

Ceiriog Uchaf Cyngor Cymuned / Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 14th December 2021

Present – Cllrs J Greatorex (Chair), KL Benning, J.Claybrook, RW Edwards, J.W.Thomas, E.Owens, , Cllr TR Bates (WCBC),

Apologies - Cllrs GM Jones, E Morris

Declarations of interest

Minutes of last meeting –

Found to be a correct record. Proposed by Cllr JW Thomas seconded by Cllr Benning.

Matters arising –.Cllr EM Jones had reported to the Clerk that he had telephoned Mabon & spoken to his assistants from Welsh assembly, who said they will contact Cllr J Greatorex.

304 Reports

- a) Police / Off-roading - No report
- b) Cllr Trevor Bates (WCBC) – Wayfarers closed for 2 months – structural reasons. WCBC budget meeting - apparently BT to switch off copper network by 2025, which would leave remote areas vulnerable during power cuts, when fibre does not function. Cllr Bates to investigate possibilities.

305 Roads & Repairs – FORMAL COMPLAINT

Cllr Edwards & Owens reported that the repairs made on the Cwm Rd are already failing. Tarmac was laid on loose chippings & consequently are now breaking up. Cllr Bates had visited the repairs with Dave Pugh (WCBC) prior to the floods. The reply from WCBC to our official complaint had not addressed any of our concerns & therefore the Ombudsman is the only option open. Chair to action.

Cllr Benning reported progress re. Huw Morris memorial – a stonemason from Conwy will make a written report & estimates 4 days' work, in the region of £1500.

306 Finance /Bank – Budget & Precept – the clerk provided a budget for 2022 to enable the Council to consider the precept. The tax base for the community is 162. The precept in 2021 was £4000 (£24.68 per household). The Budget for 2022 shows expenses of £35400, which are mainly general admin. Expenses incurred by WCBC & Welsh Govt. Should there be an election in the year, further expenses of approx.. £2000 may be incurred, according to Cllr Bates.

The clerk informed the meeting that he would like to offer his resignation, after over 5 years in the post & commented that the majority of funds & his time was spent on administration. Cllr Benning proposed a precept of £6000, seconded by Cllr J Claybrook. Unanimous. NB – this represents £37 per household vs WCBC average of £49.40.

307 A.O.B.

Planning – The proposed barn at Pont y Meibion had been refused.

CCVP is seeking £250 to renew signboards re the proposed flooding of the valley, as it will be the centenary next year. The Chair declared an interest regarding tourism and abstained. Cllr Benning & Edwards declared we did not have sufficient funds.

West Arms loos- An email has been received regarding payment of £500. Cllr Greatorex declared an interest and recused himself. Cllr Benning to handle the matter.

Next meeting Tuesday 11th January 2022