.

It was agreed that we will support the appeal, but they will write the letter.

JEB had been contacted by the Treasurer of Cwmdu Village Hall (Mrs Valerie Powell) who said that they had received a grant to improve facilities in Cwmdu and wanted support from the Council.

Agreed that we should fully support the Committee’s endeavours over many years.

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