

## Minutes of a Remote Meeting of Nantmel Community Council on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

**Present:** Cllr A Bates, K Curry, J Harris, P Bowen

**Apologies:** Cllr R Lewis, J Price

**NC 72/22      Declarations of Interests**

None.

**NC 73/22      Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were confirmed and signed.

**NC 74/22      Information from Minutes**

None.

**NC 75/22      Planning**

None.

**NC 76/22      Correspondence**

None.

**NC 77/22      Finances**

- a) Salary - £220.00 - approved
- b) HMRC - £55.00 - approved

**NC 78/22      Co-option**

One application for co-option was received from Lucy Powell.

**Resolved:** unanimously to co-opt Lucy Powell to the Community Council.

**NC 79/22      Community Broadband**

Cllr Curry thanked the Clerk for her work on keeping records on this project. Nantmel is almost at target, however, the project has been registered and will progress. Cllr Curry will ask for regular monthly updates to the focus group.

**NC 80/22      School Building**

Cllr Curry reported from the recent Action Group Public Meeting. Jane Johnston offered to take and transcribe the minutes in the absence of the Action Group Secretary.

Cllr Curry felt he would have liked more at the meeting, particularly members of the Action Group, however, those who attended fully participated.

The meeting was presented with the history of the building, financial options, options to move forward, grant funding and engaging consultants. All matters were fully discussed.

The meeting voted overwhelmingly not to apply for a PWLB loan to be repaid via the precept. However, they were in favour unanimously of looking for grant funding, which would involve engaging a local consultant to develop a new Business Plan and seek grant funding and prepare applications.

The possibility of building a new building was received well, however for the time-being the Action Group will explore grant funding for purchase.

**Resolved:** the Council resolved to engage the preferred consultant to carry out the required works on an incremental basis, starting with developing a Business Plan. The consultant to liaise with Cllr Curry and the Clerk.

**NC 81/22 County Councillor's Report**

Not present.

**NC 82/22 Other Matters**

**a) Grass Cutting**

The Chair reported that grass cutting and removal of a bush is needed along the A44 between Little Gigrin and Cefn Ceido. Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood had arranged for this to be cut back. However the trees had not been trimmed.

**Resolved:** Cllr Bates to send a photograph to the Clerk to be forwarded to the County Councillor to arrange action to be taken.

**b) Rhayader Quarry**

The Chair mentioned the excellent work which had been carried out on the support bank at the Quarry. This had been carried out by Golden Valley Construction.

**Resolved:** to write a letter of thanks for the wonderful work undertaken.

**c) Resident – Community Council Banking Personnel/Legal)**

A letter from the resident in response to the council's full response from the last meeting.

The letter went over matters already addressed in previous responses and mentioned advice had been sought by the resident from One Voice Wales. The Clerk reminded members that One Voice Wales is the legal body which represents Town & Community Councils and will only engage with the Clerk or Chair of a Council.

Members reiterated their full confidence in the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and mentioned that the Internal and External Audit have both been undertaken independently since the change of bank accounts and no issues had been raised in either.

**Resolved:** the Chair will respond to the letter.