

Minutes of meeting held Tues 7 Nov 2017

Apologies - Cllr F.Evans-Swogger

Present – Cllrs KL. Benning (Chair), RW Edwards, J.Greatorex, GM Jones, EW. Morris, E.Owens, JW. Thomas, Cllr Trevor Bates (WCBC)

Declaration of interest

Minutes of the last meeting – found to be a correct record

Matters Arising –

083 Police Report –

NWP not present. P.S.O. Sawyer has submitted a report of incidents in the valley, noting an increase in break-ins & thefts from garages & outbuildings. Patrols ongoing to target illegal off-roading. Cllr Jones reported a white transit van had visited his house, enquiring about guttering repairs – BEWARE !

Cllr E.Owens reported off-roaders had been causing damage at Pentre Pant & Dolwen last Sunday. Cllr Morris suggested taking pictures of the miscreants but to be careful. He also informed the council that he had heard nothing from Sgt McCloud at Rhos regarding the previously reported incident at Lechrhydau.

Cllr Owens noted that the Police complain they are understaffed but apparently not when a complaint is made re hunting. The chair Cllr KL.Benning suggested the clerk write to the police expressing the committee's concerns.

Cllr Greatorex enquired whether WCBC has power to close off roads. Cllr T Bates informed the meeting that they did not.

084 Finance Bank – Balance was £6075 ; no cheques outstanding ; permission to pay invoice of £40 to One Voice Wales re training.

085 Planning – Revised plans for The West Arms had been received, largely involving lowering proposed roof height in keeping with conservation area. No comments were made.

086 Roads/Lighting –

The light on the top of the finger post is out. Clerk will inform WCBC lighting;

Cllr Edwards noted that salt piles were killing hedgerows & trees, Springhill to Pant.;

Cllr Greateorex noted a large pothole on the Rhiwlas road out of Llanarmon;

Cllr Trevor Bates has spoken to Kevin Edwards & is meeting with Darren Williams (one up from John Walsh, who is off) to visit road problems;

Cllr Edwards enquired about progress on passing places on the Cwm Road.

087 Reports from Committee Representatives –

The chair had attended a Code of Conduct course. In her absence, the vice-chair Cllr KL. Benning reported that the relevant section to us is on declarations of interest. It was generally thought that we should maintain a register rather than just declare an interest when it arises. Although there was no consensus on this matter, it was generally felt by councillors that they were happy to declare an interest when it arose & that a register was unnecessary. This matter could be further discussed when Cllr Evans-Swogger, who attended the meeting, was present. Cllr Trevor Bates WCBC informed the meeting that he has to register house & any land/buildings he owns.

088 A.O.B. –

Bins – complaints regarding emptying of bins; litter scattered following bin lorry on Monday mornings; bins not emptied at Hafod Adams – Cllr T Bates will follow this up.

Road signs –

Following payment to C.C.V.P for new signs from Wrexham Highways, Highways have now back-tracked, saying the signs approved by each community council do not meet WCBC guidelines. New artwork is being undertaken to reach an agreement with WCBC.

Meeting closed – 8.30pm

Next meeting - Tues 5th December