MINUTES OF THE EWENNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2022

Due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus, this meeting was held remotely.

Present: Councillor J. Pegg (Chair)
Councillor A. P. Baker (Vice Chair)
Councillor A. Jenkins
Councillor H. Baker
Councillor M. Robson
Councillor A.V. Jenkins
Councillor J. Radcliffe
Councillor W. Bailey

402. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor M. Robson, PCSO Stone and County Councillor Cave

403. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

404. **POLICE MATTERS**

The PCSO had emailed the Clerk to advise there have been no crimes reported since the last meeting.

405. **READING OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED: Councillor A. Baker moved that the Minutes from 12th January 2022, be confirmed as a true record. Councillor A.V. Jenkins seconded, subject to amending point 381 to read “a gentleman walking his guide dog”.

MATTERS ARISING

406. **NOISY PUMP/GENERATOR ON ABBEY ROAD**

The Clerk advised Members that she had emailed Natural Resources Wales as there has been a lot of activity over the Christmas period and that the pump has been going. The Clerk has asked for assurance that they aren't pumping sewage into the river. The Clerk advised Members that the person she had been dealing with was out of the office until 10th February.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will follow this up with Natural Resources Wales.

407. **MEADOWS PLAY AREA**

RESOLVED: The Clerk has emailed Councillor Bailey the income for the last financial year.

Councillor W. Bailey advised Members that he had been successful with the grant he applied for. The Clerk confirmed that £9799 had been paid into the bank account from the National Lottery Community Fund. Members gave thanks to Councillor Bailey for the work he has undertaken.

Councillor Bailey advised members that he had contacted a few companies about quotes.

Councillor J. Pegg asked Councillor w. Bailey if there was a timeframe in which the money has to be spent. Councillor W. Bailey advised Members that he would find out.

Councillor Bailey advised Members that he had been in contact with Adam Sargeant and copied County Councillor Cave into the emails.

Councillor Pegg stated that when Becky Sarion had started the consultation process that a roundabout was a popular request.

It was agreed that when Councillor W. Bailey look at the equipment for the play area that we would keep to the brief that was included in the grant application. The application stated a fence, bench and a new park item.

Councillor Pegg advised Councillor Bailey that he advises Kathryn Mcarthy at the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

408. **TREE PRESERVATION ORDER - EWENNY PRIORY**

RESOLVED: There was no further update on this matter.

409. **CLEARING OF THE NANT**

A meeting was held on 25th January 2022. Several members met with Colin Cheesman, Ecologist. Colin has since emailed the outcome of the

meeting to the Clerk which has been circulated to Members. Colin Cheesman has also emailed Kevin Smith at the Vale of Glamorgan Council with suggestions of how to stop vehicles ending up in the Nant. The Clerk has also circulated this to members.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Clerk would thank Colin for meeting with Members and to arrange a date for late May to meet with members to walk around the parish. It was agreed that when the councillors meet with Colin in May, that it would be good to have a list of places where we would want him to look at. Councillor J. Pegg stated that they had explained to Colin about the Meadows and the war Memorial area.

410. **OVERGROWN GREEN LANE CONNECTING WICK ROAD TO LLAMPHA**

RESOLVED: Councillor H. Baker advised the Clerk that she hadn't been down the lane due to the weather but when she could, she would check it.

411. **NEWSLETTER**

RESOLVED: An article thanking Hanson for their donation of £300 for the christmas tree and selection boxes has been added to the newsletter. The Clerk has also advertised this on the Community Council website. The Clerk has also sent a thank you letter to Councillor J. Radcliffe.

Councillor W. Bailey stated that he would email Councillor Pegg with the exact figure that was raised by the village shop at christmas.

The Clerk has emailed an article about the Queen's Jubilee to Councillor Pegg.

Councillor W. Bailey has emailed an article on the Meadows to Councillor Pegg.

Councillor A. Jenkins felt that more emphasis should be placed on what the village shop did at christmas.

