**CEIRIOG UCHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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| **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  **1st NOVEMBER 2022** | **Present:**  **Cllr Benning (Chair),**  **Cllr D. Berriman,**  **Cllr S. Berriman,**  **Cllr. Claybrook,**  **Cllr Evans Swogger**  **Cllr Jones,**  **Cllr Morris**  **County Cllr Bates,**  **Clerk: Miles Matile.**  **PCSO Martin Griffiths Item 6(i)** |

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** | **SIAN BIDDULPH** |  |
| **2** | **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS RELATED TO ANY AGENDA ITEM** | **NONE RECORDED** |  |

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| **No** | **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION**  **WHO/WHEN** |
| **3** | **CHAIR DESIGNATE** | **Ref: 12 (vi) 4th October 2022**  The Clerk confirmed that Expressions of Interest were invited from Councillors to undertake the role of ‘Chair Designate’ leading to the appointment of Chair later in the year.  The Council unanimously approved the appointment of **Freja Evans Swogger**.  **PROPOSED**: Cllr Morris  **SECONDED**: Cllr Claybrook  **APPROVED** |  |
| **4** | **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**  **4th October 2022** | **APPROVED**  **PROPOSED** Cllr Evans Swogger  **SECONDED**: Cllr CLAYBROOK |  |
| **5** | **MATTERS ARISING**  **4th October 2022** |  |  |
| **5 (i)** | **DIGITAL TELEPHONE SURVEY** | The Council was updated as to progress with the survey form which is close to being finalised. | **To complete for December’s meeting:**  **Cllrs** **Claybrook**, **Evans Swogger**, **Biddulph** |
| **5 (ii)** | **HUW MORUS MEMORIAL**  **Cont** | Cllr Benning confirmed that following his successful intervention CADW has now approved a Grant of 75% for cost of work and VAT. The work needs to be completed by the 31/01/2023  The Council was informed that Martin Obbard had previously made an offer of financial assistance which is being confirmed.  The Council was asked to approve the underwriting of the potential financial shortfall of £**453.**  **PROPSOSED**: Cllr Morris  **SECONDED**: Cllr Jones  **APPROVED** | **Clerk** to liaise with CADW, Wrexham CBC, Martin Obbard and stonemason to project lead the restoration. |
| **5 (iii)** | **ROAD SURVEY** | Cllrs Claybrook and Evans-Swogger confirmed that they had not received any update following their submission | **Clerk** to liaise with Highways |
| **5 (iv)** | **NATIONAL RESOURCES WALES** | The Clerk informed the Council that a representative from NRW – Joel Rees-Jones would like to attend to make a presentation of the work that is being completed along the Ceiriog.  The Council would like to partially set aside the January 2023 meeting for the presentation and to advertise the meeting widely to attract members of the public. | **Clerk** to invite NRW and advertise meeting in the Glyn News |
| **5 (v)** | **VILLAGE FINGERPOST** | No further update and its conditions is worsening. | **Clerk** to make enquires with restorers and WCBC |
| **5 (vi)** | **CONTACTING COUNCILLORS** | The Clerk confirmed that contact details and preferences had been received from all Councillors and these will be updated on the Website.  The Editor of Glyn News will be contacted to update relevant information.  Contact details for the Clerk at the Burial Ground needs to be updated. | **Clerk** to action on all three points |
| **5 (vii)** | **CENTENARY EVENT** | The Clerk confirmed that following an initial meeting of Councillors it was agreed that invites should be extended to form a Steering Group to promote wider ownership. This is planned for the **14th November at 6pm Centenary Hall**  Cllrs D Berriman and Claybrook to represent the Council.  Lots of very positive ideas for a proposed weekend of events. More details to follow. | **Clerk** has sent invites for the 14thNovember |
| **6** | **REPORTS** |  |  |
| **6 (i)** | **NORTH WALES POLICE** | The Council was very grateful for the attendance of PCSO Martin Griffiths who presented current information related to local incidents. |  |
