

Gwehelog Fawr Community Council Minutes Meeting Number 363

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

Present: Chair : Cllr.S Carbury, (SC) 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 2 (Note: Monmouthshire County Council is MCC)

| Item No. | Item | Action |
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| 1 | <p>Apologies for Absence: Vice Chair Cllr.J.Kershaw, (JK), Cllr.M Godwin (MG) Declarations of Interest - None declared Cllr Marfell returned his completed Privacy Notice for GDPR purposes.</p> | For file |
| 2 | <p>Approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting no.362 held on 31 October 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 RC. Minutes were approved.</p> | Clerk to circulate as required |
| 3 | <p>Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Highways - Cllr CK confirmed that the fly tipping had been removed. There is highways work being undertaken around the lanes. A screen shot update from MCC had been circulated to members by the Clerk. It is understood the Chain Bridge white lining is under review. b) Planning – E18/368 Alleged unauthorised works locally are being investigated c) Razor wire concerns - MCC officers attended the site and as the wire was on private land they were not able to act. | |
| 4 | <p>MCC update : Cllr VS confirmed that the Welsh Govt are keen to hear views as part of their review of governance and finance. SWFA currently bill local authorities on a population basis. A visit to the Prison Liaison meeting went well -good inspections and reports. Next meeting 4/3/19. The prison is willing to take on wood work. Attended a meeting with 2 reps of the Welsh Government re Gypsy and Travellers along with MCC officers. There is a working group set up to determine strategy. No decision yet from the judicial review of Llancayo. Access for all meeting attended and ‘Community Conversation’ elicited useful exchanges of information around Housing, money and transport, volunteering and befriending. A trip to the Aneorobic Digester at Bridgend is planned for the 29/11, looking at food waste processes. Cllr Smith proposed the question. How should MCC best spend its money?</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Finance and Governance matters : The clerk requested members consider the continued use of the internal auditor for 2018-9 accounts. Members were in agreement and asked the Clerk to check on the length of time an auditor can be asked to undertake the duty for the same Council. Copies of the Council Receipts and expenditure spreadsheet outlining the financial position year to date were circulated. The Clerk confirmed that the donation for the Wales Air Ambulance of £100 agreed at the last meeting was added to the payments. Quarter 3 payment for HMRC £111.40 will be due before the next meeting. This month payment requests: the Clerks salary November and Clerk expenses (November). Payments were duly approved and signed. The Chair inspected the Council account balance of £5121.09 and initialled the total amount. Cllr.CK proposed payments should be made and the balance to be signed seconded by Cllr. JB. The Air Ambulance cheque can be taken to the Abergavenny shop. Members confirmed that if needed before the next meeting, the Clerk could respond to a request from MCC regarding the Council precept for 2019-20. This was agreed as remaining at £4500 at the October 31 meeting.</p> | <p>Clerk to action and check</p> <p>Clerk to action</p> |

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| 6 | <p>Highways -a member of the public from Llancayo raised the matter of hedge cutting around the ‘triangle’area which has not been carried out. Members asked the clerk to raise with MCC.</p> <p>Bricks seen on the verge at White House Farm Llanfair Cross were raised as a potential hazard and the clerk was asked to notify County Cllr Bryan Jones of the issue, as it is local to him.</p> | <p>Clerk to Report 29/11 Clerk to action 29/11</p> |
| 7 | <p>Reports : The Police report was summarized by the Chair. Police are asking residents to remain vigilant as personal property thefts are taking place locally. Numbers of scam calls and online fraud continues to cause concern.</p> <p>Village Hall -The Christmas Fayre was well supported and there were a wide selection of stalls selling on the day.</p> | |
| 8 | <p>Planning – 19/11 Alice Springs pre- consultation submission . Members looked at the submission made by the Consultants in relation to the proposal to move an existing local business to the site and to erect a new residence. Some concern was raised that this might set a precedent when any business changes premises, although there was recognition that site security would be a consideration. Cllr Marfell had looked at the proposal in some detail and identified the proposed siting of buildings around the site.</p> <p>Members agreed that a form of response should be made in the form of : <i>There were concerns that this might set a precedent to allow a new residence to be built on movement of a business. However, it was recognised that this is an established business move. If the proposal meets both the requirements for ‘house and business,’ then the Council has no objections.</i></p> <p>Planning Applications 30/10 Application number: DM/2018/01641 Location: Trostrey Court Farm Barns -looked at last meeting Members viewed the details of the applications below on the planning portal.</p> <p>9.11 - Application Number: DM/2018/01470 Detached house. Location: Land Adjacent To The Beeches <i>The Chair reiterated that comments made previously about the proposed drainage system still remained unanswered. The detail on the plan is insufficient for a judgement to be made. Comment to be made to MCC</i></p> <p>26.11 -Application Number DM/2018/01917 Detached garage and new drainage septic tank – <i>Comments were summarised as : The plan is difficult to interpret and there is no information regarding the location of the tank. In addition, there is no information on the soakaway and if it will work. Comment to be made to MCC</i></p> <p>Appeals received circulated Appeal Ref:, APP/E6840/A/18/3207076: 1 Ramp Cottage, NP26 3EY Appeal ref APP//18/3208667: 10-14 St. Mary Street, NP25 3DB</p> | <p>Clerk to action 29/11</p> <p>Clerk to action 29/11</p> <p>Clerk to action 29/11</p> |
| 9 | <p>Questions from the public : Concerns raised in relation to water emanating from area near to the traveler site at Llancayo. The clerk was asked by members to report this to MCC.</p> | <p>Clerk to action</p> |
| 10 | <p>Correspondence list for October/November had been circulated via email. Cllr CK given a hard copy.</p> | |

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| 11 | Events and training : The Clerk had previously circulated a number of events and training available through OVW. Two places booked for the Clerk and Cllr JK on the Finance training 29/11 in Usk. | Cllr JK and Clerk to attend |
| 12 | Matters for next meeting – The Clerk asked members to grant approval for the renewal of the laptop antivirus software due in December before the next meeting. Members agreed to the purchase. The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm Next meeting : 30 January 2019 at 8pm | |