The Clerk has emailed Councillor Pegg with information on the May elections to be included in the newsletter. It was agreed that the Clerk would also advertise the information on the Community Council website.

Councillor A.V. Jenkins gave thanks to Councillor J. Pegg for all of the work she has put into the newsletter.

The Clerk to follow up with County Councillor Cave on the fond farewell article she was preparing.

The Clerk stated that she had not received the article from the Butterfly Conservation that was going to be added to the Community Council

website. Councillor J. Pegg stated that she would follow this up with Councillor M. Robson.

It was agreed that Councillor J. Pegg would finalise the newsletter for the March meeting so that they could then be printed for distribution.

412. **THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS - 2ND JUNE 2022**

RESOLVED: Information on this has been included in the newsletter. The Clerk to advise Richard Anthony of the date and time that the beacon is to be lit nearer the time.

Councillor A.V.Jenkins advised Members that there was a garden party being held in the grounds of the Priory on the weekend of the celebrations.

Councillor J. Pegg stated that there may be funding available and that she would contact Helen Morgan who is organising the garden party to discuss this, as they may be able to submit a bid to the Jubilee Lottery Funding.

413. **ROAD MARKINGS AT THE JUNCTION OF EWENNY ROAD, WICK ROAD AND ST BRIDES ROAD**

RESOLVED: It was agreed to leave this on until a programme of works schedule is sent to the Clerk from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

414. **FOOTPATH ACROSS THE MOORS**

The Clerk has emailed BCBC and copied Bridgend Town Council into the email advising them that the path is open but that there is one part that is difficult to traverse. It is along the area that has fencing on either side and there are two gates allowing the land owner to cross the path. It is really cut up and the ruts are deep.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to follow this up.

415. **CHRISTMAS**

RESOLVED: The Clerk has included an article on the Community Council website giving thanks to Hanson for their donation. The Clerk has also emailed a thank you letter to Hanson. Councillor J. Radcliffe confirmed receipt of the letter and advised he had forwarded it to the relevant person.

416. **CATTLE GRID - ST BRIDES ROAD**

The Clerk followed this up with the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

RESOLVED: The Clerk received an email to advise that the pipe from the cattle grid was cleared out on November 23rd 2021. The Clerk advised the Vale of Glamorgan Council that it was still an issue and asked if it could be investigated further.

Councillor J. Radcliffe stated that he hadn't driven over the cattle grid in the rain so hadn't seen if there was still an issue.

417. **ROTA FOR CHECKING THE VILLAGE HALL**

RESOLVED: It was agreed that this will be reviewed in the March 2022 meeting.

418. **SCHEDULE OF ITEMS AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

RESOLVED: Councillor J. Pegg had met with Gareth from the cricket club at the hall. Gareth has cleared a space at the cricket club for the cleaning materials from the hall to be stored. Phase 2 will be completed at the end of February. Councillor H. Baker stated that there is a place on Waterton Industrial Estate that sells shipping containers. The Clerk will look into this to find out costs. This could then house the chairs from the village hall. The cricket club can have an extension on the back of their shed to house the tables.

Councillor A. Jenkins stated that there are too many keys in the key safe for the hall. The Clerk and Councillor J. Pegg are due to meet on Friday 11th February at 10:00 am to go through the files as the Clerk has obtained information from One Voice Wales regarding the retention of documents. The Clerk and Councillor Pegg will take a look at what keys are in the key safe. It was noted that Councillor M. Robson has a set of keys to the hall.

419. **WAR MEMORIAL ASSET TRANSFER**

RESOLVED: The Clerk advised Members that she had received an email from the Solicitors confirming that they had received the final version of the leases which had been signed by Councillor J. Pegg. The Clerk has received the invoice from the Solicitor for the works undertaken and has prepared a cheque for signing.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council have confirmed that the title has been upgraded at Land Registry.

The Vale of Glamorgan Legal Department have advised our Solicitor that they have been waiting for the lease to be executed and authority to complete. The lease will be dated 07.02.2022 and once completed they will send us a copy.