| **6 (ii)** | **WREXHAM CBC**  **Cont.** | Cllr Bates reported:   * **Planning Appeal** – see item 8 * **Community Agent** Cllr Bates confirmed that Christina Brewin has been appointed as Community Agent for Glyn Ceiriog to potentially commence the role on the 01/12/2022 * **Warm spaces** are to be developed to help residents cope with the coming winter and energy costs. Currently looking at Oliver Jones Hall, Canolfan Ceiriog and the Christian Centre. * **Road safety concerns** on the B4500 in relation to both cyclists and pedestrians. There has been some success following a further intervention with WCBC and he is do research along the road with the street scene representative (Dave Douglas) to look at sites for signage. The intervention is being supported by the MP, there is to be a meeting with him. * **Community Energy Scheme**. Cllr Bates is establishing a feasibility steering group to look at developing community energy options. **Please contact Cllr Bates if you would like to be involved.** * **Ceiriog Community Christmas** lunch to be held on the 18th December – details to follow |  |
| **6 (iii)** | **ROADS** | Cllr D Berriman reported that there was no update. | **CLERK** – to remain a standing item |
| **7** | **FINANCES** |  |  |
| **7 (i)** | **PRECEPT PLANNING** | Cllr Benning updated the Council on proposed items for 2023-2024 Precept. Upon the basis of previous years, the Council will need to submit its Precept by early January 2023.  To finalise at the December 2022 meeting | 1. **CLERK** to agenda for December meeting. 2. **ALL** – any submissions to the **CLERK** to include in the budget |
| **7 (ii)** | **ACCOUNT BALANCE** | Cllrs had copies of the balance of accounts to 04/10/2022. This showed that the Council held reserves of £4,278.65. In addition the Council held £390.80 belonging to the Centenary Hall Management Committee. |  |
| **7 (iii)** | **AUDIT OF ANNUAL RETURN 2021/2022** | The Clerk confirmed that the Council’s accounts had received a FULL audit and there are were no issues arising. The Council was resented with Auditor’s Income and Expenditure statement for 2021-2022 and this was approved.  **PROPOSED**: Cllr Morris  **SECONDED** : Cllr Jones  **APPROVED** | **CLERK** to  Send to  Audit-Wales.  Arrange Public Inspection |
| **7 (iv)** | **PAYMENTS** | 1. £362.04 for election costs to WCBC 2. Auditor’s Fee. The Council approved £200 to be paid to SSAFA at the Auditor’s request in lieu of his fee. **APPROVED** 3. Youth Club Fireworks. A s137 payment for fireworks of £50. **APPROVED** |  |
| **8** | **PLANNING** |  |  |
| **8 (i)** | **PONT Y MEIBION**  **CAS-01942-H4T3D3** | The Council discussed the Appeal and unanimously voted to support the decision of Wrexham Council and that the Appeal should be dismissed, and a Reinstatement Order should be confirmed | **CLERK** to write to Planning and Environmental Decisions -Cardiff |
| **9** | **COMMUNITY AGENT** |  |  |
| **9 (i)** | **EMPLOYMENT OF COMMUNITY AGENT** | A discussion about the possible employment of a further Community Agent or in partnership with another Community Council took place. Given the lack of definition for the role and other considerations, the Clerk to produce a further document refining our thoughts. | **CLERK** to refine working document for December meeting. |
| **10** | **TRAINING PLAN** |  |  |
| **10 (i)** | **APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF PLAN** | S67 of the 2021 Act requires Community Councils to produce an annual training plan which details what and how we propose to deliver training and how this will be monitored.  Training Plan was **approved** and will be adopted | **CLERK** to send to  Training Plan |
| **11** | **AOB** |  |  |
| **11 (i)** | **MIRRORS FOR EGRESS ONTO THE B4500 AT TREGEIRIOG** | Cllr Benning expressed concern about the dangers of egressing onto the B4500 at the crossroads. A proposal for a mirror to assist was discussed however it was recognised that this needs to be legally approved by WCBC and siting of the mirror was problematic |  |
| **12** | **NEXT MEETING** | **TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 7.00**  Initial agenda items to include:   * Setting the Precept * Community Agent -further discussion |  |