

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 11th June 2019

Present – Cllrs J Greatorex (Chair) F.Evans-Swogger (minute taker), KL Benning, GM Jones, JW Thomas, T Bates (WCBC)

Apologies – none

Declaration of interest –

Minutes of last meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2019 found to be a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr JW Thomas & seconded by Cllr GM Jones

Matters Arising -

Everyone had a copy of the extensive report provided by Cllr T Bates (WCBC).

176 CCTV –Guidelines indicate that signage informing the public that they are being filmed, is needed at entry points to CCTV zones, so it was decided unanimously that 4 simple 300x400mm signs plus mounting clips were needed ie. One sign for each road entry point to the village centre. This comes to approx.. £170. Johnathan agreed to order the signs & has already done so. It was also suggested that we set up a tech. sub-committee to ensure that computer/CCTV tasks are not just the job of one person. Add to agenda for next meeting?

177 Police Report - Cllr T Bates (WCBC) provided a minimal police report which he can pass on to the clerk. Local reports of a white vane seen being driven around. Re off-roading – More nails have been found in some quantity up on the Llanarmon-Nantyr road. 4x4 activity continues, with some night- time off-roaders being observed on the Wayfarer/Penbwch, with accompanying problems of diesel leaks & open/removed gates. NRW have been asked to increase SSSI signage up on the Wayfarers, to try to educate 4x4 drivers a bout the reasons why they should stick to the roads, to minimise damage. Matt Hinchcliffe of GLASS is currently engaged in submitting a plan of works for the approval of various bodies (NRW being one of them) to improve track surface of the Wayfarer. AGRISCOP have located a £500,000 grant for which it is applying. (This will take a long time, but we might as well take advantage of this grant if they get it)

178 Defibrillator – the Ambulance service has been regularly checking the one sited at The Hand but the latest visit by them did not take place as they ‘couldn’t find it’ !!?? Johnathan said he would follow this up. The Tregairiog defib. is still not up & running. Cllr Benning has tried to no avail to find out about the electricity supply to where the old ‘phone box was. He will give it one more try and it was suggested that if we do not hear within a week, and as time is passing, that the council approach the local house owner (not sure of name??) who has offered the use of their external wall on which to place the defib. It was suggested that we ask Ben Barnes to install it. Where is the case? Clerk to contact Jane Claybrook to see if she still has the case for the Tregairiog defib. Cllr T Bates (WCBC) suggested that

Adam Salomondson is contacted to invite him to the Llanarmon Sheep Dog Trials & Show to do a demonstration on how to use the defib. Clerk to please contact him.

179 Finance/Bank - Councillors agreed unanimously that the accounts were correct. Could we please write to Samantha to thank her please? Is it correct that she waived her fee on the understanding that CUCC would donate it to the Hall? Or do we need to pay her?

180 Planning – no large applications have come in but the Old Bakehouse planning application that went through a while ago (largely retrospective) now wants a slight deviation/amendment to their original plans; they would like to use unseasoned oak as a replacement material on the second house. No comments were made.

181 Roads & Lighting - comments included – Mill Bank is getting rough. The road to Rhydycroesau is very rough in parts up near Caled Gwynt. The roadsides are very muddy & could do with sweeping. Ifor (Old Post Office) is very concerned about the possibility of traffic lights outside his house & the potential for damage & disruption when the riverside road edge is eventually repaired. Cllr T Bates (WCBC) recently accompanied a couple of WCBC employees on a local roadside inspection for stands of Japanese Knotweed (JK). The Council are only treating JK which is growing on their land or on land under their care. There are 2 small stands in the village (on the riverbank between the Hall & the road/bridge in Llanarmon) plus a couple of bits on a stream bank belonging to The Hand. Cllr F Evans-Swogger has asked it to be passed around that she & her husband John will treat the JK in September but it is important that it be left alone until then.

182 Report from Committee Reps. - Cllr F Evans-Swogger reported on a Friends of St Garmon's (FOG) meeting, where her idea of a graveyard survey was discussed. She wanted to inform the CUCC of FOG's plan, in case there were any objections or concerns. She assured that volunteers involved would do so with due regard to sensible health & safety and at their own risk, and that they would be guided & instructed not to damage, scrape or otherwise harm any gravestones. No objections were raised. Cllr Greatorex reported on a meeting he has with Joe Bickerton from Wrexham Tourism. Mr Bickerton admitted that the Ceiriog Valley had been 'rather left out' of late & promised to be more proactive in the future. A representative of " Visit Wales " is due to meet with Cllr Greatorex next week.

183 A.O.B. – Cllr Evan-Swogger reported that one of the very large beech trees just before the bridge in Llanarmon, on the left-hand side, is looking very poorly and leaning on its neighbour. It was damaged a few years ago when a fourth tree was felled by a storm. Cllr Greatorex said that he would informally mention it to the landowner. Cllr T Bates (WCBC) mentioned that the valley's two community agents have become aware of a few people in the CUCC area who might benefit from the services that they provide. He suggested that one of them attend our next meeting, to expand on this ??

Meeting closed 8.45pm

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 2nd JULY