

**CYNGOR CYMUNED
GOETRE FAWR
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT GOYTRE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2017**

Present: Community Councillors, Robert French, Owen Dodd, Syd Welford, Jan Butler, Peter Daniel, Nigel Morrey, Colin Deakins, Andy Barnes and Nicola Awni

In Attendance: Clerk – Jonathan Lazenby

Apologies: Community Councillors Rose Thayers, Lucyann Rands and Roger Howells

Guests: County Councillor Bryan Jones and Mr & Mrs White

		ACTION
1	Apologies for Absence	
2	Declarations of Interest The Chair asked members present whether they had any declarations of interest to make, over and above those already recorded (and published on the web site). The Chair reminded those present that they should also notify the meeting of any additional interests which became apparent during the progress of the meeting. No further interests were declared at this point.	
3	Chairman's Remarks The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular Mrs Nicola Awni who would shortly be signing her formal acceptance papers to the council.	
4	Acceptance of Declaration of Office – Nicola Awni Following her co-option at last month's meeting Mrs Awni duly signed her Declaration of Acceptance of office in front of the Clerk/RFO and was formally welcomed as a Councillor. Clerk to advise John Pearson at MCC of Councillor Awni's co-option. Councillor Awni mentioned that she had a small 'bed' at the Capel Ed community garden and from 01/01/18 would be the Clerk for Gwehelog Community Council. Clerk to record the former in the register of interests.	Clerk Clerk
5	Suspension of standing orders Planning At 7.36 it was agreed to suspend standing orders to enable Mr & Mrs White to address the meeting (if required), in connection with their planning application DC/2017/01356 - for a two Storey extension at Ty Gwyn, Church Road, Nantyderry, (item scheduled for later in the meeting). The Clerk had previously distributed the application to members. The property is between The Haven and the Old School House travelling up the hill from St Peter's Church. It was noted that there were no windows in the upper storey and an on-line comment stated 'the proposed extension would appear not to have any significant negative impact due to the lower lying position of Ty Gwyn in relation to The Haven'. As a result no concerns or issues were raised by Councillors. The item being concluded, Mr & Mrs White then left the meeting. The meeting reconvened and it was agreed to consider a second application which had been received subsequent to the publication of the agenda. DC/2017/01375 - Planning Permission - Change of use from agricultural to transport yard. Extension to existing transport yard to accommodate an additional 6 tractor units and 3 trailers. Ty Carol Barn, Star Road, Nant Y Derry, Goytre, NP7 9DR A number of councillors expressed concern at the size and number of large agricultural vehicles and the impact these would have, and after discussion agreed that the Community council should oppose the application on the following grounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site access was poor for such large vehicles / trailers • Damage to the environment, verges and kerbs likely to be caused by additional large agricultural vehicles 	Clerk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern for safety given the number and size of vehicles travelling along relatively narrow lanes <p>The motion was proposed by Councillor Morrey and seconded by Councillor Daniel.</p>	Clerk
6	<p>Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 20th November 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under 'Guests', Nicola Anwi should read Nicola Awni Item 12 – first line should read '...Chair would now forward... <p>Proposed by Councillor Welford and seconded by Councillor Morrey</p>	
7	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Item 5.1 Defibrillator Training - May Otton has confirmed our booking at GVH, but the issue of charging had not been discussed at the last VH meeting and the next meeting will not be until January. Clerk will distribute the leaflet so that all available promotional opportunities can be utilised immediately after Christmas. Hannah Cubie (manager at Goytre Wharf) has confirmed café will be re-opening – hopefully in time for Christmas. Item 5.4 – Speed strips on Newtown Road. MCC have agreed to install – e-mail passed to Councillor French who has e-mailed MCC to agree on the best position to install the strips. It was also mentioned that the speed bumps further down Newtown Road were removed but not replaced following the surface re-dressing. County Councillor Jones is to investigate. Item 5.5 – Trees in Goytre Park - MCC have cut down the rotten tree in Goytre Park, but have not cut the tree at the top of Newtown Road which is interfering with BT lines. Clerk has chased & MCC are to investigate. Item 7.1 – Litter by bridge 72 layby. MCC are to erect a take your litter home sign. Clerk has invited Sue Parkinson from MCC to January meeting to talk about possibility of setting up a litter champions group in the Ward. The 'no litter' sticker on the dog bin by the bridge appears to have been removed. Item 7.3 – Weeds in Little Mill. Clerk has contacted MCC again who have acknowledged e-mail. Response awaited. Councillor Deakins advised the worst area was at the junction of Millbrook Court and Berthon Road. Item 7.4 – There is no dedicated fly-tipping line. Residents need to call MCC on 01633 644644 and choose option 3 (Waste and recycling). Problems can also be reported on-line or via the 'My Monmouthshire' app. The app 'Fix My Street' can also be used. Item 8 – Crossing between Car Park & Goytre Park - Clerk has contacted MCC via e-mail and suggested a site meeting. Response awaited. Item 11.3 – Commercial rate for Ton Land. Clerk has contacted Stephen Williams (MRICS) of Williams Associates Chartered Surveyors in Abergavenny who is to recommend a fair rate once he has visited the site. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>County Councillor Jones</p>
8	<p>Monmouthshire County Council update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There was no specific update from County Councillor Jones The Chair mentioned that Plough Road had not been gritted following the recent heavy snowfall. The road was essential access for businesses / vans at Park Farms. County Councillor Jones said he would look into the situation. Councillor Deakins asked whether it was possible to clear the pavements of snow using a machine employed in the area a few years ago. However it was pointed out that this had caused damage to a number of kerbs when used previously. Councillors requested whether additional grit bins could be provided – perhaps one by the public conveniences and another by the flats on the Haven. Again County Councillor Jones said he would look into the situation 	<p>County Councillor Jones</p> <p>County Councillor Jones</p>
9	<p>Maintenance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Deakins mentioned that the new mobile (O2) mast in Little Mill had now been installed. However he asked if the Clerk could contact Openreach to remove the redundant telephone kiosk and to repair/replace the fence between the telephone exchange and Berthon Road and LMVH car park. 	Clerk
10	<p>Speed Indicator camera on School Lane</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> County Councillor Jones said that he would look to see if he could support and would speak with Paul Keeble 	County Councillor Jones

