

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 18 November 2019
in Gladestry Village Hall

Present. Mr Derrick Carrington (Chairman), Mr Ian Ball, Mr Joseph Alman, Mr Gareth Croose, Ms Jane Bisby, Mr Melvyn Hughes, Mr Viv Lloyd, and Mr Kenneth Waugh (Clerk).

1. Apologies. Cllr Michael Jones sent apologies for his absence.

2. Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 16 September 2019.

Melvyn proposed that the minutes from the meeting were agreed; Ian seconded, and Councillors approved the minutes, which were then signed.

3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 16 September 2019.

i. Melvyn informed the meeting that CPR training was due to take place on the 2nd or 4th of December with a 7 or 7.30 start time. When the exact date is known he will ask Bob Terry to advertise the event on the website, with names of interested residents to be sent to Melvyn. Ian added that his CPR training contact would be available should Melvyn's event be oversubscribed.

ii. Village Hall refurbishment. Viv informed Councillors that redecoration work had begun, but was unlikely to be completed before Spring 2020. The 2020 precept request would reflect the Council's commitment to make a grant towards the costs.

iii. Signage for the public lavatory. Derrick said that Parochial Church Council was now in a position to make a decision, and would notify the Council in due course.

iv. Highways. The Clerk advised Councillors that, although he had reminded Powys Highways Department, he had not received any updates from the issues raised from the last Council meeting. He advised that he would continue to seek information from Powys, but had been told by a resident that work had been undertaken on the Hengoed to Llanbella road and that further remedial work was now due as a result of the very

wet weather. Jane advised that pot holes along the short stretch of road between Hengoed and the telephone exchange had been filled.

v. Village Hall play area. Viv informed the meeting that the frog had been replaced, and Joseph added that some repair work to the slide had also been carried out. Viv highlighted that, now the play area would be the responsibility of the Village Hall from 2020, it would be very helpful if the Community Council could assist with costs associated with it, such as insurance, inspection and maintenance. Councillors agreed to consider all requests for financial help, and the precept request for 2020 would reflect possible expenditure.

vi. Audit. The issues previously raised with the auditor are not yet concluded; the Clerk will provide a full report back to Councillors when he has received written comment from Wales Audit Office.

vii. National Development Framework Proposals. Derrick attended the meeting and reported that a large number of objections regarding wind farms had been received, and that there was little of substance to feedback.

4. Planning.

The sole application received in this period, in respect of Barn Meadow, Gladestry (19/1522/RES), had elicited no comments from Councillors.

5. Finance.

i. The current balance is £2958, the second instalment of the precept having been received.

ii. Known expenditure due to the year-end was £250 salary, approx £240 insurance, approx £240 audit costs and an unknown cost relating to signage (see 3, above).

iii. Income due was the final precept payment of £1000.

iii. A copy of the budgetary control sheet was issued with the agenda.

6. Correspondence.

Email regarding engagement meeting between Powys CC and local Clerks: issued to Councillors on 7 October. Derrick suggested that it may be useful if Kenneth attended future meetings, which he said he was happy to do. Melvyn proposed

that the Clerk should attend; Jane seconded, and all Councillors agreed. Councillors also agreed that relevant expenses would be approved.

Other than the email correspondence listed with the agenda, there was no correspondence to report.

7 .Business matters.

- i. Precept request for the year 2020-2021. Councillors reiterated the salient points mentioned earlier in these minutes, *viz* grant costs associated with the village hall; costs associated with the responsibilities attached to the play area; costs associated with the Church lavatory signage; and the recurrent costs of discharging Council responsibilities. Councillors were also conscious of the audit comments relating to the reserves carried over from the previous year.

Melvyn proposed that the Council precept request should again be £3000; Jane seconded the proposal, and all Councillors agreed.

- ii. Council representative on the Gladestry School Governing Body. Gareth's term as representative was due to end very soon. Gareth agreed that he would serve one further term. Melvyn proposed that Gareth be re-elected; Joseph seconded, and all agreed. The Clerk said that he would inform the school secretary.
- iii. Planning consultation email sent to Councillors on 28 October. No action was required.
- iv. Biodiversity email sent to Councillors on 12 November. No action required.
- v. Derrick advised that he had taken the Memorial Day Service at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

8. The next meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 20 January 2020..

Signed

Dated