

Gwehelog Fawr Community Council Minutes Meeting Number 354

Venue: Gwehelog Village Hall on 28 February 2018 at 8.00pm

Present: Chair :Cllr.M.Godwin, Cllr.C.Kirby, Cllr.R.Carbury, Cllr.J.Kershaw

In attendance: the Clerk Ms. Awni Members of the Public 1

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| 6 | <p>Budget position Statement of the 2017-8 budget position and expenditure circulated Cllr.Kershaw observed there will be a deficit between the budget and precept which will need to be taken from reserves. Proposed Cllr.Kershaw Seconded Chair Cllr.Godwin Full year position to be updated for the March meeting.</p> | <p>Clerk to update expenditure and budget position for year end at March meeting</p> |
| 7 | <p>Meeting Dates for 2018-2019 Dates of Council meetings were accepted for next year 2018-9. Councillors discussed the time of the AGM on May 30 2018. It was proposed that the Clerk approach the Village hall to request an earlier start at 7.45pm for the AGM if possible. Dates of meetings and AGM agreed Proposed Cllr Kershaw and seconded Cllr.Kirby</p> | <p>Clerk to contact village hall re start time of AGM</p> |
| 8 | <p>Review of community boundaries and electoral arrangements Councillors discussed the process previously undertaken for the review which had paused last year. It was noted that it is now set to continue through MCC who will make a decision without a further pause to obtain feedback from new Councillors. Cllr Kershaw and Cllr.Kirby both observed that Gwehelog Community Council will be partially absorbed into both Raglan and Bettws Newydd and will cease to exist under new arrangements if agreed.The Clerk is attending an engagement event regarding the review on 15 March 2018.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>Police report -Nothing further received since the 31 January. It was noted on that report that there were a number of instances locally of attempted telephone fraud. Councillors had nothing additional to report.</p> | |
| 10 | <p>Village Hall - A Coffee Morning will be held in the Village hall on 10 April 2018.</p> | |
| 11 | <p>Highway matters Resident request for 'Give way double dotted lines' at Wainfield Lane, Councillors noted that these had been put down by MCC but then at a later stage painted over Slow down horses signage -The Clerk has now registered on the MCC portal for reporting items requiring attention and this item has been acknowledged No problems have been observed with the current traffic restrictions in Usk</p> | <p>Clerk to follow up with MCC Feedback at next meeting</p> |
| 12 | <p>Planning matters There has been notification of a system update for the Planning portal at MCC which might mean that applications are not accessible for the first week of March. Correspondence on a local appeal has been received. Councillors observed that the appeal process is channelled at MCC level and above. The resident should be given the planning process link which Cllr Kershaw has identified helpfully, and this explains the planning process and appeal mechanism. Planning Applications – no comment on Consultee letter for Planning Application DC/2017/01458 18.1.18 Discussion on Local developments - nothing to report MCC Enforcement Cases - nothing to report</p> | <p>Clerk to send link</p> |

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| 13 | <p>Correspondence List of letters and emails received from date of the last meeting were circulated and noted. An article in the One Voice Wales Bulletin had highlighted the use of Welsh Language by Councils. The Chair confirmed that the Community Council has not previously used the Welsh language given the size of the Council.</p> | |
| 14 | <p>Events and training Cllr Kershaw gave some very positive feedback on the community engagement event : Planning Law in Wales, which he attended at Cardiff University on 6 February. Led by the Law Commission, the session outlined the programme of review currently in place to simplify the application of the Town and Country Planning Act in Wales from 2020. The opportunity to comment on the Scoping paper that was produced in 2016, remains until 1 March 2018.</p> | Cllr. Kershaw to circulate brief |
| 15 | <p>General Data Protection Legislation (GDPR) in force May 2018 The Clerk had circulated a briefing paper on GDPR and subsequently had attended an event at County Hall facilitated by MCC on GDPR. The session was very well attended and helpful advice and templates were signposted from the Information Commissioner’s website. Cllr Kershaw discussed the requirements for a data processor to be in place under the new legislation. The level of personal data being held is unclear currently and the Clerk confirmed that an information audit is being undertaken. The Councillors felt there was a lack of understanding of the burden GDPR would place on small councils The Chair requested that the Clerk approach the Clerk at Raglan Community Council to discuss whether there is an opportunity to have an overarching process. Proposed Cllr Kershaw seconded Cllr Kirby</p> | <p>Clerk to undertake information audit</p> <p>Clerk to contact the Clerk at Raglan</p> |
| 16 | <p>The passbook balance was confirmed against the monthly account balance and signed by the Chair Cheque requests were signed for payment</p> <p>Given the level of administration and items for the agenda, the Councillors suggested that two Councillors meet with the Clerk each month to go through correspondence received and items for the agenda to assess compliance. Initially the Chair and Cllr. Kershaw agreed to put this in place on a rolling basis and review after 3 months</p> | <p>Clerk to action</p> <p>Chair and Cllr. Kershaw to action</p> |
| 17 | <p>Matters for next meeting – A request has been made about bridleways being maintained when and if funding arises. Discussions around Cold Harbour loop and Middle Wood Farm ascertained that these were not bridleways or rights of way. Cllr Kershaw is still awaiting a response re a map for the Village Hall The Chair thanked the member of the public attending in spite of the inclement weather. The meeting was declared closed at 9.00pm</p> <p align="center">Date and time of next meeting Gwehelog Village Hall 28 March 2018 8.00pm</p> | March Agenda |