

Gwehelog Fawr Community Council Minutes Meeting Number 364

Venue: Gwehelog Village Hall on 30 January 2019 at 8.00pm

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

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

Members of the Public attending 3 (Note: Monmouthshire County Council is MCC)

Item No.	Item	Action
1	<p>Apologies for Absence: None Declarations of Interest - None declared</p>	
2	<p>Approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting no.363 held on 28 November 2018 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.</p>	<p>Clerk to circulate</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Highways – Waste water at Llancayo was reported and has been dealt with by MCC. Cllr CK confirmed that the fly tipping had been removed. There is highways work being undertaken around the lanes. It is understood the Chain Bridge white lining is under review. b) Planning – Enforcement matter notified to planning is being investigated 	
4	<p>MCC update : Cllr VS confirmed that the review of school catchments was underway. Details had been circulated to members. Nothing has been heard re the judicial review for the Llancayo site. A delegated panel plan a site visit to the Beeches next week -details have been circulated to members. Cllr VS intending to attend. Handout given re the 2019/20 Budget proposals. Cllr JK asked about the national formula. Cllr VS confirmed there is lots to challenge. List of public submissions to the LDP published next week. Further opportunity to comment in November. VS attended cluster meeting and central area meeting both worth attending to obtain the bigger picture. Revamp of recycling is in place and the Chair asked whether this would release savings. Cllr VS said there should be. There is some confusion over food waste bags. Cllr VS said there would be stocks made available. The new system will be more efficient and will result in making fertilizer and electricity. Members expressed concern over the potential for fly tipping which may result by the restricting the access to recycling facilities locally.</p>	
5	<p>Planning matter at Wainfield Lane – Two members of the public joined the meeting to discuss specific concerns over the proposed new build at the Beeches. The residents were keen for members to hear their concerns re the impact that the development would have on them and the surrounding environment. General concern was expressed by members on the density of housing on Wainfield Lane. Issues concerning the suitability of the proposed new drainage system were discussed. Cllr JK proposed that comments should be fed back to the Planning Officer re concerns over the adequacy of the drainage system as a whole, for the community. In addition, whether consideration had been given to the potential environmental impact. The period of testing carried out had been undertaken during dry weather. Members were concerned that the results of this should also stand up during periods of ‘wet weather’. A resident confirmed that they had sent in comments and queries to the designated MCC planning officer on this matter, but had not yet received a response. The Members asked the clerk to mention this as part of the comments back. Cllr VS made apologies and left the meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p>

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<p>6</p>	<p>Finance and Governance matters : The precept for 2019/20 has been confirmed to MCC and acknowledgement received. The final precept installment due in December has not yet been updated in the accounts. The Clerk confirmed that the Internal auditor had now responded to confirm that he was willing to act for the Council for a further year. An opt out form was circulated to all members re the availability to take an individual Councillor payment of £150 for 2018/19. Some members had responded by email declining the payment. Where members wished to decline the payment, then they were asked to confirm that in writing. Members duly signed to confirm opt out. Copies of the Council Receipts and expenditure spreadsheet outlining the financial position year to date were circulated The clerk circulated the statement on the up to date financial position and payments to be approved. The laptop anti- virus software has been renewed £44.99 and the awaited invoice had been received from the Wales Audit Office £316.80. Clerk pay and expense details for Dec and Jan had been received by Cllr JK. For payment The SLCC membership renewal of £76 was also due. Finance training delivered by OVW had been undertaken by the Clerk and Cllr JK in November £80. Cllr.CK proposed the payments detailed on the accounts should be made and the balance to be checked and signed. This was seconded by Cllr. MG. The Chair checked and signed the passbook account balance. It was pointed out that there is a budget line overspend on pay and payroll costs. It was agreed that the budget would be reviewed in February and that the audit review detail would be updated. The Wales Air Ambulance had written to the Council expressing their thanks for the donation of £100.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p> <p>Clerk to action</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Highways: – Cllrs. CK, JB and JK expressed their appreciation that there had been a great deal of work undertaken by MCC to clear local drains. The Clerk was asked to pass on the compliments to MCC. Cllr. SC confirmed that generally the roads were in poor condition and asked the Clerk to report a pothole problem.</p>	<p>Clerk to Report and action</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Reports : OVW- Cllr. JB attended the recent area meeting as the Council representative. A presentation on Loneliness and Social isolation in rural areas by MCC was of interest. Surveys are out to find areas of best practice and case studies. Information has been circulated to members, with links to the survey. A Police report update had not been received. Village Hall – The newsletter has recently been circulated.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Planning Planning Applications: DM/2018/01901 Glamping Pods, Spring Farm Gwehelog - previously circulated to members The Clerk confirmed that where an application is received, that members wish to respond to, during a period where a meeting is not planned, then a formal meeting should be convened in the normal way. A designated planning sub-committee could make comments on members’ behalf. Appeals received – none received</p>	

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10	Questions from the public : Concerns were raised in relation to the length of time it is taking for the Llancao site judicial review. Compliments were expressed to MCC for cleaning up the verges and cutting and trimming the hedge. Litter picking is being undertaken at regular times although pick up of full bags has not been consistent. Some of the litter is as a consequence of rubbish falling from refuse lorries. Issues of litter around Trostrey Church. Clerk to contact the Reverend highlighting the issue raised. Suggestion made that prisoners might be used to pick up litter to be passed through to County Councillor VS.	Feedback to MCC Clerk to raise with MCC Clerk to action
11	Correspondence list : Emails circulated. Wales Audit Office review reports circulated Recycling changes -poster put up on village hall noticeboard.	
12	Events and training : Finance training 29/11 in Usk. The Clerk and Cllr JK attended and found it informative and beneficial. Free LDP training for Councillors, set up with Planning Aid Wales, commissioned by Abergavenny Town Council, will take place locally over the next few weeks. Details and venues were circulated.	
13	Matters for next meeting – Audit review, and timetable, budget, correspondence review. The meeting was declared closed at 9.45pm Next meeting : 27 February 2019 at 8pm	