**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  **9th July 2024** | **Present:**  **Cllr K Benning (Chair),**  **Cllr D Berriman**  **Cllr J Claybrook**  **Cllr A Jones**  **Cllr G Jones**  **Cllr F Swogger**  **County Cllr T Bates**  **Clerk: Miles Matile** |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** | **Cllr S Berriman**  **Cllr E Morris**  **PCSOs**  **Christina Brewin** |  |
| **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**  **4th June 2024** | **PROPOSED** : Cllr Swogger  **SECONDED**: Cllr G Jones |  |
| **4** | **MATTERS ARISING** |  |  |
| **4 (i)** | **NATIONAL PARK UPDATE** | No additional updates at this stage. The Clerk has written to the project manager Ash Pierce to invite him to the next 3 – Councils Meeting. |  |
| **4 (ii)** | **THREE COUNCILS MEETING.** | The inaugural 3- Council meeting took place on the 12/06/2024. Overall feedback was positive with a good blend of information and discussion.  The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting is to be convened in Llanarmon on the 11th September at 7.00pm. To be chaired by Cllr Benning.  He has been in contact with the Chair of Chirk Town Council and she confirms that representatives of the Council would like to be present. | Chair, Clerk and others to meet to determine agenda for the 11/09/024 |
| **4 (iii)** | **CEMETERY AND GRAVEYARD** | There has been a further meeting of the working group:   * Proposed public meeting to take place on the 22/08/2024 * Three additional members have expressed willingness to join the working group – names to be confirmed for a future Council meeting for approval. * The Council gave approval for initial quotes for cutting and hedges to be gained from local suppliers in order to provide an indication of potential future costs. | Cllr Swogger, Church Warden and Clerk to plan meeting |
| **4 (iv)** | **POTHOLES** | The Clerk confirmed that he had included a further article in the Glyn News advising on reporting to WCBC.  Cllr Swogger has updated FaceBook |  |
| **4 (v)** | **CEIRIOG VALLEY**  **PROMOTIONAL LEAFLET** | The Clerk confirmed that Rob Davies had submitted a revised quote for 5000 leaflets which comes to £649 inc of VAT and delivery.  Council approved a payment under s137 of up to £150 subject to the contribution from the 3 other Valley Councils. | Clerk to liaise with other Councils. |
| **4 (vi)** | **WEST ARMS / WHITEGATE COTTAGE** | The Clerk confirmed his inability to get the fencing and skip removed following recent correspondence to owners.  Clerk to write the WCBC conservation officer. | Clerk |
| **5** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **5 (i)** | **COMMUNITY AGENT** | Christina Brewins sent her apologies and will attend the next meeting. |  |
| **5 (ii)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | Apologies received and the Clerk confirmed that NWP had provided a report which has been circulated in advance of the meeting.  Cllr D Berriman confirmed that he had made a formal complaint to the NWP about ‘off-roaders’ and this had been acknowledged by local officers and will be logged on future police statistics. |  |
| **5 (iii)** | **WREXHAM CBC** | County Cllr Bates reported:   * Average time taken for planning applications (236 days). * WCBC has a significant issue with staff retention across a range of departments. * There will be a neighbourhood skip available on the 10/09 behind the Canolfan for residents. * Individuals and businesses are being approached regarding water testing and the costs that could be incurred for those with independent water sources. |  |
| **5(iv)** | **OFF-ROADING** | Cllr D Berriman confirmed that there was no further update at this stage. |  |
| **6** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **6 (i)** | **PAYMENTS IN JUNE 2024 AND BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS** | **UNITY TRUST BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT**  **PAYMENTS OF EXISTING CREDITORS**  **VILLAGE HALL HIRE** £210.00  **VILLAGE HALL CONCERT DONATION** £100.00  **NEW PAYENTS IN JUNE 2024**  **ROSIE DAVIES – ENVIRONMENTAL** £ 92.07  **BANK CHARGES** (**3 months)** £ 18.00  **CURRENT ACCOUNT £1,143.56**  **UNITY TRUST BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT**  The Clerk confirmed that the Unity Trust Bank offered a savings account (2.75%) which pays interest each month. Outside of Council – approval given had been given to transfer £8,000.00 to this account.  **SAVINGS ACCOUNT £8,011.53** |  |
| **6 (ii)** | **ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS SCHEME** | The Clerk confirmed no further applications had been received however he was aware of 3 expressions of interest for future grants . |  |
| **6 (III)** | **AUDIT** | The Clerk confirmed that the Council still awaited the end of year audit. | Clerk to chase |
| **7** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** |  |  |
| **7 (i)** | **LOCAL SCHOOLS** | Cllr A Jones is the Council’s representative on the Governing body of the local schools. He spoke about the challenges being faced by staff and Governors due to reduced funding and falling rolls. |  |
| **7 (ii)** | **VILLAGE HALL** | Cllr Claybrook confirmed that the recent concert organised to raise money for the running of the Hall raised £6,000. |  |
| **7 (iii)** | **PARKING IN GLYN CEIRIOG** | Cllr Claybrook mentioned the increasing volume of traffic parking at the playing fields in Glyn Ceiriog and the potential danger to pedestrians. |  |
| **8** | **NEXT MEETING** | **TUESDAY 13th AUGUST 7.00PM** |  |