Ceiriog Uchaf Cyngor Cymuned / Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2022

Present - Cllrs J Greatorex (Chair), KL Benning. J Claybrook, RW Edwards, T.Bates (WCBC)

Members of the public -

Apologies - Cllr GM Jones

Declarations of interest -

Minutes of last meeting -

Found to be a correct record. Proposed by Cllr KL Benning, seconded by Cllr RW Edwards

<u>Matters arising</u> - Cllr Benning noted that there was growing public pressure on BT to delay the 'switch off' of copper lines;

Huw Morris memorial – Glyn Trian CC have pledged £100 towards the cleaning of the monument.

321 Reports

- <u>a)</u> Police / Off-roading Police have conducted an 'off-roading' operation.
 Unroadworthy vehicle seized in Nantyr. Another stuck on the Wayfarers. Cllr Bates noted that DEFRA (& therefore England) are questioning whether motorised vehicles should be controlled on Green Lanes.
- b) Cllr Trevor Bates (WCBC) Purdah pre-elections.; New 20 seater Tanat Valley bus for the valley; One house in Glyn & one in Llanarmon registered for Ukrainian refugees; grant of £340 received from AVOW for fridge-freezers for Community Cupboard.

322 Roads & Repairs -

Following the meeting with Kerry Williams & Dave Pugh, it was evident that there would be no funds available for proper road repairs for local roads. The roads in the Ceiriog Valley are secondary roads & the population is small, therefore the budget will only cover 'abortive repairs'. These are not designed to last but are interim emergency repairs.

323 Finance/Bank Balance at 5th April £4310.81 Less Hall £2000 £2310.81

324 Elections

The Chair, Councillor Greatorex, said that he will not be standing due to the lack of respect from W.C.B.C. In the future, not being a Councillor will allow him to speak freely & expose those things which should be exposed at W.C.B.C. He is grateful for the support he has received from the local community & fellow Councillors over the past 5 years

Councillor R.W.Edwards will not be standing due to the contempt shown by W.C.B.C. & the Welsh Government to our local community. They are not concerned about our difficulties and problems, be it the condition of the roads, difficulties of school transport from remote areas or any of the problems facing re mote rural areas. Germany & Ireland are putting land back into food production, in the face of pending food shortages. There has been nothing from the Welsh Government. Kerry Williams did not even know what his Highways budget was.

Cllr JW Thomas will not be standing for election, after many years of service.

Cllr Claybrook has put her papers in, as has Cllr GM Jones & Cllr K Benning.

Cllr Benning (Vice C hair) thanked all the departing Councillors for many years of service to the Community & regretted that the failures of WCBC had made this inevitable.

Cllr Benning further noted that depending on who may have stood for election, the Council may not be quorate at the next meeting. Welsh Government has imposed 2 new statutory duties on Community Councils, which may not be able to be satisfied.

325 A.O.B.

Cllr Claybrook reported that the milestone had been damaged by a falling tree. Freya & John Evans-Swogger were using their skills to ensure it will be correctly repaired.

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Next meeting and A.G.M. Tuesday 10th May 7pm 2022 Centenary Hall.