**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held at Gilwern Community Centre on February 12th 2024 at 7pm– Llanelly Community Council**

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

Attendance:

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

The Chair welcomed new coopted councillors, Mark Wells and Mike Fulton, to their first Council meeting.

1. **Apologies:**

Apologies were received, and accepted, from Cllrs.

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 8th January were approved and signed by the Chair.

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

* 1. Para 5a – the Clerk had received an email from Gilwern AFC explaining that football games were still organised on the pitch at Gilwern playing fields and, as such, wished that dogs should continue to be banned from it. Given the lease which the Club had for the pitch and the confirmation of football continuing on it, councillors were circulated for their views. With one exception all councillors agreed to amend its earlier decision and to advise MCC that it wished to retain the position of no dogs on the football pitch, in line with the MCC position for all other sports pitches. **Action: NJ.** The Clerk had also met with MCC to consider the possibility of making available a part of a field adjacent to the woods which could be fenced off purely for dogs to be exercised off the lead. It was hoped that this would be possible to set up by the end of April. **Action: NJ.**
  2. Para 5a – the Clerk had still only received one quote so far for recladding of the GCC; another one was expected in the following week.
  3. Para 5d – the Clerk had still not received a quote for the CCTV extension, and would again chase Rio CCTV.

**6**. **Planning**

* 1. 23/21970/FUL- to replace a velux window at Dan -y Bont House, Gilwern - permission granted.
  2. 23/22196/FUL- single storey extension at Glasfryn, 6 Usk Drive, Gilwern – permission granted.
  3. 23/21773/FUL- rebuild of existing garage and convert to garden room at New Clydach House, Clydach – permission granted.
  4. 23/22503/FUL – general utility building for storage and maintenance at The Ranch, Ty Gwyn Road, Gilwern – no comments received.

**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 11th Dec: **93-23/4** - K Rose- building materials – 40.00; **94-23/4** – MCC – hedge cutting– 273.47; **95-23/4** – HMRC-351.60; **96-23/4** and **97-23/4** – Mr G Electrics – 113.45and 196.14; **98-23/4** – E Keen – 348.27; **99-23/4** - Merlin Waste – 1302.00; **100-23/4 –** Thomas Waste – 55.60; **101-23/4** -Vision ICT -43.20; **Bank transfer -**Velindre Centre -88.00 ; **SO** – Country Bookkeeping – 5.00; **SO** – Salary –1406.65; **DD** – Swalec Electricity -256.65; **DD** – EON – 41.30; **DD** –SSE Gas – 722.11; **DD**- SSE Electricity - 258.50; **Bank Charges** -9.45.
2. The Clerk had circulated the bank reconciliation and Financial Report as at the end of December. He explained the current forecast deficit of £55k was almost entirely due to agreed expenditure on grounds equipment and maintenance, with the excess costs coming out of the Council’s reserves.
3. The Clerk had received a quote from MCC for next year’s Ground Maintenance of Gilwern playing fields and the Pump Track and also including emptying of litter bin at the MUGA for the full year. The total was £2510.69 excl VAT. After some discussion it was agreed to accept this quotation and not to seek further quotes. **Action: NJ.**

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

Cllr Nelmes reported that Gilwern School had produced a draft Active Travel Plan which had not yet been discussed by the Governors. Once a final document had been agreed he would circulate copies to councillors. Cllr Stockham advised that she was still awaiting confirmation of a date for the next meeting of the Ty Hooper Charity.

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

CCllr Howarth advised that he was still awaiting a response to the query raised a t the last meeting regarding the speed limits along Ty Mawr Lane to the Glangwryney Road. Whilst he thought all had agreed it should be 20mph there, especially in view of the School site, the signage was still showing 30mph. A request to introduce a 20mph in the Blackrock area had been discussed and MCC was monitoring the situation before deciding on it. The Council confirmed to him that it would not wish to take on responsibility for the Common at Gilwern.

**11. Correspondence received**

* 1. Letter from the local MP regarding the possibility of the reintroduction of tolls on the Severn Bridge.
  2. OVW Training dates for Jan. Feb and Mar.
  3. Information about member recruitment for the Monmouthshire Local Access Forum.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 12 February.

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