11	<p>Olde Pounce Shop Clerk has met with Robert Twigg (RT) at Everett Tomlin Lloyd & Pratt in Newport to progress formal Land Registry registration of the Olde Pounce Shop and surrounding land. However a strip of land between the OPS & GA has no 'owner'. GFCC will need to look to obtain Adverse Possession (AP). Possession would benefit ability to extend the OPS & retain parking and access at the side. AP process will increase total cost to £1250 plus VAT & expenses. RT has agreed to additionally register the Ton Land field within this price (plus £40 registration fee). It was agreed that we should look to try and obtain ownership of the full land between the OPS & GA boundary at the price quoted, together with acceptance of the ETL&P terms of business (previously distributed). Proposed by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Deakins</p>	Clerk																				
12	<p>Finance 1. <u>Review of accounts</u></p> <p>The latest cashflow was presented to the meeting and was received without further comment or observation.</p> <p>Payments made for December:</p> <table data-bbox="319 672 1197 974"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Transfer from Mon Bdg Soc to Unity Trust Bank Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. One Voice Wales - Code of conduct Training – Cllr Butler</td> <td style="text-align: right;">40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Merlin Waste</td> <td style="text-align: right;">101.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Thomas Waste Management</td> <td style="text-align: right;">61.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. S Fodden</td> <td style="text-align: right;">255.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6. A W Fodden</td> <td style="text-align: right;">37.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7. J Lazenby (expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">52.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8. Beverley & Williams (payroll Oct – Dec)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">32.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9. Councillor Barnes – Pre application planning training</td> <td style="text-align: right;">35.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2 – <u>Olde Pounce Shop Rent Review</u> The three-yearly rent review was now due. It was noted that the rent had stayed the same since the lease was signed back in Sept/Oct 2009 (and in the lease previously). It was therefore felt appropriate to increase the rent to reflect increases in costs / inflation over the period. A 1% annual increase compounded over the period would now be almost 10%. It was agreed therefore to increase the annual rent by 10% from £450 per month to £495 per month from January 2018. Proposed by Councillor Deakins and seconded by Councillor Morrey. Clerk to advise Mr Naveed.</p>		£	1. Transfer from Mon Bdg Soc to Unity Trust Bank Account	500.00	2. One Voice Wales - Code of conduct Training – Cllr Butler	40.00	3. Merlin Waste	101.70	4. Thomas Waste Management	61.20	5. S Fodden	255.00	6. A W Fodden	37.71	7. J Lazenby (expenses)	52.64	8. Beverley & Williams (payroll Oct – Dec)	32.40	9. Councillor Barnes – Pre application planning training	35.00	Clerk
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13	<p>Update on Jack & Jill's 1. It was confirmed that, as previously agreed, an email had been sent to Paul Matthews (Chief Executive, MCC) to request his intervention with Will McLean (Chief Officer, Children and Young People, MCC), due to the continued lack of response regarding the position of the former Jack & Jill's premises and the Community Centre. County Councillor Jones said that he would try to meet with Paul Matthews to progress.</p>	County Councillor Jones																				
14	<p>Donations 1. E-mail from GMB (via One Voice Wales) looking for donations to the Ambulance Services Union in support of the Ambulance Service Charity. Funds would be used to support staff suffering from PTSD, the purchase of Christmas Hampers as a 'Thank You', and to support the running of the ambulance service awards in Llandudno next year. Councillors did not feel this would benefit the Community and did not propose Council make a donation. As this was effectively a 'round-robin' circulation it was not felt that a specific response was required. 2. E-mail received from Margaret Williams, Treasurer, Goytre Craft Class, expressing thanks to Councillors for our generous donation</p>																					
15	<p>Reports – questions based on previously distributed update (distributed report reproduced below, with additional comments under Goytre School Governors)</p> <p><u>Little Mill Village Hall</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mole control on playing field should start this week Christmas lights go up Saturday 9th prior to older persons party 12.00 noon and children's party during the afternoon 																					

