**`Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held at Gilwern Community Centre on Jun 9th 2025 at 6pm– Llanelly Community Council**

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

Attendance:

CCllrs MA Brocklesby and S Howarth, Clerk, N James, P Claridge, A Wilson +2.

The Chair advised the Council of the sad news of the recent passing of former councillor, Leigh Dainton who had served for many years as a representative of Gilwern on the Council. The Council wished to record its sincere condolences to family and friends.

1. **Apologies:**

There were no apologies received.

1. **Declaration of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **Open Session**

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

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meetings of the 12th May were approved and signed by the Chair.

1. **Matters Arising**
2. Para 5b-Cllr James advised that an informal meeting had taken place with the Trustees to map out next steps and a full committee meeting would be held shortly.
3. Para 5c – the meeting regarding the Common would take place on 16th June.

**6**. **Planning**

* 1. 25/23656/FUL- rear extension to Shop House, Llanelly Hill- permission granted.
  2. 25/23774/FUL –conversion of the Corn Exchange pub into 4 apartments and one semi-detached house- no comments received. There had however been many comments from local residents and, if the application was to be decided at a full Planning Committee then the Chair would wish to speak at the meeting. **Action: NJ.**
  3. 25/23803/FUL- installation of air source heat pump at 2 Station Terrace, Gilwern- comments awaited.

**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 14th Apr: **15-25/6** - RME Plant hire-1056.00; **16-25/6** -Webbs glass-469.20; **17-25/6 -**Cllrs All-156.00; **18-25/6** -Cllrs All-156.00; **19-25/6-** PHS-256.50; **20-25/6**- HMRC -255.60; **21-25/6-**S Plumley-48.00**; 22-25/6-** E Keen- 454.66; **23-25/6**- CA Williams- -918.00; **24-25/6**- Vision ICT-210.00; **25-25/6 -**Merlin Waste- 1367.10; **26-25/6-** Earth Anchors- 117. 54; **27-25/6-** Thomas Waste – 35.20; **SO** – Country Bookkeeping – 5.00; **SO** – Salary –1022.30; **DD** -EON- 25.70; **DD** – Octopus Energy-353.27; **Bank Charges** -12.95.
2. The Clerk had circulated the Annual Return and the Internal Auditor’s Report. After a short discussion the Return was approved and the Chair signed it. **Action: NJ.**
3. **Cooption**

For this item members of the public and county councillors were asked to leave the room for the Community Council to consider an application from Sara Morris to be coopted as a councillor for the Clydach Ward. It was unanimously agreed to accept the application and to invite Sara to the next Council meeting. **Action: NJ.**

1. **Skate Ramps/CCTV**

Cllr Dixon advised that there had been considerable damage caused to the skate ramps over the last few years which had cost the Council significant amounts of money. Although the police had been informed it was difficult to prevent such vandalism without a constant presence there. It was agreed after some discussion to obtain a quote for CCTV for that area. In addition the Clerk was asked to request a suitable entry on the village facebook page. **Action: NJ.**

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

* 1. Cllr Nelmes advised that the new School gate had been installed. Following recent changes in the area MCC had put together a Safe Streets Survey which could be found on the MCC App and there were consultation forms also in the Library for people to air their views. A draft agreement on the way forward had been drawn up by the Community Transport Group and hopefully funding would materialise. The MCC Transport group had met; the M4 Severn Bridge issue was discussed as well as details regarding the transport grants that had been allocated. Grants included funding for the footpath alongside Ty Mawr road and also a form of interactive signage at a bus stop in Gilwern. MCC was also introducing a mature drivers’ course for the over 65s.
  2. Cllr Stockham advised that it was disappointing that there were no applications for grants to the Ty Hooper charity from local residents. She suggested an approach to the Headteacher at Gilwern School to appraise her of the Charity and Cllr Nelmes agreed to pass on the information. **Action: HS/GN.**
  3. Cllr Curtis advised that there had been a site meeting from the WG Petitions Group following the large number of signatures to the petition, and all were hoping for a satisfactory resolution of the water issue before the autumn as the current agreement was only for this year.

**11. Report from County Councillors**

a. CCllr Howarth advised that:

1. BBNPA together with a reservoir trust had taken over management responsibility for Keepers Pond.

2. The proposed dog-exercising area in Gilwern had run into an issue regarding primarily the need for additional fencing to protect small trees that had been planted in the designated field. At the last minute MCC officers had suggested that the field was now unsuitable unless further fencing was installed. This would reduce the size of the area considerably but there appeared no other suitable sites in the area. It was agreed that representatives from MCC and LCC should meet again to resolve. **Action: NJ.**

b. CCllr Brocklesby advised that:

1. the state of the bus shelter area in Clydach North had been brought to her attention. Some clearing up had been done but she was hoping to get a team there shortly to complete a clean-up of that surrounding area.

2. she had been approached by local residents to set up a community public rights of way group, and she would be taking that forward.

3. the Monmouthsire Forum was looking for more volunteers to discuss community matters, and asked if word could be passed on. Cllr Harris volunteered to join the Forum.

**12.Correspondence Received**

* 1. Update from MCC on the footpath alongside Ty Mawr Road.

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

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

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