

Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on Wednesday 7th January 2015

Present:

Councillor Eifion Davies*
 Councillor Fred Howell
 Councillor Pamela Hughes
 Councillor John Jenkins**
 Councillor Edith Jones
 *Apologies **Absent

Councillor K Lawford (Vice Chair)
 Councillor Arwyn Lewis*
 Councillor Gretta Roberts*
 Councillor J Don Roberts
 Councillor Derek Vyse (Chairman)

Also present: F Futchter (Clerk), PC M Roberts, PC E Blake, County Councillor B Roberts, Mr D Williams and Mr J Walsh (WCBC).

Declaration of interest: None.

The Chairman opened the meeting and wished everyone a happy New Year.

Previous minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by F Howell, seconded by JD Roberts.

Report by PC Martin Roberts

- 1 theft in the area. A metal bridleway gate below Llety Ifan.
- An operation to target 4x4 drivers and motorcyclists who are abusing the tracks and bridleways has had some success.
- Request for a 20 MPH limit outside Pontfadog School met a favourable response.
- Suggested purchasing a flashing speed sign between 4 Councils.

Highways discussion with Darren Williams and John Walsh, WCBC

- D Williams is the Streetscene Service Manager, covering roads, street lighting, refuse collections etc. and J Walsh, Streetscene Area Supervisor, covers the Ceiriog Valley, Chirk and Llangollen Rural.
- 2015/16 will see a reduction in capital spending on road maintenance from £2.1 million to £500 K, which could result in only the worst roads where safety may be compromised being repaired, i.e. reactive repairs replacing scheduled repairs.
- More economic methods of repair are being considered so tar and chip surfacing, and cold tar for filling potholes may be used.
- A tar box in Chirk would result in shorter journeys for loads of tar coming up the valley.
- Some work is carried out by contractors, who do not know where gullies are or where water goes once through grids.
- It was agreed that something would be done to prevent the pooling by Starlings' Castle.
- Clerk to report problems by listing them in an Excel worksheet.

Signed

Report by County Councillor B Roberts

Planning application for Plas Ceiriog. WCBC won't consider complaints about the effect of the change of use. Environmental impact will be considered. A meeting to be held mid-January to discuss the application.

Matters arising

- Councillors voted to appoint a Community Agent. Position funded by WCBC.
- Dolywern play area. Report findings carried over to the next meeting.
- The website has now been published and can be seen at <http://glyntraian.org.uk> There is also a mobile-friendly version for smartphones and tablets.
- Potholes on the Circle near Henmer House and Starlings' Castle. Work seems to have come to a halt.
- AVOW rep. Carried over.

Planning

No new applications.

Highways

- The Circle. Work to resume. Delay due to contractor illness.
- Spoil piles from road sweeping can be removed if causing a nuisance.
- 30 MPH signs in Pontfadog have been raised.

Finance

Accounts paid prior to meeting – Nil.

Accounts for payment tonight – Clerk: SLCC pay award.

Money received this month – Nil.

Correspondence

Letters from Ceiriog Valley Federation re Governor vacancy and from WCBC acknowledging our precept requirement.

Emails from Mabon ap Gwynfor re Plas Ceiriog petition; Edwina Lawson Hart re previous meeting; WCBC re damaged boundary fence at OJMH, Maes Meredydd play area , Community Agent post and StreetScene representatives attending next meeting.

Any other business

Litter on B4500 between the Herber layby and Chirk.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

Signed

Chairman

4th February 2015