

Gladestry Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 March 2015 in Gladestry Village Hall

Present

Mr Derrick Carrington (Chairman), Ms Jane Bisby, Mr Gareth Croose, Mr Viv Lloyd, Mr Dan Cosgrove, and Mr Kenneth Waugh (Clerk).

Before the meeting began Councillors were given a presentation, at their request, by Mr Stephen Gealy of Powys CC on the subject of “Devolving Outdoor Recreation”. Please refer to appendix 1 to these minutes.

1. Apologies. Ms Vanessa Bryson (Vice Chair), Mrs Dianne Moore and Cllr Michael Jones.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2015 were agreed and signed.

3.. Matters Arising

- The new notice board for Newchurch village has been ordered from Wayne Maddy.
- The Clerk has received, and will retain, the Register of Electors, as requested from Powys CC.
- Dan is to pursue the subject of a defibrillator for the village.
- Road works in the area: the Clerk has identified an aspect of Powys CC’s website that lists all road works in the county, and will attempt to place a hyperlink to the site from the Gladestry Website.

4. Planning

Two planning applications were received in this period:

- P/2014/1109; extension of the original deadline requested for the installation of a chicken rearing unit adjacent to St Michael’s Church. The Council sent a response to Powys CC, addressing concerns about the proximity of the planned unit to the church yard, and the effects thereto on residents and visitors.
- P/2015/0015; extension to MMAD House, Gladestry. No comments were made.

5. Finance.

The following payments were approved:

- Clerk's quarterly salary Jan-March 2015, and Clerk's annual expenses of £35 for 2014-15.

Current account balance stands at £3280.

6. Correspondence.

- PAVO membership. Membership documents have been received.
- One Voice Wales membership: it was agreed that the CC would not become members.
- Kidney Walk for Wales: relevant papers to be held by the Clerk should residents require them.
- Clerks and Councils Direct: newsletter retained by the Clerk.
- Annual Inspection of Play Areas: no action required as play area remains the responsibility of Powys CC.
- Reduction in Branch Library Opening Hours: details have been placed on the Website.
- Adopt a Kiosk: BT wish to unload unused kiosks. The Council declined to take part.

7. A.O.B

- Grant applications. Five applications were received by the deadline. These were discussed, and Viv proposed that each should receive a grant of £100; this was seconded by the Chairman, and unanimously agreed by Councillors. Please refer to appendix 2, following.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18 May at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Dated:

NOTES FROM THE PRESENTATION ON “DEVOLVING OUTDOOR RECREATION” GIVEN BY STEPHEN GEALY, POWYS CC.

Powys CC has adopted a principle that involves the devolvement of outdoor recreation facilities such as sports pitches, pavilions, playgrounds and open spaces to the responsibility of local communities on a rolling programme basis. This means that communities, if they take up this opportunity, will become responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their facilities. However, at present there is no compulsion for communities to take responsibility, but if items become unfit for purpose Powys will not replace them, although there are some funds still available for minor items such as swing seats and chains. Gladestry has the play area attached to the village hall; it has recently been risk assessed and is deemed low risk. Stephen indicated that a total refurbishment of our facilities would cost in the region of £30-40,000. If, in the future, Gladestry took responsibility and purchased replacement items then Powys could still maintain the equipment.

Viv told the meeting that the village hall owns the play area, and Stephen said that responsibility for maintenance could be handed to us at the expiry of the lease (date not known at time of writing), and that from that date the owner would need to put public liability insurance in place. Notwithstanding the above, Stephen said that there is no deadline for transfer of responsibility. He also informed us that one of his colleagues, Jenney Thomas, could advise on grants for refurbishment and replacement of play area equipment.

Councillors agreed to await further information regarding lease dates before taking any action.

Stephen was thanked for his attendance and the information he had provided.

GLADESTRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

GRANT APPLICATIONS 2015 – 2016

ORGANISATION AND REQUEST	SUM AGREED
St Mary's Church, Gladestry: contribution to repairs to Church - £100	£100
Gladestry School: portable CD player - £179.99	£100
St David's Church, Colva: contribution to repairs to Church – £255	£100
Gladestry Parent and Toddler Group: contribution to purchase of picnic table - £100	£100
St Mary's Church, Newchurch: Churchyard maintenance - £100	£100