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

**On 12th May ‘22**

**Present**

**Chairman:** John Williams (JDW)

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

**County Councillor:** Sian Cox (SC)

**In Attendance:** None

**Apologies:** Martin Pearse (MJP)

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were approved. They needed to be signed by MATH, who was Chairman of that meeting.

Janice Block had sent a message that the defibrillator in Cwmdu was in situ.

**Matters Arising**

We have to follow Welsh Government guidelines on co-opting Councillors. The Clerk was asked to contact One Voice Wales and find out what the rules were.

All Councillors present signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Martin Harbour & David Meyer have both expressed an interest in being co-opted. Currently there are no elected Councillors from Tretower.

It was doubtful that Janice Block could be co-opted as a Councillor for Bwlch as there already were 3 elected Councillors.

**Declarations of Interest**

EPS was concerned that the website was out of date and did not show Councillors’ interests. He also felt that we needed guidance on what has to be declared.

**Highways**

There had been another accident in Bwlch. RDHJ said that 20mph speed limits were due to be introduced in 2023, and if successful, would be rolled out to other villages. In the meantime, RDHJ had asked for a 40mph buffer zone in Bwlch.

SC suggested bringing communities together with highways experts. The communities could then make an informed and democratic decision. Active community engagement would lend weight to local wishes.

There was an email from Kathryn Silk informing the Councillors that a 30mph speed limit had been established in Tretower. However, Cwmdu had not been listed for any changes.

**Correspondence**

We had received a letter from Pryor & Rickett about creating new woodland. The Clerk was asked to find out how long their presentation would last and if there was any charge for this. Can the presentation be done on Zoom?

We had received a Keep Wales tidy package from One Voice Wales. They help with organising public displays of gardens. We were already utilising this service and LMD offered to contact them.

**Planning**

**22/20985/FUL – Installation of balcony on existing flat roof – Little Inchiquin, Bwlch:** No objection.

**22/21025/DISCO – Discharge of condition for an arboricultural impact assessment – Buckland Hall, Bwlch:** No objection

**Playing Fields & Allotments**

Nothing discussed.

**Financials**

We had only 3 signatories left (JDW, LMD & RDHJ). WDF & EPS both agreed to become signatories. The Clerk was asked to draft the requisite letter to the bank.

The following cheques were presented for signature:

**000953 - £250.00 – Powys CC:** Annual rent for allotments & playing field.

**000954 - £371.18 – Zurich Assurance:** Insurance premium for the year to 31st May ’23.

**000955 – £285.00 - N J Jones:** Installation of bench in Bwlch.

**000956 - £300.00 – Wales Air Ambulance:** Donation.

It was decided by all the Councillors that expenditure below £500.00 would not require 3 separate quotes.

**Council Clerk’s Replacement**

JDW suggested that we employ Sue Dale on a 6-month contract. This will allow the Councillors more time to find a replacement. JDW undertook to contact her with the intention of an immediate start.

Bharat Khaneka, the current Clerk, agreed to stop his monthly salary from the end of May.

**June Monthly Meeting**

We had received an appeal from Tretower Village Hall Community to postpone the 2nd June meeting by a week. The Councillors agreed to hold the meeting on 9th June instead.

**Any Other Business**

It was agreed that we should give the 3 village halls (Cwmdu, Bwlch & Tretower) £150.00 each to fund Jubilee related celebrations.

LMD agreed to contact builders to repair and reinstall the broken notice board in Bwlch. She will ask for quotes.

EPS felt that we needed to have a training programme for Councillors. This should be held before 5th November.

The Clerk was asked to circulate the dates of future meetings in 2022.

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