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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY**  
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY**  
**COMMUNITY HALL ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**

**Those attending: Councillors GG Cowan (Chair), Ms N Watkins (Vice-Chair), Councillors Rev M Lane, Rev J Gray, K Eldridge and C Harry and County Councillor R G Harris and Council Clerk Mr Robert Wade.**

**1 Apologies for absence**

Councillors M Skinner, M Ewers and Mrs Sarah Gillie sent their apologies.

**2 Declaration of interests.**

It was agreed that these could be given as and when the occasion arose during the meeting.

**3 Discussion on policing issues with Gwent Police personnel**

The police report was distributed. The Clerk said that Inspector Nikki Hughes had been in touch following his complaint about the apparent unwillingness of officers to investigate damage of less than £5,000, and this was being considered further.

**4 To receive the Monthly update reports from County Councillors**

County Councillor R G Harris said that Council Tax was being raised by 2.95%. The boundary changes were being put into force by the 5<sup>th</sup> May. All residents in the Llantilio Pertholey area who were affected had been messaged. There was a discussion regarding the Gavenny Gardening Club from whom he had received a letter, which had also been sent to other Councillors. This discussion appears later in these Minutes.

**5 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

The Minutes were approved, save that in 11(a) the Chairman said that, while he and Councillor Ewers had gone to buy the trees, it had actually been Richard Watkins – the husband of Councillor Ms N Watkins - who had planted them.

**6 To consider Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Page 2 – Item from 4 – item 6 – page 3 – 9. The Chairman said that an attempt was being made to draw a line under the dispute with Merlin. The Clerk said that they had told him that they spoken to a former Clerk, Neil Chambers, although the Chairman said this was unlikely. The question was whether there was any written document. The Clerk said he would try to see if there was something in the archives..

**7 To consider correspondence received.**

(a) The issue of the Clerk’s e-mail to Mr Brinkworth of the Gavenny Gardening Club, and the letter in response, was discussed. County Councillor Harris and Councillors Rev Gray and Rev Lane said that they were concerned at its tone, and that it was important to maintain good will in the community. The Chair and Vice-Chair said the e-mail had been written on their instructions in the light of what had been reported by the Caretaker, that members of the club had gained access to the Hall by saying that they were “to do with” the Council, and the view of CCTV suggested that they were then “messing with” the projector. It was important that all Hall users should understand and comply with the rules. The Clerk was instructed to reply to the letter. Some concern was expressed regarding the fact that CCTV was on 24 hours a day, and whether there might be a question of invasion of privacy. However, the Chair and Vice-Chair said it was important that they should be able to see what was going on inside and outside the Hall. It was agreed that a notice should be put up in the Hall, informing all users of the fact that the CCTV cameras were on, and Councillor Ms N Watkins said that she would write out a set of rules which had to be complied with. This would be put up on the notice-board, and users, when placing their bookings, would be required to confirm that they would comply with them.

(b) The Clerk read out correspondence with Mr Straw of National Parks concerning the dog waste bin at the Skirrid car park. The Chairman reiterated what he had said previously – the bin was not on Council land, and was not the Council’s property.

(c) It was agreed that the Council should rejoin One Voice for the coming year

## 8 To consider planning matters

- (a) D22/20837/TPO – Mill House – removal of a Norway Spruce. This was apparently the subject of a Tree Preservation Order. It was felt that perhaps a second opinion should be sought. However, if it was a danger, then realistically it had to be removed.

## 9 To consider the payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved:

Clerk's Salary	£1,215.28
HMRC	£ 243.05
Hereford Fire	£ 113.40
One Voice	£ 655.00
Welsh Water	£ 52.43
Cleaner	£ 404.65
Caretaker	£ 712.80
Mike Pearson	£ 520.00
Admin	£ 61.37
British Gas	£ 204.01
Norma Watkins	£ 35.93

## 10 To consider the Financial Statement

The statement had been distributed, and was accepted without comment. Councillor Ms N Watkins said that she was putting in £1,528.20 Hall income up to the beginning of that week. .

## 11 To consider any matters regarding the Playing Fields Committee

- (a) Councillor Cowan said that the memorial garden had attracted favourable comment from a member of Monmouthshire Housing. The land had been rotovated and was being made ready for the new season. County Councillor Harris said he had a great many oak trees on his land, and that he was prepared to make them available to the Council if they would assist.

- (b) Councillor Cowan said there had been further vandalism, and a swing in the playground had been damaged, but was useable. The shed by the Hall door had been damaged, but repaired, for the umpteenth time. They were still waiting for the police to investigate.

**12 To consider matters relating to the Community Hall**

This had already been considered above.

**13 To receive information from One Voice Wales**

The Clerk said there were no new items to discuss.

**14 To receive any reports on activities of outside bodies**

No issues arose under this heading.

**15 To consider any matters that the Chair considers urgent.**

(a) Councillor Harry raised again the issue of a dog waste bin on the Willow Court estate. It was agreed to leave that issue to be decided by the next Council following the election.

(b) The Clerk said he had been approached with a question as to whether alcohol should be allowed in the Hall. This followed a request to hold a birthday party in July to which people would bring their own alcohol. There was some concern as to whether this was lawful when the Hall did not have its own licence. The Clerk said that he had asked PC Elliot Morgan, who appeared to suggest that it was, but that the Council might be advised to have personnel on site to ensure that the event passed without incident. It was agreed that this was imposing too great a burden on the Council. The decision was taken not to allow this in principle.

**16. Date of the next meeting of the Council**

The Chairman said that the next meeting would be on Tuesday **19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7pm.**