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**The following are the minutes of a meeting of Cwmdu and District Community Council held on the 7th
December at 7pm at Bwlch Village Hall**

Attendance: Cllr Chairman: John Williams(JW) Councillors: Paul Silk (PS), Selena Clay (SC), Martin Pearce (MP), John Jones (JJ) and William Forster (WF), David Meyer (DM)

Clerk: Kay Bailey

County Councillors: Sian Cox & Claire Hall

Public Participation: Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau & Paramor Orchard

A member of the Paramour Orchard attended the public session and shared their ongoing work. They are looking for new volunteers and to engage with the wider community, as part of their succession planning. They requested that the Council share their information and events. Their website address is www.marcherapple.net, they hoped that the orchard would be able to grow enough to share the produce.

Councillors thanked the member for attending and for sharing the information.

20/23	Apologies for absence: Cllr L Doggett & Cllr H Jackson
21/23	Members' declarations of Interest:
22/23	Minutes to approve from meeting of the 2nd November 2023: Proposed: MP Seconded: SC Resolved: that the minutes were a true and accurate record. Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Response from Village Halls in relation to D-Day celebrations The Clerk will investigate and report back. (KB)● Bwlch Panel (Cllr J Williams) - reported to BBNPA Cllr J Williams discussed the correspondence received from the BBNPA, they are not going to fix the panel and suggested that if it were dangerous then the Council should remove it. Costs of removing the panel were requested. (KB)● War Memorial cleaning The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted WJ Lawrence; they would undertake a soft" clean in the Summer" if the Council wanted. This was noted by the Council.● A479 meeting - this will now be arranged in the New Year Councillors discussed the email presented. The meeting with the Police commissioner has arisen out of the petition initiative, which is separate to the Council's own initiative

	<p>involving correspondence with the Deputy Minister. These initiatives have similar ends but involve different agendas and Councillors would like the Clerk to chase the original correspondence.</p> <p>They felt that there were two separate groups discussing meeting the Police Commissioner and various officials, with different agendas and would like the Clerk to resend their request for a meeting with the Minister. (KB)</p> <p>6/23 - RFO has now taken over the full Clerk/RFO role - noted 6/23 - Storage still being considered - the Clerk will be consolidating the 11 boxes and will report back with disposal/archive/scanning suggestions. After this has been completed the Council will look again for storage options. (KB)</p> <p>8/23 - 23/21721/Ful Nant Helyg - response sent 13th November 2023 and acknowledged - noted 8/23 - 23/22383/Ful Old Coaching Inn - no objections response sent - noted 13/23 - The officer at Powys is speaking to Housing Services in relation to a sub-lease - noted 16/23 - The Hinterland Group will be holding a meeting on the 13th December - noted 17/23 - Cheque for £200.00 has been sent to the Cwmdu Eisteddfod - noted</p>
23/23	<p>Previous proposal for an active, electronic, “notice board” for the Community Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation by IT consultant <p>This item was moved to the start of the meeting to allow for the presentation holder to leave afterwards. The IT consultant and the Councillors held a discussion about what their intentions were for social media and communications which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Disseminating local news/issues ● Event and “what’s going on” ● News about the area ● Making the website comply with industry standards <p>Various suggestions were given by the IT consultant including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Whatsapp groups ● Text Marketing ● Facebook ● Increased pages on the website for news and events ● Mailchimp <p>The Clerk and the consultant will meet to discuss further and a report will be produced for the Council on the options and costs involved. Councillors suggested this could be done in an informal meeting using a “white board” to allow for a more in depth understanding.</p>
24/23	<p>Standing Item: County Councillors Report (for information only)</p> <p>County Councillor S Cox gave her report to the Councillors, along with Cllr C H.</p> <p>Information was shared about the following items: Powys Careline fraudulent calls alert Stroke engagement project</p>

