

Ceiriog Uchaf Community Council / Cyngor Cymuned

Minutes of meeting held on Tues 3rd October 2017 7.30pm

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

Present : Cllrs F Evans-Swoggers (Chair), GM Jones, JW Thomas, EW Morris, K.L.Benning, JW Thomas, E. Owens, Cllr T.Bates (WCBC)

Apologies:

Declaration of Interest

Minutes of last meeting : Found to be a correct record. Prop. By Cllr KL Benning & sec. by Cllr.EW Morris

Matters Arising :

076 Co-Option -

Unfortunately Mr J Greatorex was not present at the meeting. The clerk undertook to have his Declaration of Acceptance of Office for the Llanarmon Ward signed forthwith.

077 Police Report –

PCSO Dean Sawyer was present at the meeting & reported one theft from an unlocked garage & one domestic assault. There was also a more contentious issue regarding theft of trees in Glyn. Cllr EW Morris was more concerned by the timeliness of the police response, which he said was 'beyond slow'. PCSO Sawyer said he understood that the officer dealing with Cllr EW Morris's complaint was PC Roberts & to dial 101 to speak to the control room which is open 24 hours, to register dissatisfaction, where you would be given a reference number & it will be followed up. The PCSO's for the valley, Martin Griffiths & Dean Sawyer can pass messages on. Cllr EW Morris asked why it was up to us to chase it up? PCSO Sawyer will send an email to Sgt Burns & Inspector Owens. Rhos is the nearest response team, which is ½ hour from Chirk, which means realistically the quickest response time would be 45 minutes? Llanarmon is the end of the liner after other responses;

999 is for emergencies only; 100 for anti-social behaviour

PCSOs based in Chirk have responsibility for criminal damage & domestic offences but no traffic powers & low level ASB & neighbourhood disputes.

PCSO Sawyer has drafted an email to Inspector Davis (Mold) who has a team of red & white off-road bikes, all black uniform, to deal with off-roading issues (with PC Wright)

078 Finance/Bank – Councillors were furnished with 6 months accounts, showing expenditure of £2244.91, leaving a balance of £7046.09

079 Planning - Amended plans for The West Arms had been received. Roof lights had been adjusted to conform with conservation area & other minor alterations from N.R.W.

080 Roads/Lighting - Cllr E Owens noted that WCBC had piled road salt into hedges on the Swch Rd. This is unacceptable when we are endeavouring to grow new hedges, particularly in areas which are flat & require NO salt even in severest conditions!

081 Reports from Committee Representatives - Chirk & Ceiriog Valley Partnership are moving ahead with new road signs.

Clerk attended One Voice Wales course 'New Councillor Induction'. Any councillor who would like information, please speak to the clerk. Payment will be invoiced shortly of approx. £40.00; Clerk also attended a meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks in Chirk which he found most informative & useful.

082 A.O.B - Public Conveniences – it would appear that The Centenary Hall Committee are moving ahead with gaining control of the building.

St.Garmon's have decided not to become a Pilgrim Church & have formed a Friends of St Garmon's group with the aim of reinvigorating the community interest in & support for St Garmon's church.

Youth Club is active & the committee is forging ahead with fund raising. We look forward to an update.

Cllr F Evans-Swogger has received an estimate to provide 2 signs for the church yard & one for the loos, in the sum of £36. This was accepted.

Cllr T Bates WCBC advises that at 7pm on Tues Oct 31st there will be a presentation by Cadwyn Clwyd re grant funding, at Y Ganolfan, Glyn.

Next meeting Tues 7th November 7.30pm Centenary Hall, Llanarmon D.C.