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**Minutes of a Council meeting held at Bwlch Village Hall on Thursday 3rd November 2022**

**Present**

**Chairman:** John Williams (JDW)

**Councillors:** Les Doggett (LD), Hank Jackson (RDHJ), Paul Silk (EPS), Martin Pearse (MJP), William Forster (WADF), Selena Clay (SC), David Meyer (DM), John Jones (JJ)

**In Attendance**: Sue Dale (Clerk

# Apologies: KL, CSC, S-JB and MB.

# Declarations of Interest

SC is a neighbour of a planning applicant.

DH is a planning applicant.

# Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting on 6thOctober 2022 were circulated. Two County Councillors were removed from those present, MB and S-JB. Approval of the minutes was proposed by SC and seconded by RDHJ, carried.

# Matters Arising (for information only)

The maintenance of the hedge along the A479 by the allotments in Cwmdu is a long-standing issue: Powys County Council leases the land to the Community Council which stipulates that the maintenance of the hedge is the responsibility of the CC, the CC sub-lets the land to the Allotment Society and passes the responsibility on to the Allotment Society. Which hedge needs clarification. Mobility access to the pavements in Bwlch was put forward as an agenda item.

# Police Report – none.

# Planning – Entwin 22/21424/FUL. First floor extension. No objections provided compliant with all legal requirement

# -The Rock, Bwlch, 22/21418/FUL, Single storey extension to rear. No objections provided compliant with all legal requirement

# -Tretower House, 22/21487. PV array in field. No objections provided compliant with all legal requirements

# Correspondence

Councillors are notified of email from external bodies, they are listed here

* Royal British Legion Grant for veterans.
* Independent Remuneration Panel draft report 23. Individual councillor decision.
* Powys County Council fuel poverty aid.
* Boundary Commission revised proposals for parliamentary constituencies.
* Cost of living Hub an initiative by Powys County Council. Circulate 1 sided summary.

# Glanpant Fields update and action to be discussed

No news yet. CSC and NRW are pursuing this; it has been alleged that toxic materials are making their way into the Usk. Is an industrial site appropriate for such a sensitive rural site? MP and JJ to work together and produce a letter requesting a meeting. The letter to go to Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, Natural Resources Wales and the appropriate Minister. Clerk to check the Place Plan.

# **Plan for a replacement clerk**.

The temporary clerk was selected unanimously to replace the previous clerk. The contract of employment was signed.

# Financials – Bank reconciliation, budget report & cheques for approval.

The Bank Reconciliation balanced and the budget report showed that there is capacity for a small project this financial year, should spending carry on as anticipated. Helping Cwmdu Village Hall connect to wi-fi and a donation to Bwlch and Tretower Halls was suggested as a suitable project for this year. Another, more ambitious project was suggested for next year – that of acquiring the vacant land next door to Bwlch Hall for car parking and a picnic area. The site is a former petrol station and may need some remedial work. It would remove the restriction on hall activities that the lack of car parking imposes. It also opens up new possibilities for public transport for residents and visitors. LD to see if a sale is possible. Another item was proposed; to assist in the fixing of the playground facilities at Tretower. Donations to the Cwmdu Eisteddfod and other community groups were discussed as possibilities. Clerk to put invitation on the website.

Cheques were approved.

* Sue Dale, Temporary Clerks salary October 22 £373.98 (34.5\*£10.84)
* Bethan Miles (Junior Clerk) pay October 22 £52.41 (5.5\*£9.53)
* A T Gilbert (noticeboard fix) October 22 £245.00

# War memorial update.

Some paperwork, detailing a maintenance schedule has been recovered for the Community Council. Clerk to obtain quotes for cleaning from one or two companies. Clerk also to check with Llangynidr Community Council and Crickhowell Town Council about their War Memorial care. Check War Memorial Trust to see if there are any appropriate guidelines.

# Meeting dates and venues for the rest of 2022 and 2023.

Approved.

# The criteria for seeking a 30mph limit in Cwmdu.

Cwmdu satisfies the criteria so why doesn’t it have a 30mph limit? There is concern locally that Cwmdu residents want to have the 30mph limit but an exception has been made, was it an oversight? The speed of traffic and the 20mph rollout will exacerbate the difference between Tretower and Cwmdu. MP to draft a letter for The North and Mid Wales Truck Road Agency. The best way of progressing is to engage a surveyor to establish building problems that have arisen for residents living on the A479. The situation has worsened since the Talgath by-pass was introduced. SD to look at likely surveyor costs and liaise with MP.

# Gilestone Farm update.

Council is aware to the purchase of Gilestone Farm, Talybont by Welsh Government. There is concern about the use the farm will be put to in the future – traffic noise, festivals, volumes of traffic?

It has been suggested that there are plans to build a brewery, bakery and other production facilities.

Caution may be advised – the farm is in the vicinity of Talybont, Llangynidr and Cwmdu & District it is urged that Cwmdu & District seek to be consulted by the authorities involved.

# Review of safety/maintenance and alignment with insurance cover for all land/assets.

Fedw wood holding to be checked by SD. An annual report is to be requested from the leasee and a copy of the insurance certificate so that trustees can reassure themselves of their position.

The sports field at Cwmdu should be specifically included on the Community Council insurance as should all the benches.

# Charities Commission Annual Report, councillors’ roles.

See 15.

# Any Other Business (for information only)

Reverend Price Memorial contribution to be discussed.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.44pm

Thursday 1st December is the date of the next meeting at Tretower Village Hall.