

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 17 July 2017 in Gladestry Village Hall

Present. Ms Jane Bisby (Chairman), Mr Melvyn Hughes, Mr Viv Lloyd, Mr Derrick Carrington, Mr Joseph Alman, Mr Ian Ball, Mr Gareth Croose, Cllr Michael Jones and Mr Kenneth Waugh (Clerk).

1. Apologies.

There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 15 May 2017.

Derrick proposed that the minutes from the annual general meeting held on 15 May 2017 be accepted and signed. Viv seconded, and the proposal was agreed.

2a. Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 15 May 2017.

Derrick proposed that the minutes from the ordinary meeting held on 15 May 2017 be accepted and signed. Jane seconded, and the proposal was agreed.

3. Matters arising from the AGM.

The matter needing to be dealt with as a result of the AGM was the election of a Chairman and a Vice Chairman, when both Melvyn and Derrick had offered to stand for the Chairmanship. Jane asked if this remained the situation; Melvyn and Derrick acknowledged that it was. Jane then expressed the hope that the Councillor who was not successful in the election to Chairman would be content to be considered for the election to Vice Chairman; again, both were in agreement. Viv added that this was an opportunity for the newly co-opted Councillors to be involved in the process.

At this point, Joseph proposed Melvyn for the post of Chairman; Viv seconded. Gareth then proposed Derrick, and Jane seconded. There were no other proposals, so a secret ballot took place, excluding the current Chairman. The result was in favour of Melvyn by 5 votes to 1.

Jane then proposed Derrick for the role of Vice Chairman; Joseph seconded. There were no other proposals. Voting was unanimously in favour of the proposal, and Derrick was elected.

Jane now stepped down from the Chairmanship after thanking colleagues for the help she had received during her year's tenure, and Melvyn took the role of Chairman.

3a. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 15 May 2017.

- i. The Clerk gave an up date regarding the defibrillator and the kiosk. The telephony equipment has been removed, and details are awaited regarding the adoption of the kiosk before the AED cabinet can be fitted. Paint will be provided so that the kiosk can be renovated. Melvyn asked if an emergency phone could be provided; the Clerk said he would check.
- ii. All grants, except that to the school, had been paid. Thank you letters from Gladestry Parent and Toddler Group and St David's Church, Colva had been received.
- iii. Regarding issues previously sent to Highways concerning the Royal Oak, the Clerk explained that a notice asking for the sign boards to be removed had been sent, and followed up with a discussion between the owner and George Lloyd from Highways. The situation now is that there is a boundary dispute which Highways have referred for clarification. At this point, Viv raised a previous matter relating to bus shelter ownership and covenants as he was concerned about the possible safety issues for children, and asked if clarification from documents held by Powys (and possibly inherited from Radnor DC) could be sought. The Clerk said he would review papers already held, but was not hopeful that any other documentary evidence would be forthcoming, although he would seek any.

4. Planning.

No new planning applications had been received.

Michael explained that, when planning applications were being discussed at Council meetings, he was expected to absent himself due to his Powys role on the Planning Committee.

Jane then brought up the Wern Farm planning; she said that it had been approved, with conditions attached relating to odour etc. and she wondered how these conditions would be monitored, as Planning had indicated that they did not have the resources to do so. Michael informed Councillors that if any such problems were reported to the Community Council they should be forwarded to the Planning Department, which would then take appropriate action in following up the incident.

5. Finance.

Councillors noted the current financial position as shown on the budget monitoring sheet included with the agenda. The Clerk explained that he had annotated the sheet with known income and expenditure figure for the remainder of the financial year.

6. Correspondence.

No discussions were raised regarding recent emails sent to Councillors, and no postal communications had been received other than the thank you letters previously mentioned.

7. Business matters.

- i. Council representative on the School Governors. Gareth is to remain as the rep until his term expires in November 2019. Gareth reminded Councillors that the rep was required to undergo a CRB check. Melvyn asked Gareth for feedback reports after he had attended meetings, and Gareth gave one from the last meeting. He told Councillors that the school currently had a problem with the bell tower, which needed some restoration work to the structure, and that the school would be fund raising to meet the costs. Melvyn suggested that this was something that this Council could become involved with. Gareth said he would report this back to the Governors.
- ii. Village Hall grant. Viv advised Councillors that a grant had been payable by Powys CC, augmented by a Gladestry CC payment, but that this had now ceased. The Hall Committee would not be seeking the grant *per se* from GCC this year. However, the hall requires redecoration and repairs, and assistance may be sought from GCC at a future date.
- iii. Gareth raised the subject of Redborough Lane. He had been contacted by a farmer, David Jones, regarding damage done on his land by off-road 4x4 vehicles, and damage to common land used to access farmland. David had been unable to obtain assistance elsewhere, and had been intimidated when trying to move the offenders from his land. Michael added that this was a nation-wide problem which costs a lot of money to put the land right after it has been abused. Michael suggested contacting Powys CC's legal department. The Clerk said he would be happy to assist Gareth and David in making an appropriate submission.

8. The next meeting will be on Monday 18 September 2017 at 7.30pm.