**CYNGOR CYMUNED CILGERRAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY**

**27th March 2017**

Present: Cllrs H Bellamy, J Wimhurst, E Thomas, M Clarke, N Evans, S Coles, J Davies, L Williams, P Bottom.

Apologies: V Varney (Clerk), due to illness

Not Present: Cllr D Worth, K Griffiths, J Green

329 Cllr Wimhurst took the minutes.

330 Councillor John Davies received the nomination papers from the Councillors present.

331 Minutes of last meeting 27th February 2017. Proposed as correct N. Evans, seconded M. Clarke.

**332 Matters Arising**

332.1 Playground & Annual Inspection - Reported in good order apart from drainage and minor work still outstanding from previous inspection. Cllr Bottom noted that the playground drains fairly quickly but gets muddy after heavy rain. Cllr Williams reported complaints from some parents that it stays muddy for several days. Cllr Davies noted that the topography of the site and the inevitable compaction of the clay soil would cause temporary problems with mud, but it would cost a huge amount to strip the site and install drains.

 Cllr Coles proposed asking a drainage expert to suggest options, seconded by Cllr Williams, all in favour. Cllrs Bottom and Williams would consult a local expert.

 Cllr Williams suggested putting the annual inspection report online before the relevant meeting so all councillors could view it beforehand.

332.2 Parc y Pwmp - Benches not yet installed by Cllr Bottom. Chairman showed quotes for the plaques. Councillors decided stainless steel, two plaques one for each bench, one in Welsh, one in English.

332.3 MUGA - Cllr Davies said that the coin meter could not be replaced as they are no longer made. However, Rhydwyn Davies has found a part to repair it.

332.4 Parc y Dre - Cllr Wimhurst reported that following the very high quote from Ultima for removing the litter and small-scale fly-tipping, she had approached Dave Blackfoot Drury (litterpickers.com) who lives locally, and today he had cleared all the material off the playing field for a very reasonable price.

 Councillors were all pleased with his work and in favour of paying the invoice.

 Cllr Wimhurst did note, however, that there were many screws and nails left in the bonfire area. Cllr Bottom offered to clear the area with a mini-digger. All in favour.

332.5 Noticeboards - The Clerk had contacted the company, who said the boards are not under warranty, and that recycled plastic expands/contracts like wood.

332.6 Village Warden - Cllr Davies said this was an ongoing issue that should be resolved soon. The Chairman read out a letter from Neil McCarthy, PCC, who is trying to address the outstanding problems caused by the Warden’s absence. He would organise litter-picking of the playing field as one of the items on the list.

332.7 CCTV System - Neither Cllr Griffiths nor the Clerk were present so no further information was available.

**333 Correspondence**

333.1 Cardigan Town Council – Requesting permission to attend an event at the Wildlife Centre in Mayoral attire. Councillors agreed to this.

333.2 SLCC – Membership Renewal at the cost of £78. Councillors agreed to this.

333.3 CLAHC - Chairman mentioned Cilgerran Language and Heritage Committee’s project to renovate the Coracle Centre display area and replace the information panels on the outside wall. Cllr Davies reported that some renovation work to the building and lighting improvements would be undertaken by the County Council, and that CLAHC will be applying for a grant for the information panels to be renewed.

 The chairman also informed councillors that CLAHC would be holding another Clubs and Societies Day in the village hall on Saturday 6th May, 11am to 2pm. Cllr Williams volunteered to attend on behalf of the Community Council.

333.4 Welsh Government – Consultation for planning of gypsy, traveller and show people sites. Closing date for responses is 22 May 2017. Seen and noted.

333.5 Pembrokeshire County Council – Notice of Motion regarding Dog Fouling issues in County. Seen and noted.

333.6 Pembs County Council – Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Seen and noted.

333.7 SWALEC – Advice of increase in electricity price. Seen and noted.

**334 Development Control.**

 **Planning Applications:**

 Nothing to report.

**335 Finance**

 Balance at close of meeting 27/2/2017 Current Account £7,765.42

 Reserve Account £6,289.84

 Total £14,055.26

**Payments**

335.1 Wales Audit Office £209.25

335.2 Valeria Varney (Feb Salary) £282.07

335.3 Welsh Water £26.93

 Total Payments £518.25

**Income**

335.4 Bank Interest £0.05

 Total Income £0.05

 Balance at close of meeting 27/3/2017 Current Account £7,247.17

 Reserve Account £6,289.89

 Total £13,537.06

 335.5 The above payments were proposed as correct by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Bottom.

**336 County Councillor’s Report**

336.1 Bus shelter will soon be installed at Cnwce.

336.2 Penybryn Road signs x 2: Cilgerran Road and Broyan Road. Councillors agreed to pay extra for two separate signs in Welsh.

336.3 The junction on the main road at Penybryn is subsiding due to the clay subsoil. Road works will take place involving 4-way traffic lights.

336.4 Cllr Davies asked councillors, on behalf of the County Council, if they would think about taking on the Coracle Centre at Dolbadau (not the toilets area) without charge. The County is getting rid of some of its buildings, but he noted this one could prove costly maintenance-wise.

**337 Any Other Business**

337.1 Cllr Williams asked Cllr Davies about the footway over the bridge – he replied that work would start in three to four weeks, and that less of the hedgerow will be affected than at first thought. She also asked about the Cardiff Arms toilets – which had been open to the public a while ago. He said that the Welsh Government funding for the scheme had ended.

 Meeting ended at 9.10 pm

 Next meeting: Monday 24th April 2017

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 Chairman

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 Clerk to Cilgerran Community Council