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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY
COMMUNITY HALL ON THE 26TH APRIL 2022

Those attending: Councillor GG Cowan (Chair), Ms N Watkins (Vice-Chair), Councillors K Eldridge and C Harry.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given by Councillors Skinner, Ewers and the Rev M Lane.

2 Declaration of interests

None had been declared. It was agreed that these could be given as and when they arose during the meeting.

3 Discussion on policing issues with Gwent Police personnel

The Police Report had already been distributed by e-mail. The meeting on the 19th March had been attended by PCSO Gareth Llewelyn. Contrary to the report, suggesting that the damage to the shed adjacent to the Community Hall might have been accidental, PC Elliot Morgan had in fact told the Chairman that the damage was still being investigated, Councillor Cowan said that, of the seven suspects, three had admitted their involvement, but that the issue of compensation or reparation was still being investigated. He understood that it was unlikely to go to court; the Clerk said it would probably mean a referral to the Youth Offending Team, which would mean that no payment of compensation could be compelled.

4 To receive the Monthly update reports from County Councillors

No County Councillors were present, so there were no reports.

5 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2022

The Minutes were approved.

6 To consider Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2022

No matters arose.

7 To consider correspondence received

(a) The Clerk said that the only matter which had arisen was correspondence with Case, whose contract had been to maintain the alarm system at the Community Hall. The last two years' bills had been sent to Phillip Jones, who had not been involved with the Council for at least five years. Moreover, it was debatable whether Case had been near the Hall since 2019. They were claiming £665.29. He would continue to dispute the matter.

(b) Monmouthshire County Council – an invoice for £132 for emptying Dog bins. The Clerk said that he was still trying to resolve with Monmouthshire County Council which bins they meant. There was a suspicion that some might have been bins which were not owned by Llantilio Pertholey Community Council.

8 To consider planning matters.

(a) 22/20703/TPO – Great House Farm – Tree felling – Christopher Watkins – it was agreed that, if the tree was dangerous, it had to be lopped or felled to make it safe

(b) 22/20948/FUL – 2 Triley Court – replacement of roofing material to conservatory – Phil Pickersgill - this was agreed, as it had been for other properties in the same estate

(c) DM/2022/00196 – Villa Salerno – extension to existing bungalow – Lucy Hoggins – this was not agreed. The issue of planning at the Golf Club had arisen previously. The extension was so large that it was clearly designed to make two dwellings out of one, and that would lead to a further planning application later on.

9 To consider the payment of Accounts.

The following payments were agreed:

Admin - £119.64

Council Tax - £1,578.25

British Gas - £395.25

Mike Pearson £520

Bethan Pearson £1,104.60 (this covered six weeks)

Gillian Welsh £567.29

Norma Watkins £166.96 for seeds for the memorial garden

An account for £2,747.20 from SSE was queried because of its size. The Clerk asked for the up-to-date reading of the meter so that he could query what appeared to be an estimate.

10 **To consider the Financial Statement**

The financial statement for the year ended 31.3.22 had been distributed. It was agreed that this would be the basis of the submission for the annual audit.

> see separate pdf file for actual Statement and Minutes for May 2022 for an update! (M.E.)

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

(a) Councillor Ms N Watkins said that the seat in the swings had been damaged, but repaired by her husband

(b) The Chairman said that the Memorial Garden was progressing, and was registered with the Woodland Trust subject to a covenant that it would not be removed; a fine would be payable if it was.

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

The Chairman said that there had been another two toilet blockages. There had been toilet cardboard holders, plastic bottles and toilet paper, again apparently following Bingo sessions. He said that one problem lay in the inadequate “fall” from the Hall to the sewer. He wondered if perhaps a septic tank should be considered, although that could cost as much as £20,000. A future Council might perhaps look at this suggestion.

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

No information was disclosed

14 To receive any reports on activities of outside bodies.

No reports were disclosed

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

(a) Donation to the Glyn Ebbw 2556 charity

The Chairman referred to the activities of this charity, whose resources had been depleted by money being sent to the Red Cross in aid of the inhabitants of Ukraine. It also funded the Teddy Bear and other appeals for children admitted to the Nevill Hall, Ebbw Vale and Pontypool hospitals. It was agreed that the Council should send £350 to this charity.

(b) The Clerk said he was writing to all Councillors, sending them copies of the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders. He had ascertained that the Council had adopted a Complaints Procedure some time ago, but he and Councillors Ms N Watkins questioned whether it was fit for the purpose. The Clerk said he would investigate.

(c) The Chairman said that the Standing Orders provided for a quorum of four, and he asked if, in view of the reduction in the number of Councillors to 12, this should not now be three rather than four. The Clerk said he would investigate.

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

The Chairman said the first meeting of the new Council would be on **Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 7pm.**