

Gladestry Community Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 16 May 2022 at 7.00pm in Gladestry Village Hall

Present

Mr Ian Ball (Chairman), Ms Julie Davies, Mr Viv Lloyd, Mr Joseph Alman and Mr Kenneth Waugh (Clerk).

1. Apologies.

No apologies for non-attendance were received.

2. Minutes.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17 May 2021 had been agreed at the Ordinary Meeting held on 19 July 2021.

3. Matters Arising.

None.

4. Chairman's Report.

See report, below.

5. Financial Report.

The Clerk referred Councillors to the end of year financial statement which showed a carry forward balance of £2248. He advised that Frank Mullin, the local auditor, had completed his work, and Councillors had already been provided with a copy of his report, which was very positive and which raised two matters for consideration in the future relating to recording no changes being required to Councillors's Registers of Interest, and statistics on the use of the Community website.

To close our audit processes, Ian asked Councillors to agree to the statements on the audit report relating to Governance, having been issued with the Governance Statement prior to the meeting; all relevant sections were noted in the affirmative. The Governance Statement was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. This completed the audit process for this year.

6. Election of Officers.

Viv proposed that Ian should take the role of Chairman for the agreed second year of his term; this was seconded by Joseph, and all voted in favour. Viv then proposed that Melvyn be elected to the role of Vice Chairman. However, as Melvyn was not present to accept the nomination the Clerk advised that the election should be carried forward to the next ordinary in July. Councillors agreed to do so.

7. Acceptance of Office.

As this AGM followed the May local elections, Councillors had been sent a blank Acceptance of Office form to compete for witnessing by the Clerk, who retained completed forms. The Clerk would follow up on outstanding forms.

8. Dispensations.

Powys County Council had tasked Clerks with reminding Councillors about the general dispensations available to them in cases of personal and prejudicial interests under the Members Code of Conduct.

9. Next meeting.

The next Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 15 May 2023.

Signed:

Dated:

Chairman's Annual Report 2021-22

May I firstly thank all of the Gladestry Community councillors for their commitment and support over the last 12 months.

I would like to thank our clerk Kenneth for his usual excellent organisation of all the council issues we have had to deal with through the year.

Thanks also to Mr Frank Mullin for his continuing help with auditing.

Furthermore, thank you to Mr Bob Terry for maintaining our community website.

Although the community council are quite limited with powers of what we can do, we are able to put the views of the community to the County Council and distribute small grants to local organisations to help the area we live in.

During the last 12 months, we have had various items to discuss, with one being that we were united in wanting to keep meetings face to face rather than online via a screen. This to me shows that we do want to make an effort to get out into our community rather than opt for sitting and watching from afar.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Jane, Derrick and Gareth for their commitment, support and contributions during the last several years as members of our community council. Unfortunately, they have all now decided to step down from their duties as councillors but would like to wish them all the very best.

I hope we will have an interesting year ahead and continue to represent our local community to the best of our abilities.

Ian Ball