## **GOETRE FAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT LITTLE MILL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2016

Present: Community Councillors Carol Fodden, Roger Howells, Owen Dodd, Colin Deakins,

Syd Welford, Robert French, Jonathan Lazenby, Roger Price, Roger Ogden

In Attendance: Clerk - Ian Blacker

**Apologies**: County Councillor Bryan Jones, Councillor Rose Thayers, John Kostanjevec

		ACTION
1	Meeting suspended at 7.30pm Presentation by Tracey Thomas of Mon CC Sustainability and Growth Initiatives for local authorities to support services. Authority budget to be reduced over next 4 years. Over £14m to be lost. Vision for new delivery model. Presentation notes attached to these minutes. Councillor Price was concerned about the loss of staff and the costs involved in outsourcing staff and work. Councillor Deakins asked if this has been trialled elsewhere. All local authorities have models that have been implemented. Newport, Torfaen and Blaenau Gwent all have models running currently. Role for Community Councils? Mon CC not looking for funding. Partners and advocates to support what services residents want going forward. Decision to be made by full County Council on 9th March 2017	
	07.55 Mrs Pat Smith addressed the Council with regard to the planning application DC/2016/00986 and the public right of way. Mrs Smith met with the footpath officer Mandy Russell at Mon CC and showed Mrs Smith a definitive right of way map. Clerk to contact Mandy Russell to get the definitive response to the issue. Goytre Fawr Community Council noticeboard in park needs refurbishing Dog bins in Goytre showing big improvement since their installation Goytre toilets are much improved and a welcome public facility. Meeting resumed 8.10pm Chairman's Remarks Chairman Robert French welcomed everyone to the meeting	Clerk
2	Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	Proposed by Councillor Dodd. Seconded by Councillor Welford	
3	<ol> <li>Matters Arising</li> <li>Goytre School Breakfast Club are still investigating with the County Council</li> <li>Martyn Lewis of Mon CC has issued statutory notice to Mr Tucker regarding hedge cutting along Croes y Pant Lane</li> <li>Clerk is awaiting response from Goytre AFC regarding donation given to locate notice board in Goytre Park.</li> <li>No reply from Mon CC regarding proposed Jack and Jill's building transfer for</li> </ol>	
4	use by Community Centre.  Reports	
4	Monmouthshire County Council  1. Nothing to report	
	<ol> <li>Little Mill Village Hall</li> <li>Very successful firework display on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. Cleared just over £1000.00</li> <li>New LED tubes to be installed in the hall</li> <li>Looking for remote control for lighting on sports pitch to save on distribution of tokens. Could be switched on by premium phone line potentially. Hall Committee investigating options.</li> <li>Christmas parties on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016.</li> <li>Annex to be redecorated in the New Year</li> </ol>	
	Goytre Village Hall	
	1. Meeting last week. New doors in club.	

2. CCTV planned for hall 3. Defribulator used. Clerk to contact manufacturers to ensure it doesn't require re setting Goytre School 1. Nothing to report Goytre Community Centre 1. Heating working well after the installation of the new boiler 2. Community Centre will need decorating in the New Year Goytre After School Club 1. AGM last week and appointed a new committee. Suggestion that a drop off and drive zone be placed outside the school with support from the Community Council **Public Conveniences** 1. Nothing to report Goytre Scout Hut. 1. Possible showers and upgrade of toilet facilities for the New Year 5 Other Reports Planning Aid meeting attended by Councillors Deakins and French. Community Councils will have earlier input into applications in future. With the new Community Infrastructure Levy, plans for funding must be in place before the development building work starts. 6 **Communications** 1. Letter from David TC Davies MP regarding business rate revaluation proposal. Proposed new Vodaphone base station in Penperlleni. Details of proposal handed to committee. Community are aware of the proposal and will awaited planning application. Annual appeal for funding to support the National Eisteddfod, Anglesey 2017. No action to be taken. \*Denotes Email 7 Community Council Precept 2017/18 Committee discussed precept for 2017/18 and agreed to hold at £28,500 as in previous year so no increase to residents in the Community Proposed by Councillor Howells. Seconded by Councillor Welford. **Chairman's Honorarium** Proposed to leave the payment at £425.00 and payable to Councillor French. Proposed by Councillor Howells. Seconded by Councillor Deakins 9 **Govtre School Poster Judging** 1<sup>st</sup> prize Olivia 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Sam Sullivan 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Oliver Edwards Councillors have suggested giving book tokens to the pupils 1<sup>st</sup> prize £15, 2<sup>nd</sup> £10 and 3<sup>rd</sup> £5. Proposed by Councillor Dodd. Seconded by Councillor Lazenby Community Councillors congratulated all the pupils at Goytre School on the high standard of their work 10 **Additional Canal Side Dog Waste Bin Proposal** The Canal and Riverside Trust, along with some local residents have expressed concern about dog waste along certain stretches of the canal. The Trust has asked if the Community Council are willing to fund the collection of waste. They are happy to provide two extra bins at suitable locations. Community Council will pay for the collection of the dog waste once installed. Proposed by Councillor Price. Seconded by Councillor Lazenby A new bin to be located opposite lane on Newtown Road by style. Proposed by Councillor Fodden. Seconded by Councillor Ogden. **Clerk Replacement Update** 11 The Clerk has currently received two applications for the post. The closing date was Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Interviews for two applications to take place within the next two weeks Proposed by Councillor Deakins and Seconded by Councillor Dodds. Interviews to be held on Mon 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at Community Centre 7 **Review of Accounts** 1. S Fodden £250.00 Ian Blacker (Clerk) £520.00

	3. Thomas Waste Management £69.60			
	4. British Gas (electricity) £20.98			
	5. Planning Aid Wales Planning Course £51.99			
	6. Merlin Waste Dog Bins £47.46			
	7. Planning Aid Wales £51.99			
	8. M&M Gas Services Boiler Community Centre £2538.00			
	9. St Illtyd's Church graveyard donation £450.00			
	10. Chair's Honorarium to Councillor French £425.00			
	No issues raised with accounts			
8	Planning Applications			
	1. No applications received			
9	Donations			
	1. St Illtyd's Church request for funding to help maintain the graveyard. £450.00			
	to be donated to the church. Proposed by Councillor Price. Seconded by			
	Councillor French.			
10	Advertising			
	Usk and Raglan diary contribution January 2017			
11	Maintenance			
	1. Speed of traffic still a concern through Little Mill. Suggestion that speed sign	Clerk		
	be used in the village. Clerk to write to Highways.			
	2. Speed along Plough Road still problematic despite new signs.			
	3. Lack of police monitoring parking along Berthon Road during firework display.			
	4. Drains along School Lane could be blocked. Volume of rain caused flooding			
	problems.			
	5. Posts have been placed near style by railway bridge on Newtown Road			
	6. Trees at Glan y Nant are still causing an obstruction.			
	7. Top of Newtown Road parking still creating a problem. This issue has been			
	raised with Mon CC and they said they would review in new financial year			
	The meeting closed at 9.50			
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	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Little Mill Village Hall	All		
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