**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 7TH DECEMBER 2022**

 **AT THE CONQUERING HERO COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Mrs M. Smith

Councillors: J. Pickett, A. Jones, D. Walton, P. Davies, R. Hughes, S. V. Evans, R. Cragg, Mrs J. Evans, County Cllr. Karen Edwards and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES**

No apologies as all councillors were present.

**22/4002 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**22/4003 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Stakeholders Meeting – parking Horseshoe Falls

Representatives from the County Council, AONB and the police attended the site meeting which was held at the Horseshoe Falls on the 24th November. Some of the issues raised were the inadequate fencing, the need for bollards and better use of the car parking area. It was noted that the septic tank is in need of replacing and that some kind of policing is needed regarding ticketing. Overnight parking is still a big problem and difficult to police without using security cameras. A full time warden would help to alleviated these problems but wouldn’t be cost effective. It was unanimously agreed that the present situation cannot continue. David Shiel will look into obtaining further funding to improve the site.

Fibre Broadband

Karen has spoken to Adam Butcher, Cardiff’s Digital Officer who explained that traffic issues along the A5 and management problems have delayed the Fibre Broadband rollout. At the present time part of Rhewl could be connected in January 2023.

It was agreed that this present situation cannot continue, with half the village of Rhewl connected but the other half being left out. Karen agreed to chase this up again and report back in the New Year.

20moh roll-out

The 20mph roll-out should be implemented in September 2023 with consultation events beginning in February 2023. The restrictions will cover most of Llangollen and part of Llantysilio and Pentredŵr.

Budget for 2023/24

In response to a question from the Council, Karen said that figures for the Rhyl development had been miscalculated and the Council needs to find another £5m. This would need to be taken into consideration when setting the Budget, which is a long way from being finalised.

**22/4004 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs J. Evans.

Seconded by Cllr. R. Cragg.

**22/4004 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

Blocked drain in Pentredwr. Cllr. Pickett said that the job has been completed .

22/3397a) – cemetery fence.

Harry is at present on sick leave but will complete the work asap.

22/4001) – Graham Berry.

Graham Berry has agreed to attend the February meeting.

**22/4006 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Accounts for payment.

The Accounts were paid as on the schedule attached to these Minutes.

1. Monthly Budget

The Budget was approved as a correct record.

1. Other financial matters

It was resolved to pay the annual membership fee of £101.00 to SLCC.

1. To set the Precept for 2023-2024

In line with the Financial Committee’s proposal and taking into account the three year projected Budget to 2026 it was agreed to raise the Precept by 6%. (One councillor abstained from voting). This would incur a raise, based on the number of band D properties, of approximately £2.80 per household per annum.

To reach this conclusion the Council considered the following : -

Cemetery

The cost of running the cemetery has increased this year with the added financial burden of the damaged perimeter fence, even with the insurance input. Grass cutting and maintenance are also costing more. The Council also has to take into consideration the size and age of the large trees in the cemetery which may need trimming or removing the cost of which would use up a large part of the Budget.

General Administration

This has steadily increased in line with inflation. To this end the Council has allowed an extra £100.00 towards this cost.

Clerk’s salary

The Clerk’s working from home allowance is to remain the same. Although this has been underpaid for some years the Clerk is happy for it to remain at £180.00 per annum. The National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks came to an agreement to implement a revised pay scale from the 1st April 2022 which meant an hourly increase of £1.00 for the Clerk. This equates to a raise of £7.00 per week or £362 per year.

Website

An extra £30.00 has been allowed for the website in line with inflation.

Room hire

This has remained the same and is not likely to change.

Other payments

These to remain the same as the Council doesn’t foresee any large increase in the near future.

Reserve

The Council agreed to raise its reserve fund from £1,500 to £2,000 to cover the cost of a mid-term election.

**Resolved**

As proposed by Cllr. R. Cragg and seconded by Cllr. Mrs J. Evans.

To raise the Precept for 2023/24 by 6%. This involves an extra £660.00 per annum and takes the annual Precept from £10,980.00 to £11,640.00.

**22/4007 NATIONAL PARK**

Nothing to report.

**22/4008 HORSESHOE FALLS AND ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS**

Addressed in Agenda Item 22/4002

**22/4009 STAKEHOLDERS MEETING – HORSESHOE FALLS**

Addressed in Agenda Item 22/4002

**22/4010 PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application 27/2022/0903 – 1 Glenbrook Cottages, Pentrefelin.

Erection of car port pergola to existing balcony and alterations to dwelling.

There were no objections to this Application.

**22/4011 SUPERFAST BROADBAND**

Addressed in Agenda Item 22/4002

**22/4012 CEMETERY**

Dividing wall

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the site Meeting, which had been held at the Cemetery on the 12th November. Present at this meeting were Councillors Mrs J. Evans, P. Davies,

 R. Cragg and the Council’s Chairman Cllr. Mrs M. Smith

The wall has been in the present state of collapse for many years and would need the expertise of an experienced structural engineer/surveyor before anything can be done.

As the wall is owned by the Church it was agreed that the Council should not be involved in this matter.

**22/4013 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

1. Hafod y Rhys hill has still not been done.
2. The rubbish in the playground has not been taken away.
3. The road from Rhewl to Cae Llewelyn road at Cymo junction is in need of attention.
4. Overhanging tree branches are obscuring the junction from the Pass to Pentredŵr.
5. Water on the road 100mtrs below Oernant Ucha – natural spring?
6. Trees need lopping in the area of the Horseshoe Pass junction to Pentredŵr.
7. Salt bins on the Panorama have been vandalised yet again.

**22/4014 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Defibrillator at Eglwyseg

This has now been sited and will be ready for use in a couple of weeks when the Clerk has registered it on the Circuit.

**22/4000 CLERK’S REPORT**

Nothing further to report.

**22/4001 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

* Invite Phil Burrows to attend the February Meeting.

**There being no other business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.**