

Gladestry Community Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 15 May 2017 at 7.00pm in Gladestry Village Hall

Present

Ms Jane Bisby (Chairman), Mr Derrick Carrington, Mr Melvyn Hughes, Mr Viv Lloyd and Mr Kenneth Waugh (clerk)

Observers: Cllr Michael Jones and Mr Paul Ellis (for part).

1. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

2. Minutes.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9 May 2016: Jane proposed acceptance of the minutes as they represented an accurate record of the previous meeting, and Melvyn seconded the proposal. It was agreed by the meeting, and the minutes were duly signed.

3. Matters Arising.

Cover for the Website Administrator. Dan Cosgrove was the designated cover but had now retired from the Council. Derrick asked that the subject be listed as an agenda item at the Council meeting in July.

4. Chairman's Report.

See appendix.

5. Financial Report.

The Clerk referred Councillors to the end of year financial statement which showed a carry forward balance of £3387. He advised that the local auditor had completed his work, and had made no adverse comments. To complete our processes. Jane covered the Annual Governance Statement with Councillors and was then able to sign-off the accounts for delivery to the external auditors.

6. Elections.

The recent local elections had led to only 4 nominations for the Gladestry Community Council (those present, above), and they were elected unopposed. Because the Council did not currently have a full complement of members Derrick proposed that the election of new Chairman and Vice Chairman be postponed until the ordinary

meeting in July, in light of the development described next. This was seconded by Viv, and all were in favour. Viv also proposed that Melvyn should act as temporary Vice Chairman in the meantime; Jane seconded, and all agreed. Both Derrick and Melvyn indicated that they would be willing to stand for election as Chairman at the July meeting.

The Clerk had posted on the website a notice of a proposal to co-opt further Councillors. It now transpired that there were 4 nominations for co-option for the 3 remaining vacancies; viz Mr Paul Ellis, Mr Ian Ball, Mr Joseph Alman and Mr Gareth Croose. At this point, Mr Paul Ellis said that he would withdraw his nomination; having done so, Paul left after Jane had thanked him for his offer of standing.

Jane now proposed that the three remaining nominations be co-opted; Derrick seconded the proposal, and all Councillors voted in favour.

7. A.O.B.

There was no other business.

8. Next Meeting.

The next Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 21 May 2018.

Signed:

Dated:

Appendix.

Chairman's Report.

Councillors: Thank you for giving your time and energy to the Community Council. We are sorry to lose Gareth, Dan and Dianne. They have served on the community council for many years. So on behalf of the community, we would like to say a big thank you to them.

Our County Councillor: Thank you to **Michael Jones** for attending our meetings and keeping us in touch with Powys County Council.

Our clerk, Kenneth Waugh, has helped me, as chairman, and kept us all well-informed of developments - thank you. He has also taken on, from Dan, the task of finding a home for the defibrillator and arranging for the teaching of CPR. Again, an enormous thank you.

Auditing: Thank you to **Frank Mullin** for auditing our accounts.

Website: And thank you to **Bob Terry**, who continues to run our new Gladestry website and keeps people notified of new developments.

We had a very successful teaching session on the use of the defibrillator and how to do CPR. This was provided by Sal Gaze of Anubis. We hope to have another session in the next few months. We also handed out "dummy" kits with an explanatory DVD, so that you could train yourself and your family in the comfort of your own home. These have all now been returned and are available for anyone else who is interested to take home.

Over the years, the Community Council has requested various road repairs of Powys - potholes, drain clearing, and asphaltting of passing places on the Cloggau Pitch. Action has been promised, but as yet it has not happened.

During the year, the Village Hall has lost its recycling banks for both glass and plastics, due to Powys trying to save money. These banks are badly missed by parts of the Colva community who do not get kerbside collections. I have pressed at great length for kerbside collections for every household. But Powys is unwilling to provide this service for all, due to cost considerations. So the very unsatisfactory and unsafe "collection points" continue.

The council continues to give small grants to local organisations. This year we have delayed awarding these grants until after the local elections, so that we know how much money we have available.