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NERCWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL – CYNGOR CYMUNED NERCWYS

Minutes of the Meeting held at Soar Chapel Schoolroom, Wednesday 28TH March 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

CHAIR: Cllr. P. Roberts

PRESENT: Cllrs: B.Roberts, C.Roberts, K. Bickerton, C.Oldfield,
C.Thomas, M. Morgan.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr K. Hughes, Sue Lyth, Clerk.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

1. APOLOGIES - Cllrs. J. Price, P. Gerrard.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - NONE

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair proposed a huge vote of thanks to all the local contractors and farmers who had worked hard to keep the roads and lanes cleared during the recent heavy snowfalls. This was carried unanimously.

A recent water leak, initially thought to be sewage, had been reported to Welsh Water by the Clerk and had since been repaired.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 31ST JANUARY 2018.

The February meeting being cancelled due to inclement weather, these were accepted as a correct record, signed and dated by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- Still waiting for Scottish Power to transfer the power supply from the old post to the new lantern outside Keeper's Cottage. Clerk would contact head of street lighting to see whether the situation could be resolved and whether Flintshire County Council were still prepared to take over responsibility for the lights.
- Several outstanding matters had been reported yet again to Street Scene. Cllr P. Roberts offered to remove the rusty pole from the grass verge by the stile as it was a safety hazard. Councillors agreed it was a good idea and the Clerk would notify Street Scene of its removal on Health & Safety grounds.

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- An invoice had been raised for the Welsh Government Play Opportunities Grant of £911 towards the 2018 Summer Play Scheme. This would be paid into the council's bank account and then reclaimed after the Summer.
- The Chair had spoken to the editor of Nercwys News about the Council's report that had been modified without reference to either the Chair or Clerk. With the current editor retiring, the future of the publication was uncertain. There was a suggestion that perhaps Nercwys could combine with the Gwernymynydd news letter.
- The Clerk had been frustrated in attempts to renew the collection plate on the post box by the notice board. Despite speaking to two postmen on their rounds in Ffordd Pentre, who promised to report it to the Mold Post Office, and notifying the Post Office directly on its website, it remained in a perished state. The Clerk was tempted to make a replacement but was deterred by the legal implications of defacing the Royal Mail's property.
- Cllr M. Morgan was pleased to report that the defibrillator was now in situ on the wall of the Soar Chapel. Direction signs would be erected at prominent spots in the village. CPR training dates were set for 11th April and 4th May at 7pm. There was a question of whether planning permission was required for the erection of the defibrillator, but as the Chapel was not a listed building, this proved to be unfounded.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: RECEIVED AND NOTED.

- FCC - The Standards Committee, having a remit to promote good conduct at County, Town and Community Councils, would be sending independent Members to every council in Flintshire over the next 12 months to observe how meetings are administered in relation to the Members' Code of Conduct. Clerks would be given notice in the interests of transparency.
- National Association of Local Councils – The new General Data Protection Regulation ('GDPR') would take effect from 25th May to replace the 1998 Data Protection Act. There were many implications, mainly for larger councils, and the Clerk would monitor the implementation to see how it might affect smaller councils, through collaboration with colleagues at the Society of Local Council Clerks' meetings.
- Litter Pick – The Clerk had been approached for advice on setting up a litter pick in the village. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the council would support this initiative and Cllr Hughes, having the requested information regarding supply of pickers and equipment, due to a recent litter pick in Gwernymynydd, would contact the resident directly. Cllr Hughes would also recommend drawing up a Risk Assessment.
- Fund Raiser – A letter was received from a young Girl Guide who had been selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree in the USA in 2019.

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Subsequently, she was tasked with raising the huge sum of £3495 and had therefore approached the Council for any help it could offer. After discussion, it was agreed unanimously that the Council would be willing to pay for hire of the Soar Chapel and schoolroom for any planned fundraising function. Clerk would respond accordingly to the young guide's letter.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 057763 - Nerquis Hall – All but one application under the same number approved.

Ty Melyn – The Enforcement Order was currently being amended by the Legal Department before being served.

8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- Following a query from Cllr B. Roberts regarding the continuing parking problem on Ael y Bryn, while a similar situation had been resolved in Blaen Wern, Gwernymynydd, Cllr Hughes reiterated the difficulties in providing the turning space in a limited area.

9. COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Cllr C.Roberts informed members that the DB1 bus service to Chester was finishing on Saturday 30th March. Another contractor was being sought to take over the route.
- Cllr K. Bickerton reported from the School Governors' meeting on 19th March where two new governors had been appointed. The main concern was the low numbers of pupils, currently 40, along with budget and staffing matters. The school continues to work with Ysgol Nannerch.

10. FINANCE

- At 28th March:
Current Account: £1956.13. Reserve Account: £3289.40.

There will be 4 unreconciled cheques to be accounted for on the Annual Statement.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

..... Chairman 25.04. 2018.

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Bills for Payment

Payee	Amount	Cheque no.
Clerk's salary & expenses March	£458.22	1148
E-ON electricity	£134.37	1149
Soar Chapel - Donation to kitchen upgrade	£600.00	1150
Mrs E Roberts - Christmas Tree catering	£46.42	1151