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

**On 7th April ‘22**

**Present**

**Chairman:** Martin Harbour (MATH)

**Councillors:** Leslie Doggett (LMD), Heather Sweeting (HGS), Janice Block (JEB), David Meyer (DHM), John Morgan (FJM), John Williams (JDW)

**County Councillor:** None

**In Attendance:** Sian Cox (candidate Llangorse & Bwlch), Matthew MacKinnon (resident Bwlch)

**Apologies:** Sylvia O’Brien (SO), Hank Jackson (RDHJ), Kathryn Silk (KS)

**Declarations of Interest**

The Declaration of Interest forms sent by One Voice Wales were felt to be too complicated. The Clerk was asked to look through Bob Doak’s files to find the version used in the past.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

JEB said she would find out if the defibrillators in Cwmdu will be reinstalled.

**Matters Arising**

Dealt with in relevant sections below.

**School Catchment Areas**

Representations had been made on our behalf regarding the new school catchment areas.

**Multi Location Meetings**

One Voice Wales has suggested that we carry on as before. They have taken up the issue on behalf of the 5 Councils.

The Clerk suggested that we could use Zoom, but we would have to publicise the link. JDW said that the purpose of the new legislation was to allow people to see grass roots democracy in operation.

**The Bench at Crindau, Bwlch**

The Clerk has appealed against the Enforcement Order and sent all correspondence between ourselves and the Highway Agency.

**Highways**

The road outside the caravan park in Cwmdu has been repaired. Councillors were happy with the quality of the work.

DM said that the work in Tretower to divert rainwater was supposed to have been completed by the end of March. However, this work had now been postponed. DM felt that we should maintain contact with Lyn Parry at the Highways Agency to stress the urgency of the work. To this end, he would email Lyn again.

The trees in Tretower have still not been trimmed. MATH had spoken to Steve Butcher of Powys Council, but he said they had run out of time.

**Correspondence**

We had received an appeal for funding from the Wales Air Ambulance Service. The Clerk was asked to raise a cheque in the same amount as previous years (thought to be £100). We had not contributed last year, so this should be added to our new contribution.

**Planning**

**22/20790/FUL – Replacement of existing kitchen & bathroom – Church House, Cwmdu:** No objections.

**22/20831/FUL – Telecommunications installation upgrade – Orange Ash Tree Field, Bwlch:** No objections.

**22/20918/FUL – Replace single storey extension – Allies Court, Bwlch:** No objections.

**Playing Fields & Allotments**

The Highways Agency has successfully installed a pipe under the road and added a holding tank, so the water can now be used in the allotments.

**Financials**

**000950 - £175.00 – One Voice Wales:** Annual Membership Fee.

**000951 - £99.74 – B S Khaneka:** Petty Cash Expenses (all with vouchers) for Oct ’21 to March ’22.

**000952 - £110.25 – B S Khaneka:** Travelling Expenses for Feb & March ’22.

We had received the Internal Auditor’s Report, which was based solely on the Council’s website. The report was largely unfavourable because of the problems – still unresolved – we had encountered with the website. The Internal Auditor had agreed to waive their fee.

**Council Clerk’s Replacement**

The Clerk was asked to inform One Voice Wales of the vacancy. We should stress that the new Clerk should be prepared to train for the CiLCA qualification.

The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the old advertisement to DM, JDW and RDHJ. They will then decide how to best modify it.

**Any Other Business**

JDW said that very few people had stood for election as Councillors and Councillors could therefore be co-opted. DM and MATH both asked to be co-opted as Councillors.

FJM tendered his resignation as a Councillor.

JEB and KS had not stood for re-election.

MATH offered to contact CADW to get the names of recommended stonemasons to repair the War Memorial. There were none in Wales.

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