

GLASBURY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Chair - Barbara Lloyd

Vice chair - Vacant

GCC Minutes Wednesday 15th August 2018 Glasbury Village hall 7pm

Present Barbara Lloyd (BL) Chair; Chris Aldridge (CA); David Briggs (DB); Paul Greenow (PG); Paul Hartley (PH); Margaret Morris (MM);

Apologies: Brian Price (BP)

Clerk: Kate Lewis

In attendance:

Powys County Councillor James Gibson-Watt (JGW).

Ray Jeffries, representative of Gwernyfed Community Council to LOVE

PH resubmitted co-option forms, having met with the Chair and agreed to continue.

3. Ray Jefferies (RJ) advised that he represented Gwernyfed CC, today wanting to discuss both LOVE and closer joint working between the 2 Councils. He asked Glasbury CC to agree payment to LOVE, at the level of the previous year.

Since the last meeting LOVE had provided G&DCC with the updated accounts, as requested. As representative from Gwernyfed CC to LOVE, RJ reviewed the start of LOVE, provided further information about current and future planned expenditure that was not shown on the updated accounts from LOVE. This was expected to significantly reduce the current surplus shown, meaning that when Powys CC's grant agreement finishes, this could put the toilets at risk of closure.

PH had previously offered assistance, with fundraising from the local businesses that benefitted from the toilets and suggested that could be an income stream. RJ confirmed that LOVE have contacted various organisations and individuals.

Thanking RJ, BL briefly also described her contact with the Chair of Gwernyfed CC on various joint interest issues and the Council supported the principle of continued closer joint working.

RJ left the meeting. PG left the meeting, having declared an interest as G&DCC representative to LOVE, returning after this item.

The LOVE application was further discussed, payment proposed by CA, seconded by MM and unanimously supported. A cheque was written for PG and RJ to take to the LOVE meeting due to start. **Action G&DCC to agenda their funding and other support to LOVE in 2019/20, and ongoing partnership with Gwernyfed CC on other matters of shared local interest. Action: Chair**

4. BL had met Kate Lewis, along with PG, as agreed and circulated the letter of resignation that Kate had brought to that meeting. The Council thanked Kate for her time and efforts during the past 16 months. PG thanked her for her hard work in progressing the work of the Responsible Financial Officer. Kate will continue to act as Clerk until 30th September 2018.

5. Minutes of 11th July 2018 were agreed with correction to attendance of David **Briggs**,

6. Matters arising:-

(4c) **Phone box adoption:** BL has made progress, at Powys CC with the Glasbury box and confirmed that BT have received no application for it. **Action: To progress Glasbury box, and Llowes box (BL)**

(4d) **Boughrood Bridge sign:** Clerk shared notification from Mr Ian Mills PCC that two signs were now in place and a site meeting re sign-placement on actual bridge would be going ahead during the following day (16/08/18)

(4e) **Action: BL would now progress website/costing management with web provider Nic Carter-Jones**

(4g) **Glasbury Bont Information board;** PCC has transferred £565 to G&DCC and manufacture of the board is underway by Dave Newell.

(5d) **Parking at Glas y Bont;** BL had written to JGW, following the last meeting. Asking for Powys actions re parking, including acquiring land for temporary or permanent parking. **Action: JGW to set up a planning meeting inviting Jo Lancey to G&DCC extraordinary meeting.**

One Voice Wales are collating issues and arranging a problem solving meeting with Dyfed Powys Police and Powys CC, focusing on road crime/safety etc. **Public views are welcome via BL**

(barciltwrch@gmail.com) **Action: All Councillors -to advise BL of issues they identify re road issues (parking, speeding, speed limits ahead of BL providing evidence to 1VW (by end of month)**

JGW to invite Jo Lancey, Powys CC to review the issue and suggest solutions and meet with G&DCC.

Overgrown foliage G&DCC thank the landowners who have trimmed back the foliage along the wall itself, above the pavement in Glasbury. There is still a problem in many areas, including along the Glasbury pavement itself, which we understand is a Powys responsibility. **JGW**

PG left the meeting in order to attend a LOVE Glasbury meeting.