	<p><u>Goytre Village Hall</u></p> <p>1. There is nothing to report for the Village Hall which does not meet again until the 3rd Tuesday in January</p> <p><u>Goytre School Governors</u></p> <p>1. Due to unforeseen circumstance, Councillor Dodd was unable to attend the Goytre Fawr Primary School Full Governing Body meeting on 29th November. However he advised councillors that he'd continued the joint approach with Goytre Fawr Primary School and contacted Kathryn Edwards (Chair of the Governing Body) on 5th December to see if she had managed to get any update from Mr McLean but had not received a reply from her so far.</p> <p><u>Goytre Community Centre</u></p> <p>1. No report submitted</p> <p><u>Goytre After School Club</u></p> <p>1. No report submitted</p> <p><u>Goytre Scout Hut.</u></p> <p>1. No report submitted</p> <p><u>Public Conveniences</u></p> <p>1. The small (children's) urinal is not draining properly. 24/7 plumbing scheduled to attend on 11th Dec – likelihood that the 'trap' has become blocked with chewing gum or similar.</p> <p><u>Other Reports</u></p> <p>1. Future Transport Solutions for Monmouthshire and Rural Newport. Clerk attended stakeholder workshop on 24th Nov. Workshop explored problems in accessing Employment Opportunities, Health services, Entertainment & Recreation as well as Children's services. General services such as shops / post offices / banking / internet were also covered. Successful integrated models operate in Lincolnshire, Devon and Carmarthenshire – the latter with financial support from WAG. Clerk is to explore voluntary car scheme run by Bridges Community Scheme in Monmouth. We are currently outside their area although they are looking to open an office in Abergavenny, but will require funding to support the scheme co-ordinator.</p>	Clerk
16	<p>Communications</p> <p>1. The bookings secretary at LMVH (Colin Berg) wanted to know our meeting dates for 2018 as there may be a clash. Clerk to advise of Jan and Mar 2018 dates. Clerk to add to Jan agenda to confirm remaining dates for 2018.</p> <p>2. Active Travel Act. The chair had been made aware of an MCC consultation which aims to make active travel the most attractive option for shorter journeys. Local authorities need to produce travel maps and highways authorities to make enhancements to routes for pedestrians and cyclists. We were not included in the original communications and so did not attend any of the seven consultation meetings. Although we have no concerns re the plans, Clerk to write to MCC expressing disappointment that we were not included in the communications.</p> <p>3. Tackling loneliness amongst older people – e-mail from Age concern received via OVW, keen to hear about any initiatives to tackle loneliness that are working well. Council not aware of any specific actions, but there are a number of clubs and societies in the village which may help tackle loneliness in older people. Clerk to contact Jane Melmoth (Secretary of the Village Hall management committee), and forward the note and ask if she was aware of any specific initiatives of some of the local societies. Also to contact the local churches. Proposed by Councillor Awni and seconded by Councillor Daniel.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
17	<p>Advertising</p> <p>1. Councillor Welford advised that it was too early to submit contributions for the February 2018 Usk and Raglan Diary, but confirmed that our next meeting was before the submission deadline.</p>	
18	<p>Date of Next Meeting - Monday 22nd January 2018 at Little Mill Village Hall.</p>	All

Chairman:

Date: