

Gwehelog Fawr Community Council Minutes Meeting Number 366

Venue: Gwehelog Village Hall on 27 March 2019 at 8.00pm

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

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

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

Item No.	Item	Action
1	Apologies for Absence: Cllr.J.Kershaw (JK) Cllr. R.Carbury (RC) Declarations of Interest - None declared	
2	Approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting no.365 held on 27 February 2019 at 8.00pm. There were no proposed corrections to the minutes and they were approved as a correct record proposed by Cllr CK seconded by Cllr MG. Minutes were approved.	Clerk to circulate
3	Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting : a) Highways – Potholes reported at the last meeting have now been filled in by MCC. Cllr CK raised one other, the location will be notified to the Clerk. b) Work was undertaken on the verge issue reported, however, feedback had been received from MCC re verge markers. Clerk to notify MCC on their location. c) Planning – site visit to Trostrey Barns – There is to be an appraisal by National Resources Wales and a decision is awaited	Clerk to respond to MCC
4	MCC update : Cllr VS confirmed that the planning application relating to housing developments at Raglan had again been passed by MCC. The final decision on this rests with the Welsh Government(WG) Cllr VS gave the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals to review school catchments have resulted in a number of members of the public attending a select committee meeting which discussed the matter. • The company which managed the street lighting for MCC has gone into administration. There have been significant levels of complaints received by MCC about street lights being on all day and night. It is understood that the company required funds to address this. From 1 April a new firm will have the MCC contract. • A satellite post office is now operating from Goytre village hall on Friday afternoons. Is it feasible for Gwehelog to enquire about a facility? • MCC made a successful bid for national monies to develop 5 schemes to reduce loneliness and social isolation and improve rural transport. Funds were allocated equally to 5 companies to develop solutions. From April, only 2 of those companies will continue work to develop schemes. • Cllr VS visited a Wembley housing development to look at good practice. • At the recent Prison meeting, 2 Community Councils were represented. 	
5	Finance and governance – a) Issues with the banking process - On 4 March, the Clerk was contacted by the banking services provider to confirm that, on presentation, another Council cheque had been returned, unpaid, by the clearing bank. Apologies were made. The Clerk raised a formal complaint and, as the cheque related to the Clerk, MBS were asked to make direct contact with the Chair/ Vice Chair to discuss the matter further. The Clerk subsequently went to the Usk branch to receive the necessary paperwork and to allow the necessary adjustment to the Council account. The paperwork, brought back to the full Council for the authorized signatures was circulated. Letters received from the service provider dated the 7, 8, and 18 March offer apologies both to the Clerk and to the Council and confirm that the matter is the result of an issue at the clearing bank. This relates specifically to the bank processes and is not as a result of Council processes. The Clerk circulated the letters. Attached to the letter dated 18 March, was a cheque for £25	

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9	Planning matters: Consultee Letter for Planning Application DM/2019/00381 -Walnut Tree House NP15 1LA Cllrs viewed the plans and elevation documents on the planning portal. Members voiced some concerns over the potential for light pollution. It was agreed to make a comment that given the raised elevation of the site, it should not be overlit and thereby cause light pollution. There is no further news on the Llancayo site which was considered at a judicial review	
10	Questions from the public - The member of the public present raised the following matters. Footpath registration – Are all of the local footpaths listed ? Cllrs recalled work being undertaken some years previously to highlight all of the local paths which should be automatically be registered. Footpath signage -A sign for upper Llancayo has disappeared -at Upper Llancayo Farm grid reference R61 Sign - Llancayo to Clytha R60 by the big oak tree the sign is lying on the inside of the hedge and needs putting up. Drain issues – Drain cover by noticeboard in Llancayo Dislodged drain – on the A4598 by the 50 speed sign . The member of the public agreed to send through photographs and grid references to the Clerk to notify MCC. The Clerk was thanked for putting the member of the public in touch with the MCC litter champion and resolving some issues. A litter pick is being organised from the Village Hall on 2 April.	
11	Correspondence list : Correspondence list includes letters and emails received	
12	Events and training : OVW training list has been circulated.	
13	Matters for the next meeting: Review of risk assessment Email provision Matters for AGM	
	The meeting was declared closed at 9.25pm Next meeting : 24 April 2019 at 8pm	