

Gwehelog Fawr Community Council Minutes Meeting Number 374

Venue: Gwehelog Village Hall on 29 January 2020 at 8.00pm

Present: Chair Cllr S.Carbury (SC), 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)

Members of the Public attending 16 (Note: Monmouthshire County Council is MCC)

Item No.	Item	Action
1	Apologies for Absence: Cllr.J.Kershaw (JK), (Vice Chair),County Councillor V Smith (VS)	
2	Declarations of Interest – none	
3	Minutes of the previous ordinary meeting no 373 held on 27 November 2019 at 8.00pm The Chair asked whether members were happy to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the November meeting. There were no corrections raised in relation to the minutes. They were approved as a correct record following a proposal by Cllr RM which was seconded by Cllr CK and the minutes were signed by the Chair.	Clerk to post on website
4	Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting no 373 Highways – The Clerk confirmed that all highway matters had been notified to MCC for action and service areas had been informed. Cllr CK confirmed that a new sign had been put in place at Bettwys Newydd as requested. Internal auditor- The clerk noted that the internal auditor has confirmed that they are happy to continue to act for the council for the internal audit of accounts year end 2019-2020.	
5	MCC update : Cllr VS sent apologies.	
6	Finance and governance – a) 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 months of December and January. The cheque request for the Wales Air Ambulance donation for £100 had been raised and the antivirus software for the Council laptop was purchased at £39.99. The annual subscription to SLCC is due at a cost of £78.00. Payments for December and January totalled £ 587.85. Expenditure approval and a proposal to authorize payments was made by Cllr MG and seconded by Cllr JB. 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 RC. b) MCC have confirmed the Precept amount of £4500 for the year 2020-21. Payment is to continue over 3 installments of £1500. The final installment for 2019-2020 should have been made in December and will be updated in the account book on the next visit to the service provider.	Clerk to action Clerk to action
7	Policy matters : GDPR Policies are due for review the Clerk suggested that this be undertaken with support from Cllrs RC and JK	Clerk to action
8	Consultations and Notifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">MCC replacement LDP 2018-33 A second call for candidate sites will start on 9 March 2020 and run for 12 weeks until 1 June 2020There were no comments on the proposed changes to planning application fees The Clerk had attended the Electoral Commission meeting on the Boundary review at County Hall, the previous week. At the meeting it was confirmed that the MCC Electoral Review had now been approved by the Welsh Government meaning that Gwehelog Fawr Community Council will no longer exist as a public body with effect from 2021 (next local elections). Gwehelog will be subsumed into Raglan Council and representation will considerably reduce. Kemeys Commander and LLancayo wards will move to Gobion Fawr. It was noted that Trostrey is not mentioned. Concerns had been	

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	expressed by a number of town and community councils present at the meeting, on a perceived lack of consultation on the review process and outcome. A list of the Council membership for MCC, based on the Community Review order was circulated to members along with a map of the representation by council. Members agreed that strong representations had been made some years ago on the review proposals and that these did not appear to have been listened to or taken into account. Referring to the request by OVW for feedback on the decision, it was felt by members that the decision had already been made. The Chair also observed that there would be no saving made as a consequence of the review and that the precept of Raglan is higher than that of Gwehelog which may mean an increase in Council tax for residents. A request made by the Chair of Raglan Council to meet with Gwehelog Council members and /or representative was shared and the Chair confirmed that he was happy to meet with Raglan.	Clerk to respond
9	Highway matters - A member of the public reported that : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a house on the Usk Road, had an outside light which was affecting driver visibility on the road Mud on the road from the churning of fields around Poplars Farm was reported as causing a hazard. The clerk suggested that a mention in the newsletter reminding residents to keep roads clear of mud might be helpful.	Clerk to action with MCC
10	Reports – The Village Hall updates were circulated earlier by the clerk. Cllr JB reported that the VH had been unable to source the company who had supplied the Defibrillator, which was broken. It will be raised at the next meeting. The Police report had also been circulated to members that evening	
11	Planning Applications received - DM/2019/0800 Homestead Wainfield Lane. An extension to the final response date had been requested and agreed to the 31 January. There were concerns raised by a number of residents present, about the proposal to demolish the bungalow and erect 2 houses. These related to the size of the plot, concern over the potential volume and ability of the soil to cope with, foul drainage, additional traffic on the lane and driveways set opposite existing. The comments, together with those of members, were noted by the clerk and an objection will be sent to the MCC planning team by Friday. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No judicial review update Appeals notified -none 	Clerk to action
12	Questions from the public – raised under other items	
13	Correspondence : Used Stamps -the village hall will have a box for used stamps to benefit the RNIB.	All
14	Events and training : OVW events circulated	
15	Matters for the next meeting: Council Review update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning application Trostrey Court Farm Defibrillator 	
	The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm Next meeting : 26 February 2020 at 8.00 pm	