420. **DRAGON CLAY/HERMITAGE WOOD SHOOTING**

The Clerk emailed the Vale of Glamorgan Council to find out when this would be going to the Planning Committee.

The Clerk received the following response on January 18th 2021:

I am hoping to report the application to February's Planning Committee. I still have a note on the file to contact you, however, we have been waiting on consultation responses before we are able to finalise matters, which have been sent through over the past week, which I am yet to review.

RESOLVED: Clerk to follow this up.

421. **TRAFFIC ISSUES**

RESOLVED: There were no issues to report.

422. **SPEEDING TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE**

RESOLVED: Councillor J. Pegg advised Members that she had received a report from the Go Safe Team Leader. As the days are shorter and darker only a couple of sessions have been undertaken since the last meeting. The device was faulty so this has now been replaced by Go Safe and is more accurate. Body cam equipment has also been provided, it does not run continuously but you can hit record of any abuse should happen. Councillor Pegg advised there had been no issues of any abuse to date.

There have been 6 applicants for the Speed Watch Team from the Facebook campaign and training is about to start. The first 2 people will have training as they will loan hi visibility jackets to gain experience of using the device.

The cricket club has offered accommodation free of charge for the training to be undertaken. The live team has gone from 4 to 7 people and with a further team of 5 there will be 12 people on the speed watch team in total.

423. **VILLAGE HALL**

The Clerk had emailed Members prior to this meeting advising members of the advice from the Vale of Glamorgan Legal Department in relation to surrendering the lease on the hall.

The Clerk advised Members that she had contacted the Vale of Glamorgan Council about a bridging loan. The Vale of Glamorgan Council have advised the Clerk that a bridging loan could be offered, but that they would want to know the amount required and a budget projection of when then money could be paid back.

The Clerk had emailed an up to date budget projection to members which included the figure of £700 should the May elections be contested. The Clerk has advised Electoral Services that the hall is not available for use as a polling station, as agreed at the last meeting.

The Clerk had obtained information from One Voice Wales about holding meetings face to face. One Voice Wales advised that the venue of where the meetings would be held would have to have a Covid Risk Assessment in place, and that members of the public should be able to access the meeting remotely should they want to. Councillor J. Pegg advised that she has the equipment that would enable the public to join remotely and that the cricket club has Wifi. Members felt that One Voice Wales should be contacted to ask that this be rescinded as this has a cost implication.

RESOLVED: The information from One Voice Wales was circulated to Members and it was agreed that the Clerk would confirm the room booking with the cricket club for the March and April meeting.

Members took a vote on proceeding with the bridging loan. It was the unanimous decision that they would be happy to proceed with obtaining a bridging loan of £7668.00 from the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Clerk to propose that this is repaid over a 12 month period. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft an email and a budget projection and she would email this to Councillor A. Baker to check before the Clerk sends the information to the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The Clerk to ascertain the terms and interest rates of the loan. It was agreed that once the Clerk obtains this information that she would set up an extraordinary meeting so that this could be discussed prior to the next meeting, which is due to be held on 9th March 2022.

424. **SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT**

RESOLVED: The Clerk advised Members that we now had a Service Level Agreement with the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The customer care letter has been signed by the Clerk and returned. We have been assigned an Assistant Lawyer within the property and contact team. They will charge for their services at the hourly rate of £71.36 per hour.

The Clerk has circulated the advice from the Vale of Glamorgan Council with regards to Cooke and Arkwright and also the Clerk has emailed members the budget projection sheet and the proposal of how payments could be made to Cooke and Arkwright.

See Item 423 - 'Village Hall' for the outcome.

425. **RURAL ROADS POLICY**

RESOLVED: Councillor J. Pegg has sent some bullet points from the Rospa document to the Clerk. The Clerk will email these to Peter King once she has spoken with County Councillor Cave. Members noted that they all support the policy in principle and that the Vale of Glamorgan Council should adopt one.

