**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  **9th April 2024** | **Present:**  **Cllr K Benning (Chair),**  **Cllr D Berriman**  **Cllr S Berriman**  **Cllr J Claybrook**  **Cllr G Jones**  **Cllr F Swogger**  **County Cllr T Bates**  **Christina Brewin -Community Agent**  **Clerk: Miles Matile** |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** | **Cllr A Jones**  **Cllr E Morris** |  |
| **2** | **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS RELATED TO ANY AGENDA ITEM** | **NONE RECORDED** |  |

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| **No** | **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION**  **WHO/WHEN** |
| **3** | **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**  **5th March 2024** | **PROPOSED** : Cllr Swogger  **SECONDED**: Cllr Claybrook |  |
| **4** | **MATTERS ARISING** |  |  |
| **4 (i)** | **NATIONAL PARK UPDATE** | No further update at this stage |  |
| **4 (ii)** | **COUNCILLOR-GOVERNOR VACANCY** | * The Clerk confirmed that Wrexham CBC had been notified of the appointment. It was noted by WCBC that appointees were difficult to find and the Council was thanked. * The Council requested that Cllr Jones could periodically update the Council as to the school. | Clerk to liaise with Cllr Jones |
| **5** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **5 (i)** | **COMMUNITY AGENT** | * The Council was pleased to welcome Christina Brewin in her role as Community Agent. * Anonymised information related to referrals was presented which shows a consistent level of demand. * The Citizens Advice Bureau pilot has commenced with notification in the Glyn News and Facebook. Ceiriog Uchaf have yet to have fixed dates due to lack of a secure wi-fi. Christina would be pleased to assist anyone to get to see one of the outreach workers if she is contacted. * The Council has previously approved the payment of £500 to support this project. |  |
| **5 (ii)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | * Thanks to Martin and Gareth for their written report relating to notified incidents in March. |  |
| **5 (iii)** | **WREXHAM CBC** | * Cllr Bates provided a range of information related to potholes, accommodation and WCBC staffing. |  |
| **5(iv)** | **OFF-ROADING** | Cllr D Berriman confirmed that he had completed the map of the lanes currently being used by ‘off-roaders’ and this is being reviewed by Cllr Bates prior to submission to the Council. |  |
| **6** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **6 (i)** | **UNITY TRUST BANK TRANSFER** | * The Chair and Clerk confirmed that they attended HSBC and signed a change to the mandate. When confirmation that HSBC has fully processed this change is received, then we will close the account and commence with Unity Trust |  |
| **6 (ii)** | **PAYMENTS IN MARCH 2024 AND BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS** | * The Clerk provided details of payments made in March 2024.   **Expenditure**  Bank Charge £ 5.00  Councillor’s Remuneration £ 1,456.00  Clerk’s Honorarium £ 500.00  OVW £ 65.00  SSAFA (Audit donation) £ 250.00    **All the above payments had been previously agreed in Council and budgeted for within the Precept for 2023-2024.**  **Approved**   * Provisional end of year accounts were presented to Council with a carry-forward balance of **£6,933.83** subject to audit and creditors. * This includes £2,000, ring-fenced for election expenses. * There are 3 creditors:   Village Hall £210 for hire of room  Audit Wales £259 (believed to be for the 2021/2022 accounts but not confirmed)  Village Hall concert £100-general donation.   * Agreed that the outstanding invoice (£155) for the Centenary leaflets will not be chased again. * The Clerk confirmed he was still waiting for a refund from Vision ICT and this has been progressed again. |  |
| **6 (iii)** | **AUDIT WALES UPDATE** | * The Clerk informed the Council that there is still no feedback from the audit of the 2022/2023 accounts by Audit Wales. Based upon the experience of other Councils the potential invoice represents a significant financial risk for CUCC |  |
| **6 (iv)** | **DISCRETIONARY SPENDING FROM BUDGET** | * The Clerk notified that the Council had ring-fenced £1000 for environmental enhancements for the Wards and £500 for general donations. * The Council agreed that a notice will go on Facebook, Website and Glyn News inviting ideas and proposals from the communities about how the environmental grant can be used to enhance the Wards. A fuller discussion about general donations to take place through the year. * ‘Wales in Bloom’ – Clerk to follow this up with Clerk of Glyn Ceiriog CC. | Clerk to place a notice.  Clerk to contact GCCC |
| **7** | **ANNUAL MEETING** |  |  |
|  |  | The Clerk recommended the 14th May at 7.00pm for the Annual Meeting. There was a proposal to change this year’s format in an attempt to engage local communities in relation to the role of the Council and to take soundings on a range of issues. | Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk to plan |
| **8** | **VALLEY COUNCIL’S MEETING** |  |  |
|  |  | Further to last month’s discussion our two neighbouring Councils are keen to have a joint meeting and proposing 12th June. | Clerk to make contact to ask for a preliminary meeting. |
| **9** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** |  |  |
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| **10** | **NEXT MEETING** | **14TH MAY 2024 AT 7.00** |  |