

# Gwehelog Fawr Community Council Minutes Meeting Number 376

Venue: Gwehelog Village Hall on 26 February 2020 at 8.00pm

**Present:** Chair Cllr S.Carbury (SC), Cllr J Kershaw, Cllr R.Carbury (RC), Cllr M.Godwin, (MG), Cllr Bayliss (JB), Cllr. R. Marfell (RM), Cllr.C.Kirby, (CK),

**In attendance:** the Clerk Ms. Awni, (NA), County Councillor V Smith (VS)

**Members of the Public attending 1 (Note: Monmouthshire County Council is MCC)**

Item No.	Item	Action
1	<b>Apologies for Absence: 0</b>	
2	<b>Declarations of Interest – Cllr S Carbury Chair, interest declared in the Planning item Trostrey Court Farm Barns</b>	
3	<b>Minutes of the previous ordinary meeting no 374 held on 29 January 2020 at 8.00pm</b> The Chair asked whether members were happy to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the January meeting. There were no corrections raised in relation to the minutes. They were approved as a correct record following a proposal by Cllr RC which was seconded by Cllr RM and the minutes were signed by the Chair. <b>There were no Minutes of the previous ordinary meeting no 375 to be held on 14 February 2020 at 8.00pm as the meeting was cancelled.</b>	<b>Clerk to post on website</b>
4	<b>Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting no 374</b> <b>Highways</b> – The Clerk confirmed that all highway matters had been notified to MCC for action and service areas had been informed. Cllrs expressed concerns at the state of the roads at Coldharbour and Llanayo given the recent storms.	
5	<b>MCC update :</b> Cllr VS confirmed that she was available for an hour of the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the LDP presentation is being made next week to MCC.</li><li>the Trostrey Court Barns planning application will go to Planning committee in April</li><li>Cllr VS is keen that the Police are asked to come before the MCC Scrutiny Committee to justify the rise in their financial requirements.</li></ul>	
6	<b>Finance and governance –</b> a) The clerk confirmed that following the last meeting an error had been noted in the spreadsheet circulated meaning that the purchase for January 2020 had been added to the account balance rather than subtracted. This was amended and recirculated to members. It was confirmed that this left the end of January balance at £3878.44 b) The third MCC annual precept payment of £1500 had not been made on 31 December 2019 as expected, and on checking with MCC the clerk had been told that the payment had been returned to them by the banking service provider. On further investigation, the clerk was told that the account details had been changed and the updated details were then given to MCC. The precept payment was subsequently made into the account and updated on a further visit. Concerns were voiced by both the Clerk and members who were unhappy with yet another service issue requiring clerk time and effort to sort out. It was suggested that a formal complaint should be made. The clerk confirmed that she had not been notified of a change to the account details and had continued to use the details which had always been used. There had not been any previous issue. The council remains unhappy with the level of service it receives. c) The income, receipt and expenditure details for the year to date were circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk went through the receipts and expenditure for the month of February. The Wales Air Ambulance donation receipt for £100 was circulated. The annual subscription to OVW is due at a cost of £73.00. The annual rent for the village hall was due, £276 and the annual website cost of £79.20 inc VAT. The annual registration with the Information Commissioner is also due. Payments for February totalled £ 653.42. Expenditure approval and a proposal to	<b>Clerk to action</b>  <b>Clerk to action</b>  <b>Clerk to action payments</b>

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	authorize payments was made by Cllr RM and seconded by Cllr JK. The proposal that the Chair sign the account book as matching the account balance at December was made by Cllr CK and seconded by Cllr JB.	
7	<b>Policy matters : GDPR Policies</b> are due for review Cllrs RC and JK confirmed these will be undertaken for the next meeting along with a review of the payments process <b>The IRPW Report</b> and recommendations (Feb, 2020) was adopted, proposed by Cllr MG and seconded by Cllr JB.	<b>Cllrs JK and RC to action</b>
8	<b>Consultations and Notifications</b> The Chair and Cllr MG had attended the Raglan Community Council meeting to discuss the Town and Community Council review on the 18 February. At the meeting, significant concerns had been raised on the reduction in representation for Gwehelog and other wards and the splitting of the wards between Raglan and Gobion Fawr Community Councils. It seemed that no one had listened to the views of the community councils. Cllr JK said that a local resident association might be a legitimate way of future working and representing local views. The Chair confirmed that the precept varied considerably at Raglan to that at Gwehelog Fawr, which might mean a significant increase in the council tax payment. A copy of the letter sent from Raglan Council to the Wales Housing Minister had been received just before the meeting. The letter had been circulated to members, and it was recognised this was at very short notice to read and digest. The Clerk was asked to write to the Housing Minister on behalf of members, to raise the local issues that will result as a consequence of Gwehelog Fawr Community Council no longer existing as a public body.	<b>Clerk to correspond with the Welsh Housing Minister</b>
9	<b>Highway matters</b> - A member of the public reported that the roads at Llancayo were overly muddy as a result of a farmer not clearing after field work. Highways have cleared drains which, are not yet fully functioning after the recent storms. A number of local roads have potholes. Cllr JK to notify the clerk. A no entry sign was requested at the VH by Cllr MG to stop the use of the lanes by HGV vehicles which are becoming stuck.	<b>Clerk to action - notify MCC</b>
10	<b>Reports</b> – The Village Hall defibrillator matter is not resolved. The clerk had sent through the invoice copy in June 2019 to the village hall committee, which has now been resent to Cllrs JK and JB to resolve with the committee.	<b>Cllr JK and JB</b>
11	<b>Planning Applications</b> received – a) <b>DM/2018/0800</b> Homestead Wainfield Lane. The outcome of the planning committee visit was not yet known. b) It was noted that a visit to the Alice Springs equestrian centre was also planned by the committee. c) <b>Councillor JK took the Chair</b> for the item Planning Application <b>DM/2018/01641</b> Trostrey Court Farm Barns. Cllr JK stated that it is not clear from the revised consultation MCC sent through, whether the applicant is requesting either 1,2 or 3 -17m chimney flue stack(s). Previous comments made and objections raised on the application, have not been answered. A paper previously circulated by Cllr JK was proposed as a response to the planning department this was seconded by Cllr MG. All members eligible to support the proposal did so.	<b>Clerk to action</b>

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	<p>The clerk confirmed that a complaint had been filed with MCC over the failure of the Planning officer to consult with Gwehelog Fawr on an amendment to the application. This is now with the MCC Monitoring officer and members are awaiting a response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No judicial review update</li><li>• Appeals notified -none</li></ul>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Questions from the public</b> – Highway matters There is glass on the verges at Llancayo which the resident present has been picking up. The drain on the road to Bettwys Newydd (R60) grid and drains flooded. There are also potholes down the adopted road at Llancayo</p>	<b>Clerk to action</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Correspondence : Previously circulated</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Events and training : OVW events circulated</b>	
<b>15</b>	<p>Matters for the next meeting: Council Review update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Highway matters</li><li>• Banking service provider</li><li>• Policy and procedure reviews</li><li>• Planning application Trostrey Court Farm</li><li>• Planning Committee – outcome of visits</li></ul>	
	<p>The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm <b>Next meeting : 25 March 2020 at 8.00 pm</b></p>	