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**Minutes of a Council meeting held at Tretower Village Hall on Thursday 6th October 2022**

**Present**

**Chairman:** John Williams (JDW)

**Councillors:** Hank Jackson (RDHJ), Paul Silk (EPS), Martin Pearse (MJP), William Forster (WADF), Selena Clay (SC), Kate Logan (KL).

**County Councillors:** Sian Cox (CSC), Sarah-Jane Beecham (SJB) and Matt Beecham (MB).

**In Attendance**: Bethan Miles (Junior Clerk)

# Apologies:

Leslie Doggett (LD), David Meyer(DM)

# Declarations of Interest

SC close relative has business interests.

# Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting on 1st September 2022 were circulated. Approval of the minutes was proposed by EPS and seconded by RDHJ, carried.

# Matters Arising (for information only)

1st September 2022 minutes – none.

# Police Report

Another incident at Cwmdu, involving several Police cars in the week of 24th to the 29th September. CSC will contact Social Services again as there have been more complaints. Clerk to ask PCSO to come to the next meeting as Council has concerns about Cwmdu.

# Consideration of applications to be members of the Community Council

Mr John D Jones’ application was proposed by RDHJ and seconded by MJP, Mr Jones was duly appointed.

# Planning

**Update on Glanpant Fields 22/21157/FUL**. Clerk to check that NRW are aware that the site has allegedly been used for storage and disposal of toxic waste/unknown substances and tarmac for construction.

**Ty Crannog, Bwlch 22/21400/FUL.** Replacement dwelling. No objections.

**Heol Gerrig, Tretower 22/21378/FUL.** Reforming two out buildings. No objections.

**Wern Farm, Cwmdu 22/21388/FUL.** Proposed muck store. No objections.

**Coed-y-bryn, Bwlch 22/21413/FUL.** Single storey extension to rear elevation. No objections.

# Correspondence

* Home start appeal for volunteers 6/9
* Climate action fund 8/9
* Discretionary cost of living grant 5/9
* Woodland creation grant schemes 5/9
* Resilient communities grant programme 1/9

The clerk is invited to continue exercising her discretion in selecting emails that she considers will be of interest and will attach those thus selected (or links to them) to the agenda for the next meeting so that both councillors and members of the public can read them.

# Arrangement of annual inspection of playground, it will be about £160 from Wicksteed. Clerk to clarify and to investigate Powys County Council’s provision. Adjourned.

# Fedw Wood- the Annual Return is due, do all councillors agree to stand as trustees? Clerk to check public liability insurance, that it covers Fedw wood.

# A risk assessment is offered for approval.

An additional risk was identified and needs to be included in the assessment; non-compliance to laws as updated. In addition, all assets must be covered by public liability insurance and checked.

# Financials – Bank reconciliation, budget report, letter for bank to register the clerk & cheques for approval.

* Sue Dale, Temporary Clerks salary September 22 £434.00
* B&R newspaper – clerk advertisement 7/9/2022 £314.64 (inc VAT)
* Bwlch Noticeboard fix - £245
* Grass cutting - £510

All cheques and letter for bank were approved proposed: WADF and Sec: EPS.

# The War Memorial was fully restored in 2017-18, is it time to review its maintenance?

The war memorial grant should be kept separate from the main bank account. Paperwork and contact details to be retrieved.

# Powys County Council have written to point out that the hedge by the A479 has grown out over the pavement and signage. The Allotment Society will cut it back. Are there other maintenance issues that should be attended to?

With reference to the hedge, Clerk should check whose remit this is. No other maintenance issues were identified.

# Update on Gilestone Farm, Talybont.

Clerk to keep in touch with Talybont on Usk Community Council, CSC is contacting Jane Dodds and Gareth Radcliffe.

# Cwmdu and District Community Council mayoral chain of office value will be assessed for insurance and asset recording, should the Chairman’s chain also be valued for similar reasons?

# Yes!

A long-term loan of the mayoral chain is being considered by Y Gaer, to be decided when they appoint a new Museum Director.

# Speeding on the B4560 at Cathedine was raised last month, Council wishes to update on any progress.

“The open road” has not been and will not be reissued. Speed tracking “tape” will be laid across the road to establish the scale of the speeding problem with a view to getting the speed limit reduced.

# Update on inadequate access for disability scooters at road crossings in Bwlch.

None available at this time

# 5 Councils’ liaison meeting Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 7.30 at Glangrwyney Village Hall. Agenda items?

CSC would like more information on attendance, any agenda items will be emailed to SD.

# How to commemorate deceased residents of prominence?

Can the CC contribute to the fund raising for a local cause, to commemorate Rev Thomas Price of Cwmdu? Clerk to find out.

# 20 mph national speed limit – a report has been issued and the deadline for responses is 11/10/2022.

# The highlighting of Tretower is inaccurate, the colour code denoting where the 20mph limit will be does not accurately mirror where the current 30mph is. Currently the junction from A479 to what is noted on the plan as UO491 is within the 30mph zone, this to be incorporated into the revised 20mph., specifically the entrance to the U0491 has been missed and Tretower begins earlier than documented on the Crickhowell side.

Cwmdu would like to be considered for the new limit, it is currently 40mph, however it seems that Cwmdu will not qualify as not enough houses front on to the main road. Bwlch would also like to have the new 20mph limit but CSC will email separately.

# Cwmdu Village Hall cannot host the Community Council due to lack of wi-fi, can help be offered?

MJP will test the electronic communication speed at Cwmdu and source a Jabra microphone, speaker and screen.

# Audit Wales, notification of overdue audit 20-21, now offered for approval and a covering letter is needed.

Acknowledgement of Clerk’s hard work. Audit and covering letter proposed: RDHJ and seconded WADF. Approved.

# Any Other Business (for information only)

* Cwmdu and District Community Council acknowledges the succession of King Charles III.
* There has been no response to the advert on the 28th September.
* Powys County Council appears to be putting costs on to other people. CSC will look into it. CSC would like to look in to volunteer pools to do some of the easily handled tasks as it aids community spirit and may help funding issues.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting.

Thursday 3rd November is the date of the next meeting, the venue to be announced.