**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  **10th JANUARY 2023** | **Present:**  **Cllr Benning (Chair),**  **Cllr D. Berriman,**  **Cllr S. Berriman,**  **Cllr Evans Swogger**  **Cllr Morris**  **County Cllr Bates,**  **Clerk: Miles Matile.** |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** | **Cllr CLAYBROOK**  **Cllr JONES** |  |
| **2** | **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS RELATED TO ANY AGENDA ITEM** | **NONE RECORDED** |  |

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| **No** | **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION**  **WHO/WHEN** |
| **3** | **NATIONAL RESOURCES WALES** | 26 people attended a presentation by NRW about their work along the Afon Ceiriog. The Council website will have a photograph and description of the event. Thanks to Cllr Evans Swogger for making arrangements. | **Clerk** to write a note of thanks |
| **4** | **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**  **6th DECEMBER 2022** | **AMENDMENT:** 6(i) To include the sentence ‘*The 2023/2024 Precept will remain the same this year as it was in 2022/2023’*  **APPROVED**  **PROPOSED** Cllr Evans Swogger  **SECONDED**: Cllr E Morris |  |
| **5** | **MATTERS ARISING**  **6th DECEMBER 2022** |  |  |
| **5 (i)** | **HUW MORUS MEMORIAL** | The Clerk confirmed that the Monument/Listed Feature will be  re-furbished on the 20th January. There had been two previous attempts in December 2022 which were abandoned due to the weather and the stonemason getting COVID. | **CLERK** to continue to liaise with CADW, Martin Obbard and stonemason to project lead the restoration. |
| **5 (ii)** | **CENTENARY** | Cllr D Berriman confirmed that the Facebook page is now being updated with news of the events and to get some immediate response from residents. A proposed further meeting of the Steering Group to take place on the **30th January at 6.00 in the Hall** | **Cllr D Berriman** and **CLERK** to arrange meetingand advertise on Website |
| **5 (iii)** | **COMMUNITY AGENT** | The Clerk confirmed that he has had two contacts with the Community Agent for Glyn Ceiriog and the Clerk to the Glyn Ceiriog Council. The Agent will attend the next Council meeting in February to listen to Councillors and to ensure that she does not undermine any current work. | **Clerk** to arrange attendance. |
| **5 (iv)** | **WEBSITE** | The Clerk confirmed that the Website had been further updated. Google is providing feedback which shows over 150 ‘hits’ in December including from France and the USA. Thanks to Cllr Evans Swogger and John Evans Swogger for all their work on maintaining the site. | **Clerk** will administer the website. Any suggestions gratefully received. |
| **5 (v)** | **ELECTION** | Following the resignation of Cllr Biddulph, the Clerk and Wrexham WCBC have started the process of seeking a successor. Public Notices have been placed in both Wards and on the Council Website to confirm that an Election will be held if there are Candidates. The qualifying period for potential Candidates to express an interest with the required 10 supporting signatories, will expire on the 12th January 2023. Thereafter the Council will seek to Co-opt. | **Clerk** to liaise with the Electoral Office Wrexham CBC |
| **6** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **6 (i)** | **WREXHAM CBC** | Cllr Bates reported:   * **Ken Skates** will be in attendance along the Valley on Friday 13th January to look at the impact that off-road vehicles are having and to consult with the police * **Pot Holes** – please report them constantly through the Wrexham CBC website * **Santa Run -**this raised £367 for the Air Ambulance. * **Cyclist’s Safety -**This is now a real concern especially along the valley road. A fatality seems almost inevitable. There are on-going discussions with WCBC about better signage / warnings about high-visibility clothing. |  |
| **7** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **7 (i)** | **PRECEPT PLANNING** | The Precept for 2023/24 has been submitted to Wrexham CBC and an acknowledgement has been received. |  |
| **7 (ii)** | **ACCOUNT BALANCE** | Cllrs had copies of the balance of accounts up to 10/01/2023. This showed that the Council held reserves of **£6,057.99**.  Cllr S Berriman asked if the Council should open a Deposit/Savings account going into 2023/2024. The Chair and Clerk will look at what is currently available to small organisations. | **Clerk/Chair** to look at options for investing savings. |
| **7 (iii)** | **BUDGET PLANNING 2023/2024** | The Clerk thanked Cllr S Berriman for her initial work on populating a spreadsheet for the 2023/24 budget |  |
| **8** | **PLANNING** |  |  |
| **8 (i)** | **MOBILE SIGNAL COVERAGE** | The Clerk had received a letter from a telephone consultancy prior to Christmas to confirm that under the ‘Shared Rural Network’ initiative the UK Government was providing £1bn to address ’Not Spots’-where mobile signal does not reach.  The Clerk contacted the Consultancy and it was confirmed that the mast on the Cwm Road was to be upgraded to allow for a commercial/domestic signal. No planning permission is required and as such it is hoped that the work will take place within the first quarter of 2023. Initially Vodafone and Hutchinson will be offering a service. More details as they become available. The Website to be updated with an approved wording from the Consultancy. | **CLERK** to liaise with telephone consultancy |
| **8 (ii)** | **OLD MILL WELSH SHOP** | The Council considered the application **P/2022 /0910 -CONVERSION AND EXTENSION OF BUILDING TO FORM** **HOLIDAY LET**. The conversion is to a Grade II listed building.  After discussion the Council determined that “*this was an unsuitable development within a conservation area*” and the Clerk will send an objection letter to the Wrexham CBC Planning Department. | **Clerk** to send objection letter to Wrexham CBC |
| **9** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** |  |  |
| **9 (i)** | **MOBILE LIBRARY** | Cllr Evans Swogger confirmed that the mobile library would be in the village on Monday 16th January around 1.00pm. Clerk to put note onto Council website when details have been confirmed. | **Clerk** to update Website |
| **10** | **NEXT MEETING** | **TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 7.00**  Initial agenda item to include:  Attendance of proposed Community Agent. |  |