MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THE 19th March 2025

Present: Councillors M. Hayward (Chair), G. Cowan, M. Edwards, R. Fury, C. Harry, M. Skinner and K. Vaughan.

Also in attendance:- Councillor S. McConnel for Mon.CC; Mrs. M. Bennett (Llanddewi Skirrid CC); Ms. Z. Cameron (Mardy Roots)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors S. Salway. and M. Lane (Mon.CC). It was was agreed that Councillor Harry would record the minutes of the meeting in the absence of a Clerk.

2. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 19th February

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th February were approved as a correct record

3. Matters Arising

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i) Interviews for the post of Clerk had been carried out and an offer of employment had been made to Ms Clare Preece which was endorsed by the Council.

Those present also wished to place on record their thanks to Councillors Hayward and Harry for carrying out the financial and administrative duties of the Council in the absence of a Clerk. Councillor Edwards had also assisted with the updating of the Council's website.

ii) It was noted that there would be an election on Thursday 20th April to fill the current vacancy for a councillor.

4. Police Report for February 2025

A copy of the monthly report was circulated to Councillors and a representative of the Police attended to answer questions and update Councillors on current initiatives and problems particularly in relation to a 'roofing repair scam' which had been under investigation

5. County Councillor's Report

Councillor McConnel updated those present on County Council matters although there was little of significance to report currently.

6. Application for Grant Aid – Gwent Young Farmers' Club

An application for grant aid had been received from Gwent YFC to help the body continue to support young farmers between the ages of 18-28.

It was agreed to make a donation of £250.

7. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered –

- i) Application no. DM/2025/00254. Construct a pair of semi detached houses on land adjacent to Croesonnen Cottages.
 - Whilst there was no objection to the actual construction proposal, the Council wished to object to the proposed existing entrance via Hereford Road on safety grounds and agreed that entry should be from St. David's Road.
- ii) Application no. DM/2025/00234. Replacement of tin clad workshop on Nantgavenny Lane.
 - The Council endorsed concern expressed by adjoining properties relating to the positioning of two parking bays which appear to encroach onto adjoining land.
- iii) Application no. DM/2025/00032. Change of use of existing agricultural field to create Lazer clay shooting range.
 - There were no objections to this proposal.
- iv) Brecon Beacons NPA. Proposed permanent retention of a cabin at Ty Gwyn Hall Nursing Home to provide occupational therapy accommodation.

No objections.

8. Payment of accounts

The following payments were approved –

Caretaker, B. Pearson £915.20

Cleaner, G, Welsh £533.59

Bin Collection, M. Pearson £780

Garden Services, R. Moulding £100

BT Broadband £26.78

British Gas £171.87

9. Financial Statement

The Chair updated Members on the status of the Council's accounts.

10. Playing Fields and Green Spaces

The meeting was addressed by Zoe Cameron of Mardy Roots who updated Council on the planting and improvement scheme for Mardy Park being undertaken in conjunction with Monlife's Local Places for Nature Project as follows –

Tree planting was nearing completion with only two more still to arrive.

Hedging had been planted and wildflower turf was being prepared.

New seating installations were in course of preparation.

Council also approved in principle proposals for a new notice board and a new planter.

It was also agreed to record the Council's thanks to Zoe Cameron for the time and energy she had spent on planning improvements to Mardy Park.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be on 16th April 2025.