

Minutes of the Annual Open Meeting of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 19th October 2020 at 7:30pm. In accordance with The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 this meeting was held remotely via video conferencing.

Present: Cllr Caroline Fairclough (Chair)
Cllr Jeff Greenidge
Cllr Elaine Lusted
Cllr David Sharman
Cllr Phill Bowker
Cllr Dean Christy

In attendance: County Councillor John Morris and Maria James (Clerk)

There being no members of the public present the meeting moved to the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting

1. Election of Chairman 2020/21: Cllr Caroline Fairclough presided.

Cllr Christy proposed Cllr Fairclough. This was seconded by Cllr Greenidge and unanimously agreed

RESOLVED: Cllr Fairclough continue as Chair to the end of the municipal year. Cllr Fairclough to sign a declaration of acceptance of office as soon as practical.

2. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr John Morris and Cllr Alford.

Absent: Cllr Powell

3. Outgoing Chairman's Report: Cllr Fairclough reported on what she described as a different year recounting the council had officially opened the nature garden, funded baby changing facilities in Glangrwyney Village Hall and agreed to fund a projector screen for Llanbedr Hall. It has also started work on restoring Llangenny Water Fountain. Discussions with the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales have still not reached a satisfactory conclusion. The council held a special meeting in August regarding the Local Development Plan and revised Cwrt Y Gollen plan.

Things started going wrong in February with flooding in Glangrwyney and Crickhowell, as well as a landslip in Grwyne Fawr and damage to Pontyspig Bridge. Then in March Covid affected the council's way of working. A brief meeting was held to formulate a community plan to provide help during the pandemic and give the clerk delegated powers. Local shops in Crickhowell proved very helpful during this time. The council's first Zoom meeting was held on the 14th May 2020 and have continued since. The council is currently in the process of making its web site compliant with accessibility regulations and councillors now have dedicated emails. The council has been allowed to comment on the planning application for the conservative club in Crickhowell, although this application is not on the October Planning, Access and Rights of Way (PAROW) agenda for October.

Signed:.....

Chairman

Cllr Fairclough concluded by referring to the ongoing issue of retrospective planning and informed members she would like the council to look into the Lengthsman’s Scheme.

4. Election of Officers & Representatives on Outside Bodies:

It was agreed those currently appointed should continue in post.

Vice Chairman: Cllr Morris

One Voice Wales Representative: Cllr Morris

Glangrwyney Village Hall Representative: Cllr Sharman

Llanbedr School Board of Governors Representative: Cllr Lusted

Llanbedr Allotment Society: Cllr Morris (it was queried whether this role is now defunct)

Cllr Sharman offered to deputise for Cllr Morris as required.

RESOLVED: those currently appointed remain in post to the end of the municipal year.

5. Annual Accounts: The Clerk referred to the statement itemising receipts and payments made for the year ending 31st March 2020 (previously circulated) and requested Council's approval that this fairly represents the financial position of the authority as at this date.

Cllr Sharman proposed the accounts be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Christy and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: the accounts for the year ending March 2020 are approved

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:01pm

Signed:.....
Chairman