7. Glasbury Playground.

DB wanted to ensure those involved in this, day to day, could streamline efficient maintenance work through limited spending powers for maintenance items (mower fuel, strimmer blades etc). Those Councillors who had previously been on the sub committee agree the need for this and felt that previous arrangements did this adequately. PH reported a positive response and attendance on the recent Playpark fun day, but the subsequent sub committee meeting aiming to consolidate the working of the playground planning and working group was not well attended, so no progress was made. G&DCC account signatories are also playground account signatories. The arrangements for running the playground need to satisfy requirements of the Insurance & Standing Orders and will be subject to audit. As well as PH, PG and DB are on both groups. CA has resigned from the playground group and was thanked for the work he has contributed over the years. PH will do more work on this and report back. **Action: PH**

Playground bank accounts **Action: BL to arrange for all G&DCC bank statements to be re-directed to her as Chair.**

8. Standing Orders

Brought forward. G&DCC received updated All Wales Standing Orders, from One Voice Wales. The are needed to regulate the conduct of meetings and provide a framework for a legal and transparent process. It contains clauses that the Council must legally comply with. The proposal to adopt these was agreed, this now needs action to agree the detail of these. These do not include Financial Standing Orders, which also need to be reviewed. **Action: BL to send paperwork to DB/PH (others received this prior to June) . All Councillors to propose the detail, (by 12/9/18) so BL can compile ahead of next meeting**

9. Councillor's Reports

(a) **Chair's report** BL addressed her circulated report. In future this will not be read, but an opportunity given for matters arising from this at each meeting. Points discussed this occasion were:-

i) **Clerk's Job description.** BL proposed that G&DCC adapt the 1VW version, as this can be amended on line. Councillors have the opportunity to manage the issue that they feel are daunting, but the role has been remunerated at a scale recognising RFO responsibilities and support to the functioning of the Council. **Action: BL to provide OVW and G&DCC version to Councillors, for comparison and comment and will compile comments to progress advertising the vacant post.**

ii) **Following consultation with Auditors** Grant & Thornton BL proposed that G&DCC formally now record that Paul Jenkins acquired and installed the Llanstephan notice board as a contractor. This was agreed. This allowed him to be paid on invoice and a cheque was raised for this.

Actioned

iii) **Powys' responsibility to inform the community about planning applications/ missing information about some applications** as previously raised. There was some confusion about advice, as previously understood over this. **Action: BL will now write to PCC Planning Dept following advice from Planning Aid Wales about what the community should expect.**

iv) re 'Meetings attended' **Public Services Boards** Powys progress was seen to be relatively slow, at the recent all Wales meeting- in both the functioning of the PSB, its publicity and consultation locally. PSBs improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in an area by strengthening joint working across all public services in Wales. Although G&DCC are too small (by annual turnover) to have any responsibilities to this, Powys should consult locally. **Action: JGW to feedback to Powys G&DCC's wish to hear from the PSB and see actions that involve this community.**

vi) Managing correspondence: It was agreed that live links to correspondence will be included on the agenda, so that the public as well as Councillors can then access these via the website and Facebook page and so G&DCC has a concise record. Issues with a time frame needing earlier attention will continue to be communicated separately **Action Clerk to include on future agendas**

vii) 1VW have advised that Councils ensure that their Clerk is insured to work at home on their policy **Action: CA to contact Zurich insurance.**

viii) The Facebook page is ready to go public and will be publicised.

(b) PH as Glasbury Playground representative raised issue of deferred grant. **Action PH to re-send letter of application and accounts to BL and G&DCC will progress as part of the work described at 7 above, to include the funding of the Playground .**

(c) JGW circulated his County Councillor report. **To Matters Arising of next meeting.**

d) Cllrs – nothing raised

AOB

i) A cheque for £30 for PAVO administration was written and authorised.

ii) A complaint to G&DCC was raised by MM.

JGW left the meeting.

The council heard the complaint and agreed that the Chair would respond. **Action: BL**

Next meeting: Wednesday September 19th at Glasbury Village Hall at 7pm