**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A ZOOM MEETING HELD 2ND MARCH 2021**

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs M. Smith

Councillors: R. Cragg, R. Hughes, Mrs J. Evans, D. Walton, P. Davies County Cllrs. Graham Timms and Melvyn Mile, Graham Berry, DCC Moorland Officer and the Clerk..

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors: J. Pickett and A. Jones.

**21/3777 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**21/3778 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GRAHAM BERRY**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Berry to the Meeting and thanked him for attending. Mr Berry then gave a short account of his background, which included a brief history of his reasons for applying for the post of Moorland Officer. Mr Berry explained that he had been in post since November 2020 on a 3 year contract, which is funded by DCC and Natural Resources Wales on a 50/50 basis. His main roll is to assess the risk management regarding moorland fires. He intends working closely with local farmers, land-owners and graziers. The bulk of his work is planned to be on Llantysilio Mountain where the fire of 2018 damaged so much of the mountainside.

This coming year he is organising a cut on the Panorama and controlled burning training sessions with the local Fire Brigade. Funding could be an issue as the project needs a sustainable approach and investment. He is looking into grants from central government and other bodies to extend the 3 year contract period.

There will be some high profile works taking place in the next couple of months on the mountain involving cutting heather and airlifting it, by helicopter, to the fire damaged areas on Moel y Gamelin and Moel y Faen. The work involves some 68 hectares of grass and heather seeding. The Company being used to transport the heather is Tera Firma.

In response to a question from Cllr. Cragg, Mr Berry asked if the Council could put something on its Facebook page dissuading onlookers and visitors to the area whilst this work is being carried out. He also asked the Council’s advice on how to inform people of the difference of a controlled burn and an accidental burn. The Council’s Chairman, Cllr. Mrs Smith said that she would ensure this information was added to the Council’s Facebook page but to do this would need the relevant information from Mr Berry.

In response to a question from Cllr. Davies regarding motorbikes on Moel y Gamelin, Mr Berry said the police weren’t keen to get involved. He expressed concern that, when the lock-down ends, the area will be inundated with motorbikes and off-roaders.

**21/3779 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Overspend in Rhyl

Cllr. Hughes asked the two County Councillors why the County Council had allowed such a huge overspend of £1.7m on the Queen’s Marked project in Rhyl? Although this matter didn’t effect our area directly at the moment Cllr. Hughes felt that it could have financial repercussion for us in the future. Cllr. Timms said that he would look into it further and report back at the next meeting.

Salt bins

Cllr. Timms said that he had chased this matter up and that the relevant department would be contacting town and community councils in the near future.

Llidiart Annie water leak

This has proved to be a complicated issue as the land involved has shared ownership. Dwr Hafren in working with residents to solve the problem of who should pay for the works being carried out.

**21/3780 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr R. Cragg.

Seconded by Cllr. Mrs Evans.

**21/3781 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

There were no matters arising.

**21/3782 COMMEMORATIVE BENCH FOR SHEP**

It was agreed to site the seat outside the Conquering Hero Community Centre.

The Clerk said the she would liaise with John Gambles on exactly where to put the seat. She is awaiting the costings from Alex Cotterell but is surmising that this will be similar to the price paid for the commemorative seat purchased for Bob Morris.

**21/3783 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Accounts for payment.

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

1. Monthly Budget

The Budget was duly approved as a correct record.

1. Request for a donation from the Llangollen Tidy Towns Team.

It was unanimously agreed to donate the sum of £100 to the Tidy Towns Team in recognition of all the work they have carried out over the past couple of years on the Panorama and the Horseshoe Falls.

Proposed by Cllr. R. Hughes and Seconded by Cllr. P. Davies

1. Other Matters

The Clerk informed members that she had completed the VAT return to the amount of £856.80. The burial fees for the past month had amounted to £690.00.

Cllr. Cragg suggested that the Council look into installing another defibrillator with this money.

**21/3784 PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application 27/2021/0056 – Land at Tan y Castell Panorama Walk.

Change of use of land for the siting of 2 Yurts for holiday accommodation use, installation of a package treatment plant, formation of internal track, change of use of part of shed to parking and associated works.

There were no objections to this Application.

**21/3785 CEMETERY**

The Clerk said that she was concerned that if she was ever unavailable or incapacitated there was no one else with the knowledge to undertake the paperwork involved in a burial. The role included liaising with undertakers, family members and on occasion the registrar. She said that she would liaise with the Chairman on this matter.

**21/3786 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

There was some discussion on the poor state of the roads but, as most of the problems have already been reported to DCC by the Clerk, it was felt that if all members of the Council also contacted DCC something might eventually get done. Cllr. Cragg suggested that, to ensure that any complaint is correctly logged, members should complain through the proper channel and not via telephone.

**21/3787 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

None

**21/3788 CLERK’S REPORT**

None

**21/3789 MATTERS FOR THE MARCH AGENDA**

Defibrillator for Llantysilio

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