

DRAFT MINUTES OF GLASBURY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BI MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2015
AT 7.00 PM IN GLASBURY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Mrs A. Boyle (Chair), Cllr Mrs P. Yeomans, Cllr Mr R. Joseph,
Cllr Mr B. Price, Cllr Mrs M. Morris, Cllr Mr S. Lawrence
Mrs J. Phillips (Clerk), County Cllr Mr C. Davies (arrived at 7.10pm)
PCSO Emma Jackson

1) **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Mrs S. Thomas, Cllr Mr W. Kilner, Cllr Mr C. Aldridge,
Cllr Mrs R. Veal.

2) **Declarations of Interest** – None

3) **Minutes of Meeting held on 12/11/14, Extra Meeting 16/12/14 & Play Area Meeting 4/11/14.**

All minutes were read and signed as a true and accurate record. For minutes of 12/11/14 proposed by Cllr Joseph and seconded by Cllr Yeomans and for the minutes of 16/12/14 Proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Lawrence.

4) **Matters Arising from above minutes –**

Page 5 - Requests had been lodged with PCC for a) the puddle in the car park by Glasybont toilets be filled b) the correct safety height to be checked regarding the walkway over the flood bank at Glasybont entrance, c) the white and yellow road markings be refreshed outside GlasyBont toilets.

PCSO Emma Jackson arrived and introduced herself to all present. PCSO Jackson is a new full time PCSO based in Hay-on-Wye covering GCC area. A brief discussion took place about her role and current issues in the local area as a whole. It is hoped that officers with speed cameras will be present in the vicinity of Glasbury Bridge from time to time in due course.

The chair thanked PCSO Jackson for attending the meeting and she left at 7.30pm

5) **Update on PCC handover of Glasbury Toilets to charity “Love Glasbury”**

The Clerk had attended a meeting with members of the group and PCC officers to discuss the way forward. A letter had been received from PCC which confirmed they were willing to enter into a lease agreement directly with the newly formed charity “Love Glasbury”. The group had met with PAVO to set up a constitution, although this task had not been completed. Progress was being monitored and support continuing to be given by the clerk on behalf of the CC. (Action Clerk)

6) **Update on GCC access and use of Boughrood Notice Board**

A letter had been sent to the Chair of Boughrood Residents Association, Miss M. Sims, thanking the newly formed group for supplying, insuring and taking on all future responsibilities of a new notice board for the residents of Boughrood and additionally confirming that the CC could display their correspondence within it. However a subsequent email response from Miss Sims had indicated that her personal preference was that the CC would not be able to place minutes in the notice board and suggested that the CC should have its own notice board. A further response from the group was awaited, but had not been received.

The CC were disappointed with the response, given that it had sought to work with the Residents Association on this matter in the interest of all residents in the ward.

It was noted that many residents had raised concerns about the status of the Boughrood Residents Association, whether it had been legitimately formed and represented the ward of Boughrood in its entirety. It was agreed that whilst the CC acknowledged the concerns raised by residents this group was not operating under the jurisdiction of the CC and therefore concerns needed to be redirected to the group itself. County Cllr Davies indicated he would discuss concerns with Miss M. Sims.

It was proposed by Cllr Lawrence and agreed by all to purchase and erect a smaller notice board for CC use only and liaise with the owner of Boughrood shop about obtaining permission for it to be erected on the wall. It was further agreed to continue with the insurance claim regarding the storm damaged notice board and to also replace the tired notice board in Glasbury. No notice boards should be locked, but have T handle openings for residents to access information within them. Modern day recycled plastic, with polycarbonate glazing, notice boards should be purchased for longevity and low maintenance. Quotes were approved and the Clerk requested to resolve the issues. (Action Clerk)

7) Update on Highway matters:

a) New Highway access at Maesllwch Arms. There is ongoing correspondence about the removal of the roundabout and the possible replacement of a traffic island, at this site. Residents to continue to be updated as and when information received (Action clerk)

b) Speeding in the vicinity of Glasbury Bridge. This had been discussed with the PCSO.

c) Illumination of 30mph signs Glasbury. Cllr Kilner still needs to supply the information needed to ensure the signs are all correctly illuminated (Action Cllr Kilner)

d) Off Road vehicle issues in Llowes. County Cllr Davies reported that it had been anticipated that PCC were going to take alleged offenders to court regarding off road issues, in October. This had not happened and instead an agreement had been reached between the two parties resulting in a management agreement for use of such areas in Powys, by the group. The agreement was being closely monitored and there were continuing concerns being raised. It was noted that the road from Llowes Mill to its end where these off road vehicles travel is in poor condition. PCC to be asked to resurface or fill holes as a minimum. (Action Clerk)

e) Glasbury Bridge resurfacing. Nothing had been actioned. Clerk to follow up (Action Clerk)

f) Boughrood Bridge. The safety of this bridge had been raised with PCC as it was felt the general construction needs attention, particularly in light of the quantity of heavy traffic using it. PCC had confirmed that both Boughrood and Glasbury Bridges were to be fully inspected before the end of March.

