

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 15 May 2017 in Gladestry Village Hall

Present. Ms Jane Bisby (Chairman), Mr Melvyn Hughes, Mr Viv Lloyd, Mr Derrick Carrington, Cllr Michael Jones and Mr Kenneth Waugh (Clerk).

1. Apologies.

There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of last meeting.

Viv proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 13 March 2017 be accepted and signed. Melvyn seconded, and the proposal was agreed.

3. Matters arising.

Melvyn asked for clarification on responsibility for maintaining the play area at the village hall; Viv explained that this remained the responsibility of Powys CC as the owner of said area.

4. Planning.

There had been no comments from Councillors relating to applications 0250 and 0251 that had been distributed by email.

5. Finance.

Councillors noted the current financial position as shown on the budget monitoring sheet included with the agenda. The Clerk mentioned that the Council would need to be aware of possible consequences relating to carrying forward a large surplus into next year as it was Powys CC and Audit Office policy to discourage Councils from holding excessive reserves. Councillors raised the possibility of encouraging local projects that the Council could support, and would seek ideas from within the Community for discussion at future meetings.

6. Correspondence.

No discussions were raised regarding recent communications to the Council.

7. Business matters.

i. AED update. The Clerk said the AED cabinet had been received. He also reminded Councillors that the project with the Community Heartbeat Trust to adopt the red telephone kiosk was under way, but could take up to 90 days. The Trust would provide paints with which to refurbish the kiosk, and a decision on whether this work would be undertaken by local volunteers or by a paid contractor would need to be made in the future. It appears that the cabinet provided may need some electrical amendment to

satisfy the legal requirements relating to the use of the kiosk; the Clerk will arrange for necessary work to be done.

ii. Grant applications. The following applications had been received:

a. Gladestry school requested £500 to restock the garden area with raised beds and lots of plants; and to purchase gardening tools. This needed to be done to replace that which was lost as a result of the fencing work undertaken by Powys.

b. St Mary's Church, Gladestry asked for a grant of £352 as 10% of the costs that had to be found to add to the 90% which had already been secured in order to maintain and restore the war memorial in the church grounds.

c. St Mary's Church, Gladestry also applied for £300 towards the annual running costs of the church lavatory which is available for public use.

d. Gladestry Parent and Toddler Group applied for a grant of £202.09 for new tricycles to replace old, plastic ones.

e. St David's Church, Colva requested a grant of £200 towards the cost of maintaining the church grounds.

f. St Mary's Church, Newchurch requested assistance with mowing costs of the church grounds to the amount of £100.

After discussion, Melvyn proposed that each application should be met in full. Viv thought that the Colva request should be limited to £100, as per Newchurch's request, but Jane reminded Councillors that Colva has little leeway in raising funds and that there was nothing to prevent Newchurch requesting a higher amount. Derrick seconded the proposal, but suggested the rider that the school should receive payment only on sight of relevant invoices; this was agreed, and the proposal was carried unanimously.

iii. advertising boards outside the Royal Oak pub. The Clerk told Councillors that he had been engaged in conversation with a driver regarding the siting of the boards; in particular, one board appeared to be restricting the carriageway. Councillors agreed that the matter should be raised with Highways. They also asked that the Clerk should seek an update on the highways issues raised in the last year, especially as Powys had begun a new financial year; and that advice should be sought regarding the placing by householders of large stones/rocks/boulders on the public verges adjacent to their homes as these were a potential hazard to road users. Cllr Jones asked to be copied into the response from Highways on the issues raised.

8. The next meeting will be on 17 July 2017 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

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