426. **Email from Merthyr Mawr Community Council - re: Housing Allocation in Bridgend County Borough Council Draft LDP at Island Farm, Bridgend**

RESOLVED: The Clerk advised Members that she had emailed to thank the Clerk of Merthyr Mawr for their email, and advised them that the Chair has already objected to the LDP. The Clerk advised them that we agree with the comments they have made and the prime concern is the effect on the traffic.

The Clerk to Merthyr Mawr Community Council thanked the Clerk and advised that she would report this back to the council.

427. **Email from resident - Traffic Speed in Ewenny**

The Clerk advised Members that she had emailed the resident to advise her that St Brides was chosen as one of the eight areas in Wales to be involved in 20mph National speed limit travel. The Clerk also advised the resident that it is a 2 year trial and the area was chosen as they have a primary school there. The Clerk advised the resident that the Speed Watch Team has a location where they can undertake speed monitoring, and that on 2 occasions they have identified a significant amount of vehicles travelling well over the speed limit. Cars have been seen doing 50 mph or more. On every occasion this information is reported to the relevant Authority. The Clerk advised the resident that the Speed Watch Team will be undertaking a speed scoping session at 11am on Wednesday 19th January 2022, weather permitting and also advised the resident of the actions the Community Council have taken over the years. The Clerk provided information should the resident wish to apply to become part of the Speed Watch Team.

RESOLVED: The resident emailed the Clerk and was very grateful for the information that she had provided. The resident advised the Clerk that she would apply to the Speed Watch Team.

428. **Email from Land owner**

RESOLVED: The Clerk had emailed the Land Owner to advise that it would be best for the Agents to send letters to the properties concerned. The Clerk has heard nothing further on this matter.

429. **PLANNING**

There was ONE New Planning Application for consideration.

Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended) Planning Application No. 2021/01729/FUL (CJ) Location : Bridge Farm Bungalow, St. Brides Road, Ewenny
Proposal : Removal of Condition 1 of planning permission 53/81/541

DECISION: **No objections** - The Clerk will convey this to the Vale of Glamorgan Council Planning Department

The following Planning Application was APPROVED on 27th January 2022:

Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended)
Application No. 2021/00894/FUL
Location : Arwelfa, Wallas Barns, Wick Road, Ewenny
Proposal : Proposed new stable block, hay store and tack room including amendments to existing access

CORRESPONDENCE

430. **GVS e-Bulletin Service (07/02/22) - PART TWO**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

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RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

432. **Planting a Tree for the Jubilee**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

433. **Vacant roles – Bilingual Team Support**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

434. **Vale Health Social Care & Wellbeing ebulletin 3.2.2022**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

435. **24.11.21 - Minutes MO Meeting with Clerks**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

436. **For Information following the Community Liaison Committee Meeting held on 25th January 2022**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

437. **GVS e-Bulletin Service (24/01/22)**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

438. **Police Support Volunteers**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

439. **Vale Health Social Care & Wellbeing ebulletin 27.1.2022**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

440. **Vale Health Social Care & Wellbeing ebulletin 20.1.2022**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

441. **Planning Committee - 26th January 2022**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

442. **Community Liaison Committee - Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 6pm.**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

443. **Special Council - 24th January 2022 - 6.05 p.m.**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

444. **Vale Health Social Care & Wellbeing ebulletin 13.1.2022**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

445. **Welsh Government Vacancy – Trainee Solicitor**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

446. **Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Draft Well-being Assessment Consultation Workshop – 3rd February 2022**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

447. **Council Agendas and Reports via email**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted.

448. **LLG Wales Branch - Senedd Update No: 153, dated 31st December 2021**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted. Members discussed the Eligible Community Councils (General Power of Competence) (Qualifications of Clerks) (Wales) Regulations 2021 SUB-LD14764-EM and it was noted that as we don't generate any income this was not applicable.