8) Planning Report and correspondence

Glasbury CC did not support:-

P/2014/1023 2/12/14

Full: Change of use from public house to private dwelling at Radnor Arms, Llowes

– Mr Colin Thomson

Applications refused by PCC:-

P/2014/0675 10/11/14

Full: Conversion and extension of barn to residential use together with formation of vehicular access and installation of septic tank at Llanfechan Barn, Llanstephan

– Mr Dicken Sweet

Applications granted by PCC:-

PCC Ref: P/2014/0802 4/11/14

Full: Creation of new car parking and road access arrangements at The Maesllwch Arms, Glasbury-on-Wye

– The Dewan Partnership

P/2014/1019 4/12/14

Variation of conditions 2 and 5 of permission P/2009/1093 to change the design of plot 3 (part retrospective) at Plot 3, 2 Cwrt y Gaer, Boughrood – Mr Luke Rees

P/2014/1053 9/12/14

Erection of rear extension, creation of new access and reduce existing access for pedestrian use only at All Saints Cottage, Cwmbach, Glasbury – Mr & Mrs Doyne.

Applications Withdrawn:-

PCC Ref: P/2014/0908 25/11/14

Full: Change of use of land from agricultural to residential, restoration and alteration of existing property, demolition of 2 old extensions and erection of a new two storey extension and detached timber frame garage at Upper House, Llowes
– Mr Darren Taylor

Planning Correspondence:-

1. Correspondence continues between GCC and residents regarding the highway application granted at the Maesllwch Arms and the possibility of a new traffic island

2. An additional planning application was considered :-

P/2015/0026 9/1/15 Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of extension to existing bungalow at 11 Beeches Park, Boughrood – Mr S. Meadows.

This application was supported.

It was noted that this item had not formed part of the agenda as it had been received on the day of the meeting, but to avoid calling a separate planning meeting, the matter be dealt with.

3. Llanstephan Estate - Creation and Extinguishment of specified Public Footpaths and Bridleways – it was noted that a notice of confirmation regarding this matter had been received on 14/1/15 along with a copy of the Orders.

4. PCC LDP Open Space Assessment – a report had been sent to the clerk to check the details of Open space in the CC area. Glasbury play area was not listed on the document. The clerk had notified PCC of this matter and was to provide further information to correct the issue. (Action Clerk)

9) Financial Matters

a) Bi Monthly Finance Report The finance report to date was distributed and approved. The payment of expenses and overtime to the clerk for two months was approved, along with details of a NALC national pay increase to £9.207 per hour from January 2015. Time sheets and expenses sheet were signed by the Chair. Invoices due for payment were agreed.

b) Set budget for 2015/16

A draft budget for 2015/16 had been circulated. This was discussed and the precept set at the same level as the previous year. This proposed by Cllr Joseph and seconded by Cllr Morris. Clerk to request precept from PCC. (Action Clerk)

10) Playground Report

Cllr Yeomans reported that the new fencing was still awaiting installation.

11) General correspondence received

Powys County Council

1. Recycling and rubbish collection arrangements - Christmas and New Year
2. Mid Powys kerbside recycling and rubbish changes
3. Update on proposed Branch Library opening hours

Welsh Government

1. Business Wales updates
2. Academi Wales New Year, New Challenge
3. Opportunities Bulletins
4. Section 137 Limit - 2015-2016

One Voice Wales

1. Appointment of Members to the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
2. Buckingham Palace Garden Parties draw – declined by Cllr Preece.
3. Draft National Transport Plan 2015
4. Final training modules for this period
5. Job Vacancies - Cynefin Place Coordinators Tredegar and Llandrindod Wells
6. Letter from British Weights and Measurement Association
7. Making better use of Public Assets Seminar
8. Practitioners' Guide update
9. Revised Salary Scales 2014-16
10. Meeting Agenda for 30/1/15
11. Clerk & Councils Direct Booklet.

Other

1. Andrew Deptford – Defibrillators
2. CHC – consultation on Community Health Clinics in Wales
3. DPP Monthly Update
4. OPCC :Your Police: What to Pay? Precept assessment.
5. OPCC Monthly update
6. Lydia Powell – Plans for Bronllys Hospital meeting 3/12/14.
7. Have your Say - Mid and West Wales Fire & Rescue Service
8. OPCC – CCTV survey
9. We are Welsh Hearts Promotion
10. Knighton TC re PCC Community Delivery
11. Christmas Card from Roger & Kirsty Williams
12. Maggie Sims – Bronllys Hospital update

12) Reports from Councillors

There were no reports from councillors. The clerk reported that a resident in Glasbury had volunteered to cut the Grass at the War Memorial for the benefit of the village. This would save the CC in the region of £200 a year. PCC will continue to cut the area three times a year and the resident will cut the grass in between these times. Letter of thanks to be sent to the resident. (Action Clerk)

13) Date of Next Meeting- Wednesday 11th March 2015, 7.00pm at Glasbury Village Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.