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

**On 3rd March ‘22**

**Present**

**Chairman:** Sylvia O’Brien (SO)

**Councillors:** Hank Jackson (RDHJ), John Morgan (FJM), Janice Block (JEB), David Meyer (DM), John Williams (JDW), Leslie Doggett (LMD)

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

**In Attendance:** None

**Apologies:** Heather Sweeting (HGS), Martin Harbour (MATH), Colin Morris (CJM)

**Declarations of Interest**

JDW has a direct impact on school catchment areas as he is the Head Teacher of a school.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The new bench is situated between Neuadd Fry and Tremyna.

**Matters Arising**

JDW had spoken to Steve Morris about cutting the grass at the edges; he is prepared to do this for an extra cost.

JDW will send the Clerk the names of contacts at Powys Sports Development.

**School Catchment Areas**

The new catchment boundaries affect the Bwlch Councillors more than others because Bwlch is outside the catchment area.

It was generally felt that the choice of catchment areas should be up to the parents to decide (i.e. maintain the status quo).

DM wanted to know what the thinking was behind the changes. KS said that she would circulate the response of the Education Officer.

Agreed that the Clerk should write to LEA to say that the Council wants to maintain the status quo for Bwlch.

**Multi Location Meetings**

We are required to hold future meetings on the web because some residents cannot access the website, so are unable to read the Minutes of Council meetings.

We could hold all our meetings in Bwlch, which has wifi. However, we would need someone to set up the equipment.

DM and RDHJ pointed out that we would need a camera and laptop to conduct the meetings on the web.

**New Bench**

RDHJ reiterated that the bench is located at a site that cannot be used as a safe passing space, despite the comments of some residents.

The Clerk was asked to respond to the Enforcement Order by attaching KS’s email chain and RDHJ’s comments.

**Highways**

The road widening near the caravan park has still not taken place. JEB had been promised that it would be done before the caravan park opened.

**Correspondence**

The Clerk was asked to respond to Crickhowell Town Council’s campaign about safety issues on the Co-Op site to say that we fully support their endeavours.

**Planning**

The Clerk was asked to ensure that we keep up to date with all planning applications so that we always respond within the 21-day time limit.

There was concern about the defibrillator which used to be installed by the public toilets in Cwmdu. Now that the site is being redeveloped, we need to ensure that it will be retained.

**Playing Fields & Allotments**

JEB and KS had a site meeting with Sarah Farr of the caravan park. They were concerned that a pathway led from the park to the playing field, and asked for the gateway to be kept closed.

Sarah said she preferred to have sports equipment for small children, but we wanted something more universal.

JEB said that we needed a working party to tidy up the field, and she was concerned that there were big potholes in the road. She asked the Clerk to check who was responsible for maintaining the car park and driveway outside the Art School.

**Financials**

We should renew our membership of One Voice Wales.

RDHJ asked the Clerk to get an invoice from Nigel Jones for the work that he had done on the bench.

**Council Clerk’s Qualifications**

The Clerk was asked to forward the email explaining what an “Eligible Council” was.

**Any Other Business**

Councillors were asked to complete the electoral forms to put their names forward for re-election. Forms were available on the Electoral Commission website.

JEB said that she would put a notice up on the Cwmdu WhatsApp site inviting interested parties to stand for election.

The Clerk said that he was again having trouble uploading Minutes and other items onto the website. He was asked to contact the website designer to resolve this and clean up the website.

SO said that Apple computers were unable to access the website.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that because of personal issues, he was unable to continue and gave in his resignation. However, he was prepared to continue until a replacement was found.

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