

Ceiriog Uchaf Cyngor Cymuned Community Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Present – Cllrs J Greatorex (Chair), K.L.Benning, F.Evans -Swogger, ,R.W.Edwards, GM Jones, EW Morris, JW Thomas, E. Owens, T.Bates (WCBC)

Apologies – none. All present & correct

Declaration of interest -

Minutes of last meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November found to be a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Evans-Swogger & seconded by Cllr KL Benning

Matters Arising –

Community Agent –Cllr Johnathan Greatorex to invite candidates to interview.

221 Police Report –

1 x ASB youth related; 1 x theft (civil matter); 2 x assaults; 1 x drugs

Ongoing Police operation dealing with off-road issues. PACT secured for local groups for Rugby kit & lap top for Llanarmon DC Youth Club. Speed gun deployed in Pontfadog & Glyn. Trevor Bates (WCBC) mentioned that council meetings had been cancelled or postponed due to the General Election.

222 Finance/Bank -

Bank Account at 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	£2430
Outstanding In	none
Outstanding Out	<u>£ 250</u>
	<u>£2180</u>
Outstanding from last year	£ 500 (The West loos)
Outstanding from this year	£ 500 (The West loos)
	<u>£1180</u>
Remaining precept	<u>£ 667</u>
	<u>£1847</u>

Permission was given to issue a cheque in the sum of £150 to VCT for annual webhosting fee.

223 Precept - The amount has been fixed at £2000 for a number of years. This represents a sum of £12.42 per household. This is the third lowest in Wrexham CBC & compares favourably with Glyntrian £49.35 & Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog £62.76. Cllr Benning noted that the installation of CCTV had consumed a large proportion of our historic surplus & unless a specific need was identified, it would be sensible to remain unchanged, in light of the auditor's report on percentage surplus. The Chairman noted that the finger post requires some attention & flower tubs had been requested by the Youth Club. Cllr Bates enquired whether we had any other plans for forthcoming D-Day celebrations which may require funds. After some deliberation, it was proposed by Cllr Evans-Swogger & seconded by Cllr EW Morris & unanimously carried, to remain unchanged at £2000.

#### 224 Strategic Documents -

The Chairman is still reviewing strategic documents, which is time consuming. The clerk noted that some documents appear to have moved from the website. He will investigate with VCT publishing documents & format.

#### 225 Council Structure

Cllr Benning continued with his comments at the last meeting, noting that there is some value in continuity ie. 3- or 5-year Chair-ship rather than the traditional one-year appointment alternating between wards. He also noted that the Chair should be digitally able, in today's environment. This does NOT exclude representation by those digitally less able; it would be wrong to exclude 'wise, old heads.' We should encourage some younger people to become Councillors & may be consider a Junior Community Council. The Chairman asked for Councillors' views – Cllr EW Morris thought that 5 years was probably too long & 3 years would be long enough! A 3-year term was proposed by Cllr GM Jones & seconded by Cllr EW Morris. Unanimously agreed.

#### 226 Planning - none

#### 227 Highways –

Too many problems to list. Cllr Greateorex to invite chief exec. to attend a meeting. Cllr Evans-Swogger to word template letter to Darren Williams, Head of Highways. Cllr Bates noted that WCBC provide two people to cover Llangollen Rural, covering Chirk & the Ceiriog Valley.

228 A.O.B. –Cllr EW Owens informed the meeting that he had stepped down as school governor, as the number had been reduced to enable a member of the Community Council to be appointed. He wished to put himself forward as a Community Council representative. In light of his previous experience, this was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Benning & seconded by Cllr GM Jones.