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Minutes of a Council meeting 7th September 2023

Present

Chairman: Les Doggett (LD)

Councillors: Hank Jackson (RDHJ), Paul Silk (EPS), David Meyer (DM), Selena Clay (SC), Martin Pearce (MP), John Jones (JJ) and William Forster (WF)

In Attendance: Sue Dale SD(Clerk) and Kay Bailey KB (RFO and Assistant Clerk).

1. Apologies:

County Councillor Sian Cox CSC (report circulated).

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Public participation

4. Minutes of the meetings

- 6/7/23, 20/7/23 and 3/8/23

Approved.

5. Matters Arising (information only)

Regarding the accident with the drain in Tretower where a resident was injured, information was passed to the family.

6. Powys County Council matters.

Matt and Sarah-Jane Beecham have resigned from Powys County Council.

CSC has sent a report, circulated before the meeting.

7. Clerk handover progress.

- problem with timing of salary cheques. They should be signed and delivered by the 28th of the month, which is the week before the full meeting.
- Google docs, shared folder not yet fully co-ordinated. Some councillors had been able to gain access with no difficulties. A link will be sent to councillors to view the information for the meeting.

8. Planning Applications:

- Fedw Cottage, Cwmdu 23/22238/FUL. No objections.
- Cilfaenor Farm, Cwmdu 23/22240/FUL. No objections.

9. Correspondence – Councillors are notified of incoming email from external bodies, some are listed here:

-Brecon Advice Centre Report. Clerk to ask for detail on home location of people who have been helped, to show the role of the centre in the area. Also Clerk to ask for more detail about the

services the centre provides. Council is inclined to help but needs to be satisfied of the linkage between Cwmdy and District ward and the Centre.

- A479 trunk road order for Cwmdy (ongoing campaign) and Tretower (30 mile an hour is confirmed). A surveyor has been employed by a resident near Cwmdy to compile a speed, noise and vibration report and has indicated a willingness to pay for average speed cameras.

– Site visit report with One Voice Wales Officer at Cwmdy. The principle suggestion was for Council to stop mowing the playing field. Residents don't seem to know the facility is there for use. The field must be maintained even if it is not mown grass. Council may be eligible to apply to Local Nature Partnership Fund and to buy the land under Community Asset Transfer (Clerk to find out). Council needs to establish if residents use the field, to what end and if there are future uses that should be taken into consideration.

– Report acknowledgement for damaged pavement outside Bwlch triangle. Powys County Council has reported that the pavement is not damaged enough to warrant remediation.

– Local Nature Partnership Grant which offers 4 levels of grants for projects from £500 to £15000. Council's playing field project may attract the lower of the 4 grants depending on the detail of the project.

10. RFO report

Two Cheques were approved: RFO £181.96 and Clerk £139.60.

One cheque was not approved on the advice of the RFO, HMRC Tax £184.96.

– For a nominated member (non-signatory) to sign off the quarterly bank reconciliations.

Approved.

– To accept the 6 monthly budgeting report. Approved but further details on the difference between the budget and the actual expenditure was requested for next time.

– To apply for internet banking (Unity Trust or Nat West if 2 signatories are supported KB to check).

11. Cwmdy hedge quote for remedial work and regular maintenance.

Clerk to pursue.

12. Meeting of the Hinterland Group.

Items for the agenda to be sought, for example; Gilestone Farm, planning issues and working with a common purpose. Talybont Community Council to be asked in addition to the other attendees.

13. Bwlch Triangle broken wall update.

The insurers for the truck involved in the incident have been fully informed and the next step is awaited.

Clerk to ask the PCSO for any developments.

14. Quotes needs to insure the War Memorial.

Re-build costs are required for the insurers. Two quotes have been sought.

15. Update on the potential community use of Bwlch Church.

Adjourned.

16. Nant Helyg planning decision, response to council's complaint and further correspondence.

The Officers report was received. Clerk to send the circulated draft to the CEO/nominated Officer.

17. Proposal for an active, electronic, noticeboard for the Community Council.

Whats app work well for Cwmdu, what other options are there? Steffan Caddick's submission to be reviewed by 2-3 councillors and discussed.

18. Communications quality of meetings.

Whilst the current arrangements meet the statutory requirements some of the time, an additional speakerphone would be advantageous and a camera that can view the whole meeting would help. Both halls hosting the Community Council currently have large screens available, the community council do not have the resources to make use of the at the moment. The situation has improved but the item is adjourned.

19. Speedwatch progress; sites volunteers and equipment purchase.

2 volunteers have come forward. Clerk to send the second on to the Police for processing. ID can be presented at the training session. The Police have been asked if volunteers who have registered in the past may take up the duty again without re-registering, Clerk awaiting response.

20. Any other business:

One of the Councillors who is also a member of Talybont Community Council has been appointed Talybont Chairman.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

The date of the next meeting is 5th October 2023 at Bwlch Village Hall.