

# GOETRE FAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT GOYTRE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2017

**Present:** Community Councillors Syd Welford, Roger Ogden, Roger Howells, Roger Price, John Kostanjevec, Robert French, Owen Dodd

**In Attendance:** Clerk – Jonathan Lazenby,

**Apologies:** Councillor Colin Deakins, Ian Blacker, County Councillor Bryan Jones

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p>1 <u>Meeting suspended at 7.30pm</u> Matthew Pring of the Old Forge Newton Road attended to provide more information on the planning proposal DC/2016/01251 which was considered at December's meeting, but at which no recommendation was made due to a lack of information in the plans provided. Mr Pring provided a more detailed plan / site location of the proposed building and confirmed that access would remain the same albeit with an increased splay. Councillors thanked Mr Pring for his contribution and retained a copy of the additional plan supplied.</p> <p><u>Meeting resumed 7.40pm</u> <b>Chairman's Remarks</b> Chairman Robert French welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular the new clerk.</p>	
<p>2 <b>Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> Proposed by Councillor Welford. Seconded by Councillor Dodd</p>	
<p>3 <b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The overgrown trees at Glan-y-nant were still considered a concern despite the conclusion of Martyn Evans, (Highways Tree Officer at Mon CC) following his site survey. Councillor Price commented they cause larger vehicles to cross over to the wrong side of the road. The meeting requested the Clerk to contact Martyn Evans to 'challenge' the current position.</li> <li>2. Martyn Evans has visited Croes-y-pant Lane to survey the hedge cutting requirements to obtain a quote for the work to be undertaken by Mon CC</li> <li>3. Clerk confirmed there had been no response to date from Mon CC Estates Office regarding the Community Centre lease and the former Jack &amp; Jill's building – Clerk to diarise and chase as required</li> <li>4. Councillor French stated that Councillor Jones had promised to get Paul Keeble from Mon CC to undertake a visit to review the issue of yellow lines on Newtown Road. The opportunity would also be taken to raise the numerous other highway issues in the area.</li> <li>5. Public conveniences storage cupboard lock. New Clerk unaware of progress made but will pick up with Ian Blacker and action as required.</li> <li>6. Proposals to remove Community Council representatives from school governing bodies. Councillor Dodd said he believed this unwise and a CC representative provided a useful check / balance in the decision making process. Councillor Dodd to prepare a letter and would be pleased to take any wider comments. The meeting agreed with this approach</li> </ol>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>4 <b>Reports</b></p> <p><u>Monmouthshire County Council</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Councillor French stated that although there were numerous broken kerbs / damaged footpaths in the area, Mon CC had stated that there were insufficient funds to address</li> </ol> <p><u>Little Mill Village Hall</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nothing to report</li> </ol> <p><u>Goytre Village Hall</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meeting held on Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Jan. A good level of funds is held, although there are plans to spend monies on repairing the floor/entrance/toilets and provide new table tops. The doors have also been replaced after the break-in.</li> </ol>	

