

# CWMDU AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of a Council meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023**

#### **Public Participation**

Two members of the public contributed to item 4.

#### **Present**

**Chairman:** John Williams(JW)

**Councillors:** Hank Jackson (RDHJ), Paul Silk (PS), Selena Clay (SC), Martin Pearce (MP), John Jones (JJ) and William Forster (WF)

**In Attendance:** County Councillor Sian Cox CSC (report circulated), Sue Dale SD(Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

#### **1. Apologies:**

Les Doggett (LD), David Meyer (DM).

Kay Bailey KB (RFO and Assistant Clerk).

#### **2. Declarations of Interest:**

SC item 8 – planning application.

#### **3. Minutes of the meetings and any matters arising:**

October 5<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Approved, Prop: MP, Sec: HJ.

October 19<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Approved, Prop. HJ, Sec: JW.

- JABRA speakerphone has been purchased.
- Response from village halls in relation to D-day commemorations.
- A meeting is being arranged with other Town/Community Councils to discuss frustrations with the planning process. JW.
- When is the Monumental Mason cleaning the War Memorial? HJ is waiting to hear back, he noted that the Memorial will not be cleaned above head height.

#### **4. Previous proposal for an active electronic, “notice board” for the community Council.**

The IT consultant was not able to attend so the item was adjourned. See item 13.

#### **5. Powys County Councillor report.**

CSC has been exploring issues in local towns such as Crickhowell, Hay and Brecon. These issues will impact on all, it is a non-statutory duty that PCC are committed to. The Community have an increasing role, how can PCC support the community to in their involvement.

Go-safe – the enforcement of the new 20mph speed limit will be more apparent in time. Anecdotally it has been reported that speed has increased.

## **6. Clerk handover progress.**

The assistant Clerk and RFO will take over full Clerk duties shortly and sends her apologies for not being able to attend.

- Decide on storage of documentation. JW suggested that one or two fire-proof 4 drawers may be available. Crickhowell Resource and Information Centre (CRiC) may be able to store them for a fee. The Tretower and Cwmdru Halls will also be approached for storage of documentation. A Councillor asked if scanning could be option. Clerk to talk to CRiC about the options.

## **7. Paramor Orchard in Cwmdru : that the council hears a presentation from the Marcher Apple Network.**

Approved, to extend an invitation for the Marcher Apple Network to speak to Cwmdru and District Community Council. Clerk to action.

It was said that the cost of maintaining the orchard is some £20K per annum.

## **8. Planning Applications:**

- SC withdrew from the Council. 23/22383/FUL New windows for the Old Coaching Inn. No objections.

SC resumed.

- 23/22401/FUL, Gilestone Farm – Erection of poly tunnels, compost bins and shed (part retrospective) for horticultural use. Replace existing greenhouse with poly tunnel for horticultural use.

Also 23/22400/CON, Gilestone Farm

Cwmdru and District Community Council were not invited to comment on these applications because Gilestone Farm is out of its area. However the Council is able to send in a comment:

Some councillors had strong concerns about these applications, that they set a precedent for things to come.

- 23/21721/FUL Nant Helyg response approved for Clerk to send.

## **9. Finance Report (Responsible Financial Officer)**

Report has been circulated and will be discussed at the December meeting. Clerk to request an acknowledgement of the payments made for the Coronation celebrations. JW to talk to RFO.

Payments are :Noticeboard at Tregraig Road maintenance £35.00  
Reimbursement for JABRA £169.99  
Fix for Felindre noticeboard £44.24  
Clerk pay £279.12  
RFO and assistant Clerk's pay £181.76  
Scribe (accounts software) £788.40

## **10. Update on Bwlch triangle broken wall**

No paper quotes yet.

## **11. Quotes needed to insure the War Memorial.**

Two memorial masons have been approached (J.T.Davies and Jenkins Memorials). Another company has been recommended too, Abbey Memorials Ltd. Clerk to ask Abbey Memorials Ltd.

## **12. The potential community use of Bwlch Church.**

400 letters were distributed to Bwlch homes. Appealing for investment and support for both buildings the former church and Bwlch Village Hall.

## **13. Old School Field Cwmdu.**

MP has been to visit the field, he met with two members of the public who then attended the council meeting (2/11) to talk about the field. There has also been a biodiversity report for the site (One Voice Wales) and contact with local families, only 3 responded.

It was felt that a similar arrangement as with Fedw Wood might suit all parties – allowing a local group to look after the site, improving the play facilities for locals and campsite residents alike. And encouraging residents, who already use the footpath, to use the campsite shop.

It was recalled that the new equipment (should an arrangement be made) would need to be approved by Powys County Council(PCC)/ ROSPA before use. Other requirements would be access for the community , biodiversity obligation, insurance, mowing and keeping tidy.

CSC felt that PCC would not object to an update of a children's playground.

The members of the public were positive about the possible future.

## **14. Remembrance Day arrangements.**

There will be a service at the Bwlch War Memorial on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Another is to be held on Sunday in Crickhowell. JW asked for posters to advertise the event on Saturday and to notify the Police.

## **15. Standing Orders.**

Volunteer councillors are needed to review the current standing orders and the model standing orders published by One Voice Wales, PS volunteered.

## **16. Hinterland Group – date of meeting and confirmation of items for discussion.**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of November at Henderson Hall if the venue can be arranged.

The items for discussion are planning, Gilestone farm and the 20mph speed restrictions.

Llanfrynach Community Council has asked to be included.

This group has no relationship to the 5 Councils' Liaison Panel, it seeks to involve all local councils in discussion only.

**17. To support Cwmdu Eisteddfod with a donation.**

£200 Approved. Prop: WF, Sec: JJ

**18. Correspondence – Councillors are notified of email from external bodies, some are listed below.**

- 20mph information from CSC.
- Closure of Ffrewdgrech recycling centre for 3 months, information from CSC. The centre will close over winter, the alternatives are quite distant (Llandrindod and Cwmtych near Swansea). It was suggested that skips would be useful alternatives if placed near Brecon.
- PCC Town and Community Council meeting Wednesday 18.00 to 19.30 (on line)
- Email from Powys Teaching Health Board Engagement on proposals affecting MIU services. Cllrs felt that reduced hours were not right. The hour journey to Merthyr is a long way. JW will respond with KB.
- JW to write to the successful candidates in the county council election.
- Car Parking and Social Care, CSC will send submission.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

The date of the next meeting is 7th December 2023 at Bwlch Village Hall.