**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held at Gilwern Community Centre on March 11th 2024 at 7pm– Llanelly Community Council**

Present: Cllr G Nelmes (Chair), Cllr R Dixon, Cllr K Rose, Cllr H Stockham, Cllr N Curtis, Cllr M Wells.

Attendance:

CCllrs M A Brocklesby and S Howarth, N James- Clerk.

1. **Apologies:**

Apologies were received, and accepted, from Cllr M Fulton.

1. **Declaration of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **Open Session**

There were no matters raised and no matters forwarded which were not addressed later in the meeting.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting of the 12th February were approved and signed by the Chair.

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

* 1. Para 5b – the Clerk had received a further quote for the cladding of the Community Centre- the 2 quotes had been for £32k and £21k. In addition, the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk had met with a representative of BBNPA to discuss the possibility of a grant towards the costs of renewing the cladding and sought a contribution from MCC. It was agreed that, with the significant VAT reclaim due, the Council could afford to go ahead but the Clerk was asked to pursue funding grants/contributions from BBNPA and MCC. **Action: NJ.**
	2. The Council had received a request from Gilwern Roots to amend the date for the Gilfest 24 from 17th July to 21st July. The Chair and Vice Chair had agreed to this change out of committee.

**6**. **Planning**

* 1. 24/22709/FUL- new double garage at Wenallt Isaf, Gilwern –comments awaited.
	2. 24/22693/FUL- a new car port at 5 Llewellyn’s Row, Llanelly Hill – comments awaited.
	3. 24/22676/FUL -adding bi-folding doors to the west elevation of the property at the Old Rock and Fountain, Clydach – comments awaited.

**7. Finance**

1. Cheques/Payments –the following payments had been signed/authorised by Cllrs Nelmes, Dixon and Rose on behalf of the Council since the last meeting on the 12 th Feb: **115-23/4** - Clydach AFC -1140.00; **116-23/4** –Vision ICT -237.60; **117-23/4** –RME -new hardstanding/posts-1224.00; **118-23/4 HMRC -**247.60; **119-23/4** – E Keen – 413.84; **120-23/4** -City Illuminations – 6136.20; **121/2/3-23/4** – Audit Wales -245 x 3; **124-23/4** – Thomas Waste -55.60; **125-23/4** – Industrial Door Services -216.00; **126-23/4** – Merlin Waste -1041.60; **SO** – Country Bookkeeping – 5.00; **SO** – Salary –990.65; **DD** – Welsh Water x 2 -88.39 and 158.03; **DD** – EON – 42.67; **Bank -** Charges -11.90.
2. **Future Start Times for Council Meetings**

Cllr Dixon advised that, in informal discussions, it had been suggested that moving the start time for Council meetings to 6pm might be more convenient for councillors. No one disagreed with this suggestion and it was agreed to trial a new start time of 6pm from the next meeting.

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

Cllr Nelmes reported that:

* 1. the trial “walk to school” exercise with teachers and parents would start this week;
	2. the cameras that the School were going to put up would now be delayed until September;
	3. the farm project was developing with polytunnels and raised beds to be installed, and a new orchard planted.

**10**. **Reports from County Councillors**

CCllr Howarth raised the following:

1. there was significant local concern about the imminent new WG waste disposal rules for businesses and public organisations. In discussion the Clerk advised that the Council’s current contractor was unable to accept recyclable material and he had discussed with MCC the possibility of their taking on the disposal of the GCC recyclable material.
2. The contract to construct new wind turbines in the Abersychan area was about to start and would last about 12 months; there would be some impact with increased traffic for the Llanelly Hill area.
3. Some 20mph areas had been changed following representation and the Council was asked to forward any local views to MCC so that areas could be reconsidered.
4. Given that the School active travel proposals had now been published he asked if he could receive a copy. **Action: GN.**
5. There would be a 7.8% increase next year in the business rates.

CCllr Brocklesby advised that there would be a programme for repairing local potholes in due course. When questioned on the situation with Llanelly Hill Village Hall she confirmed that the Llanelly Hill Village Hall committee had resurrected its grant application for improvements which would now go forward.

**11. Correspondence received**

a. Invitation from Chair MCC to a charity afternoon.

b. Telephonic discussion from a local resident regarding the siting of telegraph poles outside residents’ houses. Although Cllr Nelmes had explained to the resident that this was not the responsibility of LCC nor MCC he agreed to raise the issue at the meeting. The meeting appreciated the inconvenience that sitings sometimes caused but confirmed they had no authority to intervene.

 c. Temporary road closure of A465.

 d. Traffic regulation order for the A4077 at Crickhowell and Church Roads, Gilwern.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 8 April starting **at 6PM**.

**G NELMES, Chair N JAMES, Clerk**