

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 16 January 2023 at 7.30pm
in the village hall.

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

1. Apologies. Mr Melvyn Hughes offered his apologies for non-attendance.

2. Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21 November 2022

Ed proposed that the minutes from the meeting were agreed. Joseph seconded the proposal and Councillors approved the minutes, which were then signed.

3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 21 November 2022.

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. Planning.

Planning application 22/1931/FUL Llanyoyne had been issued to Councillors prior to the meeting; no comments had been received by the Clerk.

Application 22/1098 Stonehouse: No response from an update request sent to Powys on 4th January on the issues involved in the planning application had been received by the Clerk. Councillors expressed dissatisfaction as concerns were first sent to Powys in July 2022. The Clerk was asked to press Powys for details of measures taken so far, and for details of actions to be taken.

5. Finance.

The Clerk had provided up to date statements of account with the agenda. The current balance is £2420. Payments made since the last meeting were two lots of bank charges of £5.00 each; the Clerk's salary and arrears of £450; and the contribution of £365.87

to Powys's election costs. Income from the final year's payment of the precept amounting to £1166 had been received.

Payments now due are £238 to Zurich Insurance for the annual premium, and £160 as a grant to the Gladestry Parent and Toddler Group: see business items, below.

Please refer to the Schedule of Approved Payments at appendix 1.

The Clerk advised that, after further dealings with HSBC when they had provided an incorrect mandate form, he required new signatures from the Chairman and cheque signatories. These were duly provided. The new form would be sent to the bank, and this should complete the procedure.

6. Correspondence.

No correspondence other than by email was received.

7. Business matters.

- i. Insurance renewal premium. Councillors approved the payment of £238 to Zurich Insurance.
- ii. Clerk vacancy. Councillors approved the documents to advertise the coming vacancy, the job description and the application form. The vacancy will now be advertised widely within the Community.
- iii. Clerk handover period. Councillors approved in principle a paid handover period between to current Clerk and the new Clerk. Details regarding payments of salary would be discussed when the new Clerk had been appointed.
- iv. Street lighting in Gladestry. Councillors had previously been sent the email from Powys regarding the status of street lighting and the proposal by Powys in relation to timing and "dark sky" provision. [Please see the note, below.]
- v. Grant application. The Gladestry Parent and Toddler Group had submitted a grant application for £160 for waterproof storage boxes to keep their equipment and toys safe. Ed proposed that the grant be met in full; Joseph seconded, and all were in agreement.
- vi. Broadway Broadband. Ed explained that he had been in discussion with this company, which seeks to provide broadband access in rural areas with the help of grants from Government. He stated that there would be no set-up costs to residents or businesses in the Community, but there would need to be a 12 month contract for service provision to those who used this facility. Councillors noted that this subject had been discussed at a previous meeting in 2021, and that the then Council had

decided not to become involved because they could not see any reason why a Community Council needed to support the exercise, and because lack of broadband had not become an issue for residents. Ed was asked why the Council needed to explicitly support the scheme, and he said he didn't have an answer to that question. It was decided that the Council should be given access to the responsible party, and Ed offered to arrange for a speaker for the next Council meeting.

vii. Defibrillator for Newchurch. Ian explained that he thought it would be beneficial for Newchurch to have its own defibrillator. He had undertaken some research, which showed that a power supply to a site near the Chapel was feasible, but that the British Heart Foundation had discontinued grants towards the purchase of equipment. Counsellors were wholly supportive of the idea; Ian would take the lead on progressing the matter.

viii. Viv raised the subject of the potential closure of the leisure centre in Presteigne. Ed explained that, in his view as a County Councillor, it was highly likely that Powys will close a number of leisure centres in the County because of funding issues due in part to the very high cost of fuel. Decisions would take into account the number of users, particularly in relation to use by schools. Ed said he would keep the Council informed.

8. The next meetings will be on Monday 20 March 2023 at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated

Additional note. Street lighting in Gladestry. The Clerk had received a further communication from Powys which indicated that there was a proposal to remove some street lamps, and to fit others with new cells to improve "dark sky" and reduce the hours lights were switched on. Councillors had been sent the proposals, with a note from the Clerk giving the exact location of each lamp, and asking for comments on how the Council should proceed.

SCHEDULE OF APPROVED PAYMENTS

187 MINS

The following payments were approved for payment at the Council Meeting held on 16 January 2023:

£160 to the Gladestry Parent and Toddler group as a Community Grant

£238 to Zurich Insurance as the annual insurance premium.

I certify that the above approved payment reconciles with the bank statement seen by me.

Signed:

Dated:

Position: