

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 13 March 2017 in Gladestry Village Hall

Present. Ms Jane Bisby (Chairman), Mrs Dianne Moore, Mr Melvyn Hughes, Mr Viv Lloyd, Mr Dan Cosgrove, Cllr Michael Jones and Mr Kenneth Waugh (Clerk).

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Mr Derrick Carrington.

2. Minutes of last meeting.

Melvyn proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 30 January 2017 be accepted and signed. Viv seconded, and the proposal was agreed.

3. Matters arising.

i. Further Focussed Change. Jane said that she and Michael had both attended the meeting held by Chris Davies MP. The upshot was that many people, including bodies such as the Council for the Protection of Rural Wales, objected to the way much of Radnorshire was delineated as suitable for wind and solar farms. Michael explained that the matter was currently with the designated Inspector, who was still gathering evidence. When the Inspector's report is published, Powys will respond to the findings. After this, any decisions will be made by the full County Council, rather than just Cabinet Members; this would not occur until after the elections in May.

ii. CPR and AED. Jane gave an account of the training session which took place in the Village Hall on 7th March. The session was delivered by Sal Gaze from Anubis Training of Hereford. Twelve members of the community attended, alongside Viv, Jane and Kenneth. Sal demonstrated how to undertake CPR; how to use a defibrillator; and how to deal with an incidence of choking. Attendees were able to practice using the dummies Sal provided. Jane said that she felt it had been a very useful, informative event which had been run by a knowledgeable and experienced trainer. One thing learned, and not previously understood, was that a defibrillator run from battery power needs to be heated when the temperature falls below 4 degrees C; otherwise, the life of the batteries is shortened considerably. As a result, Councillors rethought potential sites for the AED to where mains electricity was available. The Clerk undertook to research the possibility of using the red phone kiosk by the bridge as this possibility was proposed by Melvyn and seconded by Dan.

iii. Highways. Viv told Councillors that George Lloyd, from Powys Highways Department, had visited him, and that they had identified work that road repair and ditching work had been identified as being necessary at Wain Wen and Gwaithla. It was unlikely that this work would be undertaken until the next financial year. Melvyn

reminded Councillors that Stonehouse Lane still needed attention, and would be best served by workmen ditching by hand, rather than mechanically, as the machine used was likely to damage the ditches.

Jane mentioned that nothing had been done in respect of the Cloggau Pitch passing places.

4. Planning.

The only new proposal for discussion was the Public Path Order relating to Mill Cottage and Llan y Felin, Gladestry. Neither family affected had any objections to the proposed changes.

5. Finance.

Councillors noted the current financial position of as shown on the budget monitoring sheet included with the agenda. Salary and annual expenses for the Clerk were approved for payment in April.

6. Correspondence.

i. Public path order – see above.

ii. Inspection of play area: not required.

iii. Review of electoral arrangements in Powys. This review was looking at the number of County Councillors in Powys in relation to the local demographics, and is not a concern for Community Councils.

7. Business matters.

i. The Clerk is attended a local elections briefing meeting at County Hall, and handed election nomination packs to Councillors who wanted them. It was agreed that Jane would hand-deliver completed nominations to County Hall on 29 March, and that Kenneth would provide information to assist in the completion of forms and would act as the central collection point for said forms to be with him by 28 March. Kenneth also reminded Councillors that election details had been posted on the website and on the notice boards in Gladestry and Newchurch, for any members of the Community who wished to stand as a Councillor.

ii. Grant applications. A preliminary discussion was held, but final decisions would be made at the next Council meeting when it was known whether or not there would be an election, with associated costs. All applicants will, therefore, be notified after that meeting, which will be held on 15 May.

8. The next meeting will be the AGM, followed by an ordinary meeting, and will be on 15 May 2017 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: