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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY
COMMUNITY HALL ON THE 17th DAY OF AUGUST 2022

Those attending: Councillors M Hayward (Chair), M Skinner (Vice-Chair), GG Cowan, Ms N Watkins, K Eldridge, C Harry, S Baugh and M Edwards. Also in attendance was County Councillor Sue McConnel and Catherine Vaughan, LGBT officer. Marjorie Bennett was present as a member of the public on the floor of the meeting.

1 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were tendered by Councillors Rev M Lane, M Ewers, S Sulway, A Barber and Rev J Gray.

2 Declaration of interests.

It was agreed that these could be tendered as and when they arose during the meeting.

3 Discussion on policing issues with Gwent Police personnel

There was no police report.

4 To receive the Monthly update reports from County Councillors

County Councillor McConnel said that the Council appeared to be in holiday mode. The 20 mph speed limit was a major topic. It appeared that it was likely to be maintained. There appeared to be a variety of views among the general public between those who hated it and those (mainly pedestrians) who loved it. Air quality and reduction in accidents were obviously topics for consideration. Currently, it was being monitored. Drivers thought to have exceeded the limit are invited in to view a video. It was not in force yet, but on a Friday evening – normally very busy – only three people were found not to be

complying. People did appear to be taking notice – a great many were seen to start to brake as they entered the Hereford Road from the Hereford direction and reached about McColls. It was unlikely that the government would change its mind even though people might object.

Some discussion followed. Councillor Edwards asked if there was room for compromise. County Councillor McConnell said that people could of course petition. Councillor Edwards proposed that a letter should be written to Mr Hand, asking for a 25 mph limit on the main road. Councillor Cowan seconded that proposal, and it was agreed.

5 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July 2022.

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

6 To consider Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July 2022.

Page 3 – 6 – The Chair said that the problem with the projector had been resolved.

Page 3 – Clause 6.14 – the Chair he had now received a quote from Pomegranate for £58.80 for the preparation of signs making it clear that CCTV was being used. It was agreed that it should say that it was “not observed save as necessary.” The Chair proposed approval of this wording as amended. Seconded by Councillor Harry, it was approved. The Chair said that a formerly defective CCTV camera had now been repaired.

Page 3 – Page 4 Clause 13(a) – the Chair said that the roof tiles had now been seen to.

Page 3 – Page 4 - Clause 13(b) – The Clerk said that he was still consulting with Gabb & Co, and looking into the issue of the conduct of Watkins & Gunn, regarding the Community Hall lease.

Page 5 – 13(a) – The issue of the use of the car park for the Welsh School was revisited. A question arose as to the use of the school caretaker as a director of the traffic. Would he be an employee of the Council? The answer to that was clear – he would have to continue to be an employee of Monmouthshire County Council. The Chair said that Mrs Oliver, the Head Teacher, had jumped the gun if she had given the impression to parents that the issue was agreed. County Councillor McConnell said that we were here to serve the community, and it was unsatisfactory for parents to be parking on pavements with a big car park lying vacant. The Clerk said that his experience as a lawyer made him cautious, and he urged caution on the Council. He had explored the issue with the Council’s insurers, who had said they would not raise the premiums, but it was clear from what they said that the Council should undertake a risk assessment to obviate any question marks that might be raised if there was an accident. County

Councillor McConnell said that it was hoped that Mrs Oliver would contact all parents and get them to drive and park respectfully. The Clerk pointed out that unfortunately past experience had demonstrated that many didn't do so.

Councillor Edwards said that there was obvious danger where the entrance and exit were the same. Councillor Harry proposed that the Council should approve the use of the car park for this purpose in principle, but subject to clarification by the insurers, but there was no seconder for the proposal.

Councillor Cowan said there had in fact been an accident involving a hall user in the Cardiac Rehabilitation group, as a result of which the Council had lost the group's custom entirely. He asked if Monmouthshire County Council would take responsibility at the end of the day if there was an accident.

The Clerk said, with experience as a lawyer in mind, that if that were to be accepted, whilst it would not stop the Community Council from being technically responsible, it would obviously mean that the Community Council's back was covered, and in that event there ought to be no problem. County

Councillor McConnell said she had been unable to find the answer to that question. It was agreed that the issue would be revisited at the next meeting.

7 To consider correspondence received.

The Clerk said there was no correspondence to be considered over and above what was already being discussed..

8 To consider planning matters.

The Clerk said there were no planning matters to be considered.

9 To consider the Financial Statement

The statement had been distributed and was noted. It was observed that the Hall income was now increasing. It was agreed (the Chair proposing and Councillor Edwards seconding) that Councillor Harry could be an additional signatory to the account. The Clerk handed Councillor Harry a copy of the mandate and asked him to complete it and return it to him.

The Chair said he was now asking Octopus to supply utilities and also maintain the boiler.

An issue arose over the keys to the upstairs rooms – the CCTV room and the upstairs committee room. Did the cleaner have the keys? Did the Clerk? The answer was unclear, and needed to be looked at.

10. To consider payment of Accounts.

The following payments were approved:

Cleaner £451.50
Bins £650
Caretaker £760

11. To consider any matters regarding the Playing Fields Committee

(a) The Chair said that he had taken steps to look at the car park and to clear up the weeds, and especially the Mare's Tails. He said it had to be sprayed really four or five times a year. He would seek an estimate for it to be done on a regular basis.

(b) The gas boiler in the changing-rooms was now beyond economic repair. They had had two estimates so far. £1,575 and £2,175. The problem with the boiler was because of damage to the flue. The Clerk said he might be able to make an insurance claim if he could have a report to that effect.

12. To consider any matters regarding the Community Hall

Councillor Ms N Watkins said that a second culprit had been questioned about the damage to the hall and the hut by the front door. The first had been cooperative, the second was unfortunately less so. The first had actually asked to get involved in the memorial garden and clearly wanted to remedy any problems he had caused. It was agreed that nothing was going to prevent vandalism altogether.

13. To consider information from One Voice Wales

The Clerk said no information was to be considered.

14. To receive any reports on activities of outside bodies

No items fell to be discussed under this head.

15. To consider any matters that the Chair considers urgent

(a) The issue of the Code of Conduct

It was agreed that Matthew Philips should be asked to give advice, as he had indicated he was prepared to do, especially on the issue of the question of interests.

(b) Change to the Standing Orders

It was agreed that the Standing Orders should be amended so as to exclude any meeting in August.

17. The date of the next meeting of the Council

The Chairman said that the next meeting would be on **Wednesday 21st September 2022 at 7pm.**