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

**On 9th June ‘22**

**Present**

**Chairman:** John Williams (JDW)

**Councillors:** William Forster (WADF), Leslie Doggett (LMD), Hank Jackson (RDHJ),

Martin Pearse (MJP)

**County Councillor:** Sian Cox (SC), Matt Beecham (MB)

**In Attendance:** None

**Apologies:** Paul Silk(EPS)

**Declarations of Interest**

None.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting (12th May ’22) had been circulated to all Councillors. Approval of the Minutes was proposed by WADF and seconded by RDHJ.

**Matters Arising**

There was a discussion on how we should advertise the vacancies for new Councillors to be co-opted. It was decided that we could advertise on the notice boards, in the village halls and through WhatsApp.

We currently have the following vacancies:

Bwlch – 2 (out of a total of 5)

Tretower – 2 (out of a total of 2)

Cwmdu – 0 (out of a total of 3)

SC had had a very unsatisfactory response to her complaint about the closure of the A40. Her concern was that residents of Bwlch would have difficulty accessing the village if the entire work area was closed off. She had now asked for confirmation that this would not be the case,

The Clerk was asked to check with One Voice Wales if Councillors were allowed to declare that expenditure below £500 need not require 3 separate quotes.

The Clerk had contacted Pryor & Rickett Silviculture about their presentation regarding the creation of new woodland. They had told him that they would rather do the presentation in person and there was no charge for this. The presentation would take about 30 minutes.

The Clerk was asked to check with them if they could tag their presentation onto a monthly meeting in Bwlch on the 1st or 15th September ’22. If so, we would need to switch the meeting’s venue from Tretower to Bwlch.

**Declarations of Interest**

None.

**Highways**

MJP said that there were on-going live discussions about reducing the speed limit in Cwmdu. Average speed limit cameras were currently being trialled in some areas.

SC & MB offered to work further on this matter. They will try to organise volunteers with speed guns to gather evidence of vehicles breaking the speed limit.

**Planning**

**22/21031/FUL – Rural enterprise workers’ temporary dwelling – Nant Helyg, Cwmdu:** This is part of an application to establish a quail farm in Cwmdu. All the Councillors felt that substantially more information was required for what seemed to be a commercial enterprise. Councillors felt that although the application was framed as the creation of accommodation for rural workers, this was not genuine and there was an ulterior motive to create residential accommodation.

MJP offered to put together relevant bullet points to circulate to Councillors. The Clerk or Chairman would then write to the planning authority to voice the Council’s objections.

**22/21056/FUL – Construct an enclosed porch at main entrance – Eirinn, Bwlch:** No objection.

**Correspondence**

Crickhowell Town Council was holding its AGM later this month. All Councillors were invited to attend.

**Playing Fields & Allotments**

Nothing discussed.

**Financials**

Bank mandates were signed to remove 3 former Councillors as signatories and to add 3 new Councillors. Since EPS was not at the meeting, WADF offered to take the letter to get his signature.

The following cheques were presented for signature:

**000957 - £750.00 – Tretower Village Hall:** Annual grant of £650.00 plus £150.00 towards Jubilee celebrations.

**000958 - £750.00 – Cwmdu Village Hall:** As above.

**000959 - £750.00 – Bwlch Village Hall:** As above.

**000960 - £111.00 – Stefhan Caddick:** Web hosting, domain name & website updates over the past year.

**000961 - £75.15 – B S Khankeka:** Travel costs for April & May ’22.

**Council Clerk’s Replacement**

Sue Dale, who is a potential candidate, had tested positive for Covid. JDW would contact her shortly and ask her to attend the next monthly meeting.

The current Clerk reiterated that he was having to spend more time away and was finding it difficult to keep up with Council matters.

**Any Other Business**

SC asked if she could hold surgeries in Bwlch Village Hall. It was agreed that she could.

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