**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING****9th May 2023** | **Present:** **Cllr Benning (Chair),** **Cllr D Berriman****Cllr S Berriman,** **Cllr Claybrook****Cllr Evans Swogger****Cllr Jones****Cllr Morris****County Cllr Bates** **Community Agent:**Christina Brewins**PCSO** Gareth Jones**Clerk:** Miles Matile. |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** | **NONE** |  |
| **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 APRIL 2023**  | **APPROVED** **PROPOSED** : Cllr JONES**SECONDED**: Cllr SWOGGER |  |
| **4** | **MATTERS ARISING** **4TH APRIL 2023** |  |  |
| **4 (i)** | **CENTENARY** | * Cllr D Berriman and the Clerk informed the Council that there had been a very constructive meeting with several people of the Steering Committee. The proposal is not to restrict the events to a fixed weekend but to spread them over several months. Also, other areas of the Valley want to be involved.
* A provisional brochure is being sketched out. This may include a QR link.
* Several key people have yet to confirm their commitment which will influence the programme.
 | **CLERK**. |
| **4 (ii)** | **MOBILE SIGNAL UPDATE** | The Clerk confirmed that he been in contact with the planning consultant, and she had been informed that there was progress. It has been noted that work was being completed on other masts in the Valley. | **CLERK** to maintain periodic contact with the planning consultant. |
| **4 (iii)** | **CASUAL VACANCY** | The Clerk confirmed that 3 expressions of interest had been received.In consultation with the Chair, it is recommended that the Council will follow the following process for appointment:* We will ask for the expressions of interest to be put into writing by the 9th May.
* These will go forward to a full Council interview on the 23rd May.
* The Clerk will ask Councillors to vote and to provide scorings to be retained and the successful applicant will be informed.
* Proxy votes will be accepted.
 | **Clerk** to issue to the Council: The written applications; Questions to the applicants and scoring sheets on the 19th MayThe **Counci**l to re-convene on the **23rd May at 6.45.** |
| **4 (iv)** | **COMMUNITY AGENT** | The Council welcomed Christina Brewin.* The Clerk updated the Council that Cllr Benning and Clerks to both GCCC and CUCC had met in March and agreed a working protocol to allow Christina to bring an extra day to Ceiriog Uchaf. To start 01/05/2023
* Following that, WCDC wrote to several Councils on the 23/04/2023 to put our agreement on hold subject to a paper being presented to the WCBC Scrutiny Committee on the 10/5/2023. This decision was then rescinded on the 27/04/2023 to allow us to continue.
* A meeting with WCBC is to take place on the 10/05/2023.
* Christina confirmed that despite not having formally started the extra day she is already making contacts. It was proposed that until WCBC confirm arrangements and until her contract had been amended to allow for the additional day, then she would not be advertising her role.
 | **Clerk** to keep Councillors informed of the outcome of the meeting with WCBC |
| **4 (v)** | **GRAVEYARD AND CEMETARY UPDATE** | The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted Ruthin Archives and there is no relevant paperwork relating to ownership. Now awaiting contact from Wrexham Archives.  | **Clerk** to update the Council |
| **5** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **5 (i)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | PCSO Gareth Jones presented the latest crime information which relates to the Valley.* There has been a range of crime in the last month including criminal damage, drink driving, and a common assault.
* Residents are encouraged to get locks fitted to oil tanks following recent thefts of oil.
* It is anticipated that there will be a further ‘Blue Target’ Operation to deter motocross bikes and off-road vehicles.
* There is a proposal to add two further ‘response officers’ to assist in covering the Valley.
* To look at funding for the Llanarmon Community Hub (formerly the Warm Hub) through PACT.

The Council unanimously expressed its thanks to both PCSOs for their support and active involvement in making our communities safer |  |
| **5 (ii)**  | **WREXHAM CBC** | Cllr Bates:* GLASS v WCBC was again adjourned until the 13/09/2023 for a full Hearing at Wrexham County Court.
* Community Award to The Chair of the Council for his work in the refurbishment of the Huw Morus Monument
* Dates for the Library Service are now available, and these will be publicised.
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| **5(iii)** | **OFF-ROADING** | Cllr Bates and D Berriman confirmed that Traffic Restriction Orders had been granted for areas of the Valley.  |  |
| **6** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **6 (i)** | **PAYMENTS** | * The Clerk provided the Council with a list of payments since the last meeting.
* The Clerk also circulated an ‘*expenditure against budget’* sheet for Month 1’
* The Clerk issued the balance of accounts up to 30/04/2023 **£6,434.74**.
* Insurance has risen to £490 although £550 had been allocated to this.
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| **6 (ii)** | **AMENDED ACCOUNTS****2021/2022** | **Not notified at the meeting*** The Clerk wishes to notify the Council of a technical amendment to the 2021/2022 submission required by Audit Wales. This does not effect the balance carried into 2022/2023.
* There will be a full audit of the Council accounts in 2023/24.
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| **7** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** |  |  |
|  |  | None noted. |  |
| **8** | **NEXT MEETINGS** |  |  |
|  | **23RD MAY @ 6.45****13TH JUNE @7.00** | CO-OPTION INTERVIEWSCOUNCIL Meeting  |  |