

**Minutes of Meeting** Date: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

<b>Ceiriog Ucha Community Council -</b>		<b>Present:</b> Cllr Benning (Chair), Cllr Jones, Cllr, Berriman, Cllr Biddulph, Cllr Morris, Cllr Claybrook, County Councillor Bates, Freja Swogger, Shimara Berriman
<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action required –Who/when?</b>
1. Apologies	None	
2. Declaration of Interest	None	
3. Minutes of last meeting	AGM Minutes – Proposed by Cllr Berriman and seconded by Cllr Jones General Minutes – Proposed by Cllr Morris and seconded by Cllr Berriman	
4. Matters arising	Questionnaire for the Community – Cllr Biddulph and Cllr Claybrook to meet to put this together Website and FB Page – due to work commitments Cllr Claybrook hadn't made enquiries but will have FB group up and running before next meeting	Cllr Biddulph and Cllr Claybrook to meet to discuss  Cllr Claybrook to Action
5. Co-Option	Cllr Benning explained that we need to co-opt within 35 days of election to get new councillors on board asap. Two members of public have put themselves forward, Freja Swogger and Shimara Berriman. Both asked to come along to this meeting to address with as to why they want to be a Councillor. Both happy to speak in front of one another. <b>Declaration of interest made by Cllr D Berriman</b> Both applicants left the room together with Cllr D Berriman and County Cllr Trevor Bates. A vote was taken by Councillors and both candidates were successful. Councillors were welcomed by Cllr Benning.	
6. Clerk	Councillors were made aware that Mr Guy Williams since the last meeting had resigned. Cllr Benning has now joined One Voice Wales so we can access help/advice as and when needed. They have told us that an honorarium is not allowed to clerks and that they need to be employed. Cllr Benning had spoken to Jean Davies, Clerk of Glyn Ceiriog who was going to have a think about the position on our council. Unfortunately, due to family commitments she will not be able to take this role on. Jean is very willing to help new clerk as and when appointed. Cllr Benning will be collecting paperwork from Guy Williams at	Cllr Benning and Cllr Swogger to put advert together. CC Bates to ask WCBC with regards to fees etc.

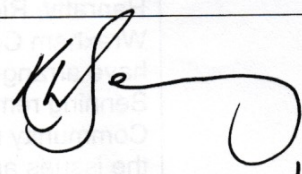


	<p>a time and date to suit them both.</p> <p>If we have to pay a clerk we need to look at the time needed to do the job, managing accounts etc. £1,000 per year gives around 2 hours per week work @ £10 per hour. It was discussed that WCBC may supply a Clerk if we are not successful in appointing ourselves. There are professional clerks who take on smaller councils. It was noted that Glyntraian Clerk works 2 days per week. This is obviously going to mean a larger jump in our precept when putting together for 2023 – at the moment our precept is £6,000 which we receive over 3 block payments. Clerks do have some training to undertake but as we are only a small council and not handling over £100,000 per year this will be limited. Council tax from second homes is not yet in place, at the moment still at the standard rate. Hopefully a local person will take on the role. It is possible that a councillor could cover until advert is out. Suggestion made that Cllr Swogger would cover until such time. Cllr Swogger happy with this. It was noted that Brian Pratt, local retired accountant is happy to help Cllr Benning with the finance side.</p> <p>Proposal made for Cllr Swogger to cover the post temporarily as a councillor – unanimous vote.</p>	
7. Police report	No Police report available for this meeting	
8. Trevor Bates – County Councillor report	<p>Councillor Bates reported to meeting that PACT funding was available from the police.</p> <p>12/7/22 event at Oliver Jones Memorial Hall with Warm Wales – advice on how to get grants and how to keep warm this winter.</p> <p>2/7/22 Canolfan Glyn Ceiriog are holding a summer fair which includes a climbing wall which has been hired via grant money received.</p> <p>Grants available for young people – youth club.</p> <p>Ray Burns and David Watts – renewables – hydro electricity.</p> <p>WRVS scheme looking for somebody to act as co-ordinator as well as more volunteer drivers. They do pay 45p per mile.</p>	Councillor Swogger to Contact PCSO Gareth Jones with regards to PACT funding.



9. 4x4 issues	Councillor Berriman had done some research and had found a group called Gleam. The help you gather evidence etc when you are having issues with misuse of greenlanes etc. Councillor Berriman had also made contact with Sean Hanratty, Rights of Way officer at Wrexham County Borough Council – they have arranged a meeting. Councillor Benning reminded the meeting of when a Community meeting was held to discuss the issues and there was outstanding attendance. Councillor Berriman asked about joining Gleam at a cost of £15. Councillor Benning will speak to One Voice Wales and see if this is ok to do.	Councillor Berriman to have meeting with Sean Hanratty, Rights of Way Officer, WCBC Councillor Benning to check with One Voice Wales on membership of Gleam.
10. Finance	Unable to comment at this present moment.	
11. Huw Morus listed monument	Councillor Benning updated us on this matter:- New owner of the land has been given instructions of what they can and can't do. £2,000 is needed for the clean of the monument, owner of property has pledged £750, 50% of cost possibly from CADW. Councillor Benning will update council on what donation is needed when he knows what funding has come in.	Councillor Benning to update Council when funding received
12. Social Media Policy	Councillors are to look through the policy. Standing orders revised. A lot of these will be shown in the code of conduct.	Councillor Benning to look at these before the next meeting.
13. Roads	Councillor Morris said the relationship between Community Council and WCBC has changed over the years. A lot of work is now outsourced and not done by the Council. Councillor Benning mentioned that he had communicated with WCBC recently and they had been ever so helpful. County Councillor Bates said if you are reporting matters as a councillor they should go through the meeting but you can still report as a member of the public. Councillor Biddulph commented that the Cwm road is not suitable for the amount of traffic that use it. Councillor Benning commented on the increase of HGV's on the road and how much better it was since Tanat Valley took over the bus route using a much smaller vehicle. Andrew Mytton is the Transport Manager for WCBC	Ongoing  County Councillor Bates will report back to Tanat Valley on the positive feedback on the use of smaller buses on the B4500.
14. AOB	Milestone opposite Megin – WCBC Conservation officer Kathryn Moore is aware and Councillor Swogger will keep us updated.	

	Councillor Biddulph mentioned the flooding sign on the road up past the church as it is in need of repair.	
15. Date of next meeting		Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30 pm

  
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