	<p>However a decision has been taken <u>not</u> to have external CCTV fitted, even though the social club had agreed the village hall could link this in to their internal system to help reduce the cost.</p> <p><u>Goytre School</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A meeting is due within the next two weeks and an update will be provide at the February Council meeting</li> <li>2. The presentation of the vouchers has been made, although unfortunately Councillor Dodd was not able to attend due to a change of date</li> </ol> <p><u>Goytre Community Centre</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A quote for the repair to the internal walls and outside brickwork has been provided by Brickcraft Ltd - £700 plus VAT. Quotes have also been requested from Gilles Davies Ltd (Raglan), Red Builders (Abergavenny), and the clerk will also contact D.C. Hopkins &amp; Sons in the village.</li> <li>2. Next meeting is on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 8pm</li> </ol> <p><u>Goytre After School Club</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Numbers are positive with Before School Club seeing bookings of 120 per week</li> </ol> <p><u>Public Conveniences</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are being well maintained. Councillor Fodden is covering for Sarah who is ill at the moment.</li> <li>2. Richard at the Goytre Arms has asked if he could have a key so toilets could be kept open later in the evening to stop youths using the pub toilets instead. No suggested time was given and it was noted that the pub's closing hours can be variable depending on trade, and it does not open on a Monday. The meeting agreed to give the suggestion further consideration over time.</li> </ol> <p><u>Goytre Scout Hut.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nothing particular to report. They are still considering what work they may wish to undertake – items under potential consideration include some form of extension, new toilets / kitchen /shower facilities. However all require further thought, work and costing at which point they will explore funding options</li> </ol>																							
5	<p><b>Other Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No other reports</li> </ol>																							
6	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proposed Little Mill litter picking Christine Barnfield from Usk has written to the council suggesting a monthly 30 minute litter picking challenge, along the lines of one held in Usk. Councillor Dodd commented that he had seen an organised litter picking exercise in Undy - possibly young offenders – an idea previously explored by the Community Council but rejected by Mon CC on the grounds of health &amp; safety. The meeting agreed that the suggestion was something to consider for the future and asked the Clerk to reply to Mrs Barnfield accordingly</li> </ol>	Clerk																						
7	<p><b>Review of Accounts</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>1. S Fodden</td> <td>£250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Ian Blacker (Clerk)</td> <td>£520.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Jonathan Lazenby (Clerk)</td> <td>£401.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Thomas Waste Management</td> <td>£72.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. British Gas (electricity)</td> <td>£17.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6. Mon CC Goytre Community Centre Rent</td> <td>£12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7. Merlin Waste Dog Bins</td> <td>£47.46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8. Zurich Insurance renewal</td> <td>£942.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9. Mon CC Little Mill Park ground maintenance</td> <td>£441.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10. Jonathan Lazenby (Clerk) – travel expenses</td> <td>£17.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11. Select Security (annual maintenance)</td> <td>£130.80</td> </tr> </table> <p>- The Finance Committee - The Clerk &amp; Councillor Price, together with Councillor French had met prior to the full meeting and reconciled the latest cashflow to the Monmouthshire Building Society passbook as at the end of Oct/Nov/Dec 2016. This was in accordance with the newly adopted Financial Regulations review</p> <p>- Clerk to advise Select Security of new address for correspondence</p>	1. S Fodden	£250.00	2. Ian Blacker (Clerk)	£520.00	3. Jonathan Lazenby (Clerk)	£401.87	4. Thomas Waste Management	£72.00	5. British Gas (electricity)	£17.71	6. Mon CC Goytre Community Centre Rent	£12.50	7. Merlin Waste Dog Bins	£47.46	8. Zurich Insurance renewal	£942.95	9. Mon CC Little Mill Park ground maintenance	£441.50	10. Jonathan Lazenby (Clerk) – travel expenses	£17.55	11. Select Security (annual maintenance)	£130.80	Clerk
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clerk to check whether fee (£35) has been paid to information commissioner as this didn't appear on current cashflow - to confirm at next meeting</li> <li>- Clerk to add a line on cashflow to cover maintenance of CCTV system</li> <li>- Councillor Dodd queried payment of £95.46 under graveyards which looked more likely to be waste management. Clerk to investigate and report.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk Clerk Clerk</p>
8	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DC/2016/01419 – The proposed installation of a 30m lattice mast antenna. 2 no. dishes, together with associated ancillary development thereto. Land at BT, Fairfield, Penperlleni, NP4 0BG <i>NO OBJECTIONS</i></li> <li>2. DC/2016/01251 – To build an agricultural type building to replace existing buildings. The Old Forge, Newtown Road, Goytre, NP4 0AB. See additional information provided by Mr Pring under item 1. <i>NO OBJECTIONS</i></li> </ol>	
9	<p><b>Donations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proposed location of defibrillator in Mamhilad. Emma Beer, licensee of the Star Inn has requested if funds are available to install a defibrillator at the Star following an incident where her husband had suffered chest pains and went into cardiac arrest due to the long ambulance response time. Initial costings indicate device would cost £975 + VAT, plus a storage box at £590 + VAT. Clerk to explore if one or other items could be supplied free (meeting could not recall previous purchase agreement), but was supportive in principle. Clerk to investigate and respond accordingly to Mrs Beer in the meantime. Clerk asked to investigate what happens after use (replacement of pads / mouthpiece etc.), following use of the unit at GVH.</li> </ol>	<p>Clerk</p>
10	<p><b>Advertising</b></p> <p>Usk and Raglan diary contributions for March 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Councillor Dodd suggested an article to alert readers to watch out for forthcoming election posters</li> <li>- Councillor Welford to include details of new Clerk and a thank you to Ian Blacker who has undertaken the role over previous 3 years</li> </ul>	
11	<p><b>Maintenance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Untaxed car (Vauxhall Corsa) abandoned in Goytre Car Park. Councillor Howells to advise Clerk of registration so Mon CC can be contacted to remove</li> <li>2. Councillor Dodd to advise Clerk of specific street light numbers to see if we can arrange for them to be 'switched off' at a later time - 12.30 am rather than midnight</li> </ol> <p>The meeting closed at 8.50pm</p>	
12	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Little Mill Village Hall</p>	<p>All</p>

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