

Gladestry Community Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 19 May 2014 at 7.00pm in Gladestry Village Hall

Present

Mr Derrick Carrington (Chairman), Mr Viv Lloyd, Mrs Dianne Moore, Mrs Sue Croose, Mr Dan Cosgrove, Ms Jane Bisby, Ms Vanessa Bryson, Dr Bob Terry and Mr Kenneth Waugh (clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr Michael Jones

2. Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20 May 2013 were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

Roads. Potholes in the roads are a continuing problem. The Council will continue to note problems and ensure Powys is made aware of them.

Although a start date of 20 April 2014 has been given for work to commence on the bridge to Colva, such work is not yet underway. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

4. Chairman's Report

Chairman's Report May 2014

Once again I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their **Gladestry Community Council**

support during the year and Vanessa for taking the chair in January. I also thank Cllr. Jones again for attending our meetings and supporting the Council, providing a direct link to the County Council. I must also thank Sue, for all her hard work and support over the last few years as our Clerk, and especially to me as chairman. Though she will be missed, we also welcome our new Clerk Kenneth Waugh who I am sure will bring fresh insight into the role.

I note that Gladestry school is no longer under threat and am glad that it continues to flourish, though there are still concerns regarding secondary education in this area.

Planning matters continue at a fairly low level, though I also note the unwelcome increase in applications for wind turbines in peripheral areas. Following yet another flooding incident in the lower part of Gladestry over the winter it seems to me to be important to reduce the likely hood of further run off entering the brook above the village.

I am pleased to note that we have continued to maintain the practice of giving small grants to local organisations, which I think is well received.

The community web site is in process of being updated and I think the new system will prove easier to maintain and expand. Especial thanks to Bob Terry for maintaining the old site and for getting to grips with the new software. Kenneth and I have also had an induction into some of its mysteries - and I hope the relaunch will prove of greater value to the community.

5. Financial Report

The balance sheet for 2013 – 14 was presented by Sue Croose. Sue explained that a narrative report to auditors BDO explained variations due to the receipt of a £500 grant for the set-up of the Gladestry Website and the reduction in cost of annual insurance premium. In response to an enquiry Sue said that there had not been an increase requested in the precept since 2009 – 10. Councillors thanked Mike Lloyd for providing the audit of the accounts. Derrick read out the declarations from the BDO audit document, to which the meeting gave affirmative responses.

6. Elections

Vanessa proposed that the roles of Chairman and Vice Chair remained unaltered for the forthcoming year in order to provide continuity for the new Clerk. This was seconded by Dan, and agreed by the meeting.

7. A.O.B

Bob explained that the final version of the Gladestry Website is now ready to go live, and the meeting approved the go-ahead. Bob offered to e-mail those people for whom he had addresses, notifying them of the go-live and asking if they wanted to receive notification of new notices to the Website. The meeting also agreed to pay the second Website invoice of costs.

8. Next Meeting

The next Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 18 May 2015.