

Ceiriog Uchaf Cyngor Cymuned/Community Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 24th November 2020

Present Cllrs J Greatorex (Chair), K.L Benning, RW Edawrds, GM Jones, E.Owens, JW Thomas, Cllr T Bates (WCBC), Anne L.Morris (Community Agent) Huw Jones(WCBC Mobile Library), WA Morris

Apologies – Cllr EW Morris

Declarations of Interest

Minutes of the last meeting Tues 6th October found as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr KL Benning; Seconded by Cllr E Owens

Matters Arising- PotHoles

266 – Heritage Lottery Fund Grant

The Community Agent Anne Lloyd Morris has been successful in her application for £10,000 for the “Clustnodau Defaid” project. The Chair noted this was the reward for a huge amount of her hard work.

Mr Huw Jones (WCBC Mobile Library Service) told us how the book had come into his possession. His cousin had handed him the book, hand written in 1836, with diagrams. His grandfather, John Lewis Jones, had been the Baptist minister in the Seion chapel, Glyn Ceiriog and the book had been given to him. Mr Huw Jones wished to present it to the museum in the Neuadd Goffa / Institute and said that in a meeting, Anne had picked up on its possibilities straight away. Cllr T Bates thanked Mr Jones for presenting the book to the Institute.

Anne Morris then gave a presentation as an application. The Aims must be achieved by the end of March, which is a very tight schedule in current Covid times.

Cllr Edwards asked whether the book gave the names of the marks, as each mark has a name to describe it, so that you can tell people what mark any missing sheep had. This is exactly the sort of information that could be recorded for the project so we could have a dictionary of these names before they are lost.

Apparently, industrial heritage is well documented but upland hill farming not so. A facsimile of the book will be published. Tablets will be bought & a digitised record will be uploaded to National History at Aberystwyth & also Bangor. The Chair also noted that Anne’s efforts will also contribute to the rebuilding of the Community website & provide a link to the project. Thanks to Anne for this important and exciting project and thanks to Huw for bringing it to our attention. Who does not wish they had asked older folk more questions & recorded their memories before they are lost ?

267 Reports –

- a) Police Reports / Off-roading – 5 x violent & sexual; 1 x criminal damage & arson; 3 x ASB
- b) Cllr Bates (WCBC) – Gully suckers are working in the valley; Social housing in Pontfadog shortly to become available ; salt piles being replenished.
- c) Community Agent - when established in the Hall, perhaps we shall think about a food bank. The Chair proposed we should pay £500 from the grant to the Hall to cover the Community Agent’s use thereof. Seconded by Cllr KL Benning. Anne has opened a Starling Bank account for the Heritage Fund & the Community Council will drip feed this account as necessary. Cllr KL Benning thought that the project would be of wider interest than just locally; Anne informed us that the news is currently embargoed, as the lottery will make a press release.

268 Finance/Bank –

Balance as 3 rd November	£6869
Outstanding cheques	£1106
Balance	<u>£5763</u>

The Clerk is in the process of registering for telephone banking & internet banking, to facilitate the Community agent’s work.

269 Co-Option - The meeting was held in Camera. One application had been received. The individual will be invited to make a presentation at the next Council meeting.

270 Highways – Cllr Edwards noted that this comes up at every meeting & yet nothing gets done. What can we do to make something happen?

The Chair noted there is a website ‘Fix My Street’, where you enter your problem & they send it to the Council & it is logged. WCBC has about the lowest spend per capita on roads at £59. Powys is £600. Signs for the recent roadworks cost £239 per day for 2 weeks, with no traffic lights ! Continue to encourage the Councillor from the Ceiriog Valley to pester WCBC.

271 A.O.B – Cllr Edwards noted that a lot of building work was happening at Ysgol Cynddelw, Glyn Ceiriog & is money being spent in Llanarmon? Cllr Owens, a school governor, assured him that it was.

The Chair has been asked by Rosie Davies & Kerris Sweeney for funds to put a Christmas Tree in both Llanarmon & Tregairiog. £106 was needed for trees & lights. Proposed by Cllr Benning & seconded by Cllr Owens.

St. Garmon’s have requested that WCBC provide lighting on the church path.

Next meeting Tuesday 15th December