**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held at Gilwern Community Centre on March 10th 2025 at 6pm– Llanelly Community Council**

Present: Cllr R Dixon (Chair), Cllr G Nelmes, Cllr H Stockham, Cllr N Curtis, Cllr A Thomas, Cllr K James, Cllr S Harris.

Attendance:

CCllr S Howarth, Clerk, N James and Mr A Wilson.

1. **Apologies:**

Apologies were received, and accepted, from Cllrs M Wells and K Rose and also received from CCllr MA Brocklesby.

1. **Declaration of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **Open Session**

There were no matters raised nor any matters forwarded which were not raised later in the meeting.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting of the 10th February were approved and signed by the Chair.

**5**. **Matters Arising**

* 1. Para 5a – a date for the follow-up meeting with the trustees of the Ebenezer Trust Fund was still awaited. **Action: NJ.**

**6**. **Planning**

* 1. 24/23044/FUL- Change of use of former police post at School Lane, Gilwern- permission granted.

CCllr Howarth advised that the proposed siting of turbines in the Llanelly area was now subject to an enquiry.

**7. Finance**

1. Cheques/Payments –the following payments had been signed/authorised by Cllrs Dixon, Rose and Nelmes on behalf of the Council since the last meeting on the 10th Feb: **125-24/5** - R Allen- Speed gun- 154.59; **126-24/5** -APS Plumbing-217.94; **127-24/5** -E Keen- 443.66; **128-24/5** -HMRC- 255.40; **129-24/5** -Thomas Waste -30.40; **130-24/5**- Merlin Waste- 1339.20; **131-24/5** -MCC- 168.00; **132-24/5** -Vision ICT -240.00; **SO** – Country Bookkeeping – 5.00; **SO** – Salary –1022.50; **DD** – Octopus Energy-1505.72; **DD**- BT-341.26; **DD** – EON – 26.63; **DD**- Welsh Water- 176.32 and 156.82; **Bank Charges** -10.50.

**8** . **Reports from Members on Outside Bodies**

Cllr Nelmes had attended two meetings regarding local transport: the Community Transport committee meeting had confirmed the next steps towards the pilot scheme for a community bus which would include Gilwern; and the MCC Transport meeting at which the new draft Regional Transport plan had been unveiled. This Plan would be on the website for a consultation period and included various priorities eg active travel, railway station improvements at Abergavenny and Chepstow, and the Abergavenny Bus Station improvements. In relation to buses there should be funding for a realtime interactive sign at the main bus shelter in Gilwern. As far as Active Travel was concerned MCC would be submitting a bid for £6.7m for 25/26, the same as in 24/25. The Gilwern Primary School initiative(footpath to School) in the 24/25 Plan would hopefully roll over to 25/26.

**9.Reports from County Councillors**

CCllr Howarth reported:

1. traffic accidents had reduced following the introduction of the new speed limits; the Gilwern speedwatch team operates in one particular area at the moment but, if LCC felt there were other areas from which they could operate, these could be forwarded to the team;
2. bollards had now been installed outside the Village Hall and on the bridge in Gilwern;
3. MCC was planting trees beyond the School;
4. MCC would be conducting a review into the main car park in Gilwern as it was often full and there appeared no other suitable areas for parking; this review would be offered for consultation before decisions were made;
5. The stopping area in the Saleyard had been tidied up and cleared as requested by local residents.

**10.Correspondence Received**

* 1. Jan and Feb 25 police reports.
  2. IPRW Annual Report 2025.
  3. Temporary road closure at Maesygwartha Road, Maesygwartha.
  4. MCC Update on new recycling bags.
  5. Senedd report on role, governance and accountability of the community and town councils sector.
  6. Report on Gilfest 2024 from Gilwern Roots.
  7. Active Travel Update from MCC.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 14 April at Gilwern Community Centre. **Action: NJ.**

**R DIXON, Chair N JAMES, Clerk**