Felinfach Community Council

Minutes of Regular Meeting at Maes-y-Bellan Chapel

on Tuesday 24th January 2023 6.30pm

Present: C.Morgan, G.Price, R.Carrotte, J.Pryce, G.Jones, R.Williams I.Robinson, C.Cllr T.Colbert, D.Rowlands (Clerk)

Apologies –S.Brown

Absent – none.

Declaration of interest – Cllr Morgan Agenda item: 2.1

Any other Business - Salt Bins, Llanfilo Defibrillator, Felinfach Defibrillator.

MINUTES of the last regular Meeting held on 6th December 2022 was RESOLVED as a correct record of the meeting.

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Actions – No Actions

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2. Planning

**2.1 -** Update on Land Below Maes-y-Bellan Chapel from Luke Jones – Cllr Morgan stepped down as Chairman for this item as a declaration of interest was declared. Cllr Carrotte took Chair, Clerk reiterated the conversation with Luke Jones from Powys County Council, to which no progress has been made. It was proposed that the Clerk requests a copy of the officer’s report on the certificate of lawfulness to clarify what that broadlyrelates to as the site has progressed since the issue of the certificate. Clerk to copy in C. Cllr Tom Colbert. \_\_\_\_

Cllr Morgan returned to Chair. \_\_\_\_

3.0 - Correspondence

3.1 - Advert for new Councillor to represent Llanfilo Ward and elect a new Vice-Chairman after the resignation of Cllr Lawrence – Full Council agreed advert to be posted on notice boards, in Parish Magazines, and on social media platforms, Clerk to contact Electoral Services regarding allocation of ward positions prior to advert being published. The unsuccessful candidates from the last co-option will be invited to reapply. All details will be finalised by the end of February with the advert going out at the beginning of March with a closing date of 31st March 2023 with new Councillor being chosen in April’s meeting.

The position of Vice-Chairman was discussed amongst Councillors. It was resolved that Cllr Robinson was proposed by Cllr Carrotte and seconded by Cllr Williams to which Cllr Robinson accepted.

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3.2– It was resolved that Cllr Williams be elected on to the Planning Committee, proposed by Cllr Carrotte and seconded by Cllr Robinson.

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* 1. Risk Assessment for Property & Finance
* Financial Risk Assessment & Standing Orders Acceptance.– Financial risk assessment was carried out by Chairman with Full Council, Standing Orders and Financial risk assessment were adopted by Full Council.

Whilst completing the financial risk assessment it became apparent that the Council did not have a savings account and that the current account and reserve account was not working to full capacity with regards to interest being earned. Clerk to look into new savings accounts and interest rates. \_\_\_\_

* Annual Risk Assessments on property assets - Assessment will be carried out by Clerk & Councillors over the next month to be completed and returned by next meeting.

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* 1. Councillors GDPR details – Register of Councillors details was collated and updated.

 as required.

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* 1. Rospa Report – Clerk updated full Council on inspection report for Felinfach Play Park No significant problems were detected, general maintenance will be carried out by the Play Park Committee with a secondary support device for the saucer swing already in place.

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* 1. – Salt Bins & Salt – Salt bins were requested in a couple of places within the ward by Councillors
* Between Bridge 465 & Maes-y-Llan, Trawscoed
* Game Keepers Lodge, Tredurn

Felinfach Bin requires new lid.

Salt top up of all existing Bins. \_\_\_\_

3.7 – Felinfach Defibrillator – Cllr Carrotte raised the issue of acquiring a replacement battery in the defibrillator when needed and would the Council be responsible for purchasing it, Clerk responded that she was under the impression that the cost would be covered under the annual management agreement but will clarify with Community Heartbeat Trust. \_\_\_\_

Reports – Cllr Williams reported that the defibrillator for Llanfilo has now received the finance required to purchase with possible funding required from the Council to cover running costs. Cllr Williams has arranged a meeting for Friday 27th January 2023 with two residents to finalise arrangements, Cllr Williams will update Full Council at next meeting.

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County Councillor Report. – C. Cllr Colbert reported that the local authority budget would

be extremely challenged this year with many difficult decisions having to be made.

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6.1 - Current Account

Statement Dated : 2nd December 2022 – 30th December 2022

Previous Balance 7984.89

Withdrawn 1705.00

Income 4000.00

New Balance 10279.89

Payments made: Llanfilo Old School 300.00

 Powys County Council 72.00

 The Works(Envelopes) 3.00

 Matthew Phillips( Grass Cutting) 1330.00

 Income: Precept 4000.00

6.2 - Forthcoming Payments:

 Powys County Council 750.23

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* Reserve Account 5th November 2022 – 5th December 2022

Previous Balance 189.31

Interest 0.11

New Balance 189.42

 6th December 2022 – 5th January 2023

Previous Balance 189.42

Interest 0.12

New Balance 189.54

* Play Park Account No New Statement
* Previous balance on 281.24
* Withdrawn 156.97
* Paid in 0.00
* New Balance 124.27

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6.2 – 3rd quarterly Accounts & Budget update – Clerk provided full Council with an up-to-

 date balance of all accounts, along with a budget update.

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6.3 - Invoices to be paid – Powys County Council – Legal Services( Election) 750.23

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6.4 - Select Internal Auditor for 2022-2023 audit, Previously the Council has employed Ms Zoe Mathias ( Manager of Monmouthshire Building Society) as the internal Auditor. Ms Mathias was nominated as the preferred Auditor for 2022-2023, Clerk to make contact with Ms Mathias by means of an engagement letter \_\_\_\_

Point of Interest

Biodiversity Report – Clerk reported that the legally required Biodiversity report for 2022 has been published on the website under the Homepage.

Brechfa Pool Mites - Suzy Wood from Cabi supplied an update on the mites that were introduced to Brechfa

Pool, the report has been included in the biodiversity report.

Fallen river defence in Felinfach – During the last flood a defence boulder fell into the river in Felinfach, Clerk has contacted PCC Highways and has had confirmation that repairs will be completed when the river levels drop.

Mud on Road by Trehenry Farm – Clerk contacted PCC Highways; Road has been cleaned.

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Chairman’s Business – Date for next meeting is 10th January 2023 at Llanfilo Old School.

Meeting Closed at 19.30

Chairman…………………………………

Date……………………