449. **Email from Land Owner re: taking timber from private woodland**

RESOLVED: That the email, that had been previously circulated, be noted. It was agreed that as this was classed as theft, that the Clerk send the details for the PCSO to the Land Owner so that he could report it directly to her.

450. The following emails were forwarded to members from One Voice Wales:

- Training - JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2022
- Cardiff & Vale UHB - Chief Officer Connects
- Tree planting and Orchards Fforwm Natur - Pethau Bychain - Nature Forum
- Audit Wales Fee Scheme 2022-23 released today
- ADVERT - CLERK/RFO to Pentyrch Community Council
- Interim Clerk Advert - Brackla Community Council
- Vacancy -- Deputy Director North Wales (Welsh language essential)
- Welsh Government Apprenticeship Scheme 2022 opening soon
- One Voice Wales - Bridgend/Cardiff/Vale Area Committee - Minutes
- Raising awareness / promotion videos – Community and Town Councillors (It was agreed that this information be uploaded to the Community Council website so that residents have information on the May elections.
- Cardiff & Vale UHB CEO Connects
- Vacancy -- Chief Operating Officer, Welsh Government
- Vacancy -- Non-Executive Director for Welsh Government Board
- Invitation to series of shared learning events by the Community Resourcefulness Partnership, 24-31 January 2022
- One Voice Wales Bridgend/Cardiff/Vale/Area Committee - Monday 24th January 2022
- Cardiff & Vale UHB - Latest CEO connects

- Vacancy for South Wales Development Officer Post with One Voice Wales
- Violence against women Welsh Government Consultation

451. **FINANCE/AUDIT/AGREE INTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Clerk has heard nothing further in relation to the audit.

The Clerk has prepared the following cheques and will take these to be signed by Councillor A. Jenkins and Councillor A.V. Jenkins without contact.

RESOLVED: That the following accounts submitted for payment be paid: -

- Staff Payments - £691.48
- Sian Thomas Daughter & Son Solicitors - £1099.80

The following payments were made online:

- AED Donate - £46.19

It was agreed that the Clerk would appoint AMV Services as the Internal Auditor.

452. **Town/Community Council Tax Precepts - 2022/2023**

RESOLVED: The Clerk has written to the Vale of Glamorgan Council to ask for £22,177.00.

Councillor A.V. Jenkins gave thanks to the Clerk for finding out the costs for the May elections.

453. **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

County Councillor Cave has emailed the details of the bench to the Clerk as agreed at the last meeting. The Clerk has circulated this information to Members.

454. **MEMBERS ITEMS**

1). Councillor W. Bailey advised members that if a fence is erected in the Meadows play area that it will affect the grass cutting. Councillor J. Pegg advised that as our contractors will need access to cut the grass

that Councillor Bailey should look into something that can be lifted off to gain access and not something that requires a key.

2). Councillor J. Radcliffe asked members about the Priory open days. Councillor A. V. Jenkins advised him that there had been an agreement between the Estate and the planners that in return for planning permission for the houses built off Abbey Road to be built that the money had to be spent on the Priory grounds and house, therefore the house had to be open to the public for so many days of the year.

3). Councillor H. Baker stated that as we are moving forward with vacating the hall that it can no longer be used for elections. The Clerk advised Members that she has already advised the Vale of Glamorgan Council of this.

4). Councillor J. Pegg advised Members that the Ewenny playground had been vandalised and that there was a terrible mess made, consisting of eggs, flour and rubbish. There were 6 bags of flour. Councillor Pegg advised Members that the Vale of Glamorgan Council had been out to jet wash the play equipment within a few days of the incident happening. Councillor Pegg was grateful for the prompt action form the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and it was agreed that the Clerk would email them to thank them. The Clerk will email Adam Sargeant at the Vale of Glamorgan Council and will copy County Councillor Cave into the email. Councillor Pegg advised Members that she had met with PCSO Stone who advised her to go online and report it, which she did.

5). Councillor A.V. Jenkins sent his apologies for the March 2022 meeting.