	<p>Supporting Rough Sleepers Severn Wye Energy Advocate South Powys - Events Economic Growth Sessions Powys Business Growth Grant Improvements to Planning Services Natural Flood Management Grant for Powys National Award to Cut Council Carbon Footprint via Procurement Levelling Up Funding Powys-wide digital improvements project Powys County Council Cabinet Meeting, 21st November Powys County Council – Full Council Public Meeting, 7th December 2023</p>
25/23	<p>Discussion: Presentation of the draft budget for 24-25</p> <p>The Clerk/RFO shared the draft budget report with the Councillors and gave a verbal presentation of the layout and the background to the Governance and Accountability document.</p> <p>Councillor’s requested that this be moved to the January meeting to allow for time to examine the figures and headings and for a full discussion.</p> <p>The Clerk/RFO informed the Council that the deadline for the precept request is the 2nd February 2024.</p>
26/23	<p>Motion: To accept the new model Standing Orders Proposed: WF Seconded: MP Resolved: to accept the updated Standing Orders.</p>
27/23	<p>Standing Item: Planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 23/22496/FUL Proposal: “Application for the extension of and raising the level of an existing Agricultural Shed” Address: Glanpant Fields , Bwlch, Brecon LD3 7JL Councillors discussed their objection to the previous application, they would like to respond with this information and felt that this application would not have been necessary if it were not for the unauthorised work undertaken on the site. ● 23/22149/FUL - “Application for a revised method of disposing the foul water drainage for the approved dwelling under 17/15496/FUL.” (Full Application) at Coed Y Bryn, Bwlch, Brecon, LD3 7HJ - REFUSED - noted ● 23/22457/FUL Proposal: “Creating new entrance for backpacker accommodation by replacing half landing window with a door and external steps.” Address: New Inn , Bwlch, Brecon LD3 7RQ - there was no objection to this application. ● 23/22400/CON Proposal: “Removal of condition 5 (The use of the land the subject of this permission shall only be used during the period 1st March to 31st October in any one year. No tent or washroom facility or parking provision shall remain on the site outside these periods) pursuant to approved planning application 18/16320/FUL (Change of use of agricultural land to site for temporary safari tents for holiday accommodation (3 units) and removable sanitary accommodation units, with associated septic tank installation)” Address: Gilestone Farm , Talybont-On-Usk, Brecon LD3 7JE

There was a discussion in relation to the known objections from Councils nearer to the site. The Council recognised that they were not the official consultee due to this. They wished to respond to the Planning Authority thanking them for their correspondence and to state their concerns related to traffic management for the intended use and any environmental impact.

28/23

Finance Report (Responsible Finance Officer):

- **Motion:** Reconciliations from April to Nov to be noted and approved (produced by Scribe)
Proposed: MP **Seconded:** PS **Resolved:** that the Council accepted the newly produced reconciliations from April to November
- **Motion:** Payments to be noted and approved for Nov/Dec:
Proposed: PS **Seconded:** MP **Resolved:** that the payments were accepted and the Clerk was instructed to pay the outstanding amounts.

Date	Type	Name	Budget	Nett	Vat	Gross
28/11/2023	Cheque	Kay Bailey	Clerks Salary	181.96	0	181.96
01/12/2023	Cheque	Sue Dale	Clerks Salary	1124.10	0	1124.10
07/12/2023	Cheque	Kay Bailey	Clerk Salary	64.00	0	64.00
07/12/2023	Cheque	HMRC	PAYE	45.40	0	45.40
04/11/2023	Cheque	SBW	Grass Cutting	510.00	0	510.00

- **Motion:** for the Council to accept the £1.00 uplift to the NALC salary scales and the subsequent back payments for the Clerk and RFO since April
Proposed: MP **Seconded:** PS **Resolved:** uplift to the Clerks Salary was accepted
This Motion was discussed at the same time as the payments Motion.
- **Motion:** to pay for the “change of name” invoice from Powys in relation to the Cwmdu hall internet connection
Proposed: PS **Seconded:** MP **Resolved:** that once the Clerk had double checked that Powys had not raised this invoice twice that the Council would pay the outstanding amount.
- **Motion:** to reissue the cheques to Cwmdu & Bwlch Village Halls, receipts have been received however the original cheques are out of date
Proposed: PS **Seconded:** JJ **Resolved:** that the Clerk would raise the cheque for Bwlch once further receipts have been received. Both other cheques have now been given.

Please refer to the RFOs report for more information.

29/23

Update on Bwlch triangle broken wall (10/11)

The Clerk confirmed that she is awaiting two written quotes to be able to take to the suggested insurer.

30/23

Motion: to vote on the quotes to insure the War Memorial (11/23)

- This will be moved if the quote has not been received in time

	The Clerk confirmed that she has requested a rebuilt/reissue figure from the mason and that Zurch required this along with other information to be able to quote for insurance.
31/23	<p>Update: The potential community use of Bwlch Church (Cllr J Williams)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the project from Cllr J Williams <p>JW informed the Council that there is still interest in this building in the Community. The group has requested entry to inspect the current upkeep and space.</p>
32/23	<p>Correspondence - Councillors are notified of email from external bodies, some are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16/11/2023 - email One Voice Wales - cost of living crisis team - noted
33/23	<p>Date of next committee meeting to be 4th January 2023 - after discussion it was decided that the Council would meet one week later on the 11th January to allow for the Christmas Holidays.</p>

Meeting closed: 9.29pm