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**Minutes of a Council meeting 5th January 2023**

**Present**

**Chairman:** John Williams (JDW)

**Councillors:** Les Doggett (LD), Hank Jackson (RDHJ), Paul Silk (EPS) Martin Pearse (MJP), William Forster (WADF), Selena Clay (SC), Kate Logan (KL) and John Jones (JJ)

**In Attendance**: PCSO Lee Garrett, Sue Dale (Clerk).

# Apologies: DM

# Declarations of Interest: None

# Public participation – PCSO Lee Garrett reporting on Police activity in the area between 1/12/22 and 5/1/23.

11 calls were made during the period. One was a suspected burglary. Data protection rules mean that the Police cannot discuss individual cases.

Traffic Control assessment, MP volunteered for Speedwatch, 2 other volunteers are needed to create a team. The café was thought to offer a safe place for volunteers to work from, although a position closer to the junction might be more productive.

Go Safe was recommended as the place to start getting speed limits enforced. Motorbikes particularly appear to take little notice of the speed limit. CSC has had references to the good driving experience on Powys roads withdrawn by Powys County Council.

Hopes for a speed camera in the area seem unlikely to be fulfilled due to the financial cost of the equipment.

Councillors looked forward to meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner with the 5 councils.

# Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting on 1st December 2022 have been circulated.

Approved, proposed: SC. Seconded: RDHJ.

# Matters Arising (information only)

None

# Powys County Council Matters.

None

# Planning Applications: 22/21581/FUL is not in the Cwmdu and District Community Council ward.

21/21612/CON Lower Mill in Middle Gaer was adjourned to the meeting of 19/1/2023,

# Correspondence

Councillors are notified of email from external bodies, some are listed here:

9/12 Brecon and Radnor area meeting One Voice Wales (7pm, 9th January via media)

9/12 Zurich re insurance (item 15) – land slippage definitions from a Councillor.

22/12 Gilestone Farm response from Welsh Government. (Item 12)

16/12 James Evans (MP) response to concerns about ending of the Post Office Service in Bwlch. He supports the case for continuing the service in Bwlch.
16/12 Training Dates from OVW.

# Financials – Bank reconciliation, budget report, precept and cheques for approval, charities support 22-23.

* Sue Dale, Clerks salary Dec 22 £465.20
* Rev Price memorial support £182.00
* Cwmdu Eisteddfod support £200.00

Cheques were approved.

The budget and precept for 2023-24 were adjourned to 19th January while further work was done.

Charities support will also be considered at that time.

There was concern about additional costs being placed on residents at the moment.

# Ann Williams Update.

CM, JB and MT should be contacted to ask if they remain content to serve as Trustees for this charity (SD).

# Cwmdu Village Hall wi-fi connectivity may be attainable if the Community Council can help with the infrastructure costs (which might be £1000). This would then mean that all 3 halls in the ward could be used for Community Council meetings (and much else besides). Adjourned from December 22.

Councillors will speak with the Village Hall committee about the collaboration to install wifi. In the past the Community Council have made a substantial donation to the Village Hall every year, but they cannot use Cwmdu Village Hall for their meetings because of the lack of wifi. Clerk to record next meeting to show what is needed.

# Glanpant Farm, response to a letter published by Brecon Beacons National Park.

As far as council is aware, the letter sent to the Authority was true and the response addressed only some of the matters raised. Unless and until the matter is investigated by the officer there is little to be done. Clerk to watch for relevant activity in the committees of the Authority.

# Gilestone Farm, Talybont to be discussed and action agreed.

There was a call for more communication between the Community Councils likely to be affected: Llangynidr, Crickhowell, Llangrwney, Llangors, Llangattock, Cwmdu and Brecon as well as Talybont. A letter is to be sent. An Officer at the Brecon Beacons National Park stated that as no planning application had been made the Authority could not act.

Of concern to conservationists may be the news that a Bakery is said to be planned for the site, with late hours and bright lights potentially disturbing the flight paths of the resident bats.

It was agreed that the site would make an excellent Agricultural College.

# Standing orders and Financial Regulations – update on progress.

A meeting has been held where the Standing orders were considered and some adaptations suggested to suit Cwmdu and District Community Council and the changes will be circulated. The next full meeting will approve the Standing orders, and if accepted will be signed by the Chairman and one other councillor.

# Asset register and Risk Assessment. By Council.

To remind Councillors that assets in their areas need to be registered so that they can be risk assessed and maintained.

# Eisteddfod support.

Approved £200.

# Scoping of a project to improve car parking facilities for Bwlch Village Hall, adjourned from December meeting.

Adjourned to 2/2/2023.

# Closure of the Post Office in Bwlch. To be discussed and action agreed.

The Post Office Service to Bwlch has been withdrawn. The outreach service will also not be deployed in Bwlch. However there has been no consultation and it may be that the Post Office can be brought to reconsider. JDW will represent the Community Council in discussions with the Post Office.

# Update on disabled access highways issues.

Clerk to circulate an update from CSC when available.

# Any Other Business (for information only)

A Training plan has been a statutory obligation since November 22. Planning training would be of interest to some councillors.

Fedw wood to be considered for inclusion on the agenda for February 2023.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17pm

Thursday 2nd February 2023 is the date of the next meeting at Tretower Village Hall.