**JEFFREYSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Cyngor Cymuned Jeffreyston**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 January 2025**

**Attended by:**

**Community Councillors Arabella Morgan (Chair), Helen McLeod-Baikie (Vice-Chair) and County Councillor Vanessa Thomas, PCSO Emma Hayward and Clerk.**

1.       Chairs welcome

The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting.

2.       To note all present

Apologies were received from Community Councillor Maria Rogers.

3.       Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

4.       Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2024 were deferred to the next meeting.

5.       Matters arising from previous meetings

Notice Boards update – The Clerk advised that three grant applications had been submitted to support the purchase of two new notice boards.

Jeffreyston Graveyard – no updates had been received.

Website – options for the replacement website were discussed and the Clerk would provide further costings and options prior to the next meeting.

6.       To consider Planning Matters

Notification of planning decision 24/0782/OHL – installation of overhead lines.

There were no other planning notices received.

7.       To receive and consider the financial matters, including approval of payments.

a.       Precept and 2025/26 budget

The precept and 2025/26 budget were discussed and it was Moved by Councillor Arabella Morgan; Seconded by Councillor Helen McLeod-Baikie and agreed by all that the precept would remain at £9300.

b.       HSBC bank balance

The balance was noted as £13032.82 on 20 December 2024.

c.       Approve payments

Clerks salary was approved for December.

d.       To consider any urgent payments of invoices received after publication of the agenda

No invoices had been received.

e.       Assistance with funding

The members discussed the request regarding supporting the Eisteddford and **AGREED** that Cris Tomos, representative of the Eisteddford, be invited to attend a meeting at their convenience to discuss how the community can be involved – action Clerk.

f.         2022/23 Audit – update

No update had been received.

g.        2023/24 Audit – update

Appointment of the Internal Auditor Julie Burgess, was agreed for the 2023/24 Audit.

The Councillors also requested that a formal complaint be made to HSBC due to their inaction following numerous requests and completed mandates being submitted to change the signatories on the account – Action Clerk.

8.       Highway matters

The Chair advised that she had reported a manhole cover (main road between the village and the school on the verge just before the farm gate) that was missing to the County Council.

The Chair reported that there was a street light not working by the bus stop on the junction opposite (the road towards Reynalton) and it was agreed that the Chair would report this to the Council via My Account.

9.       To receive/discuss correspondence

The Clerk noted that the only correspondence had been regarding the Eisteddford and members emphasised their request for all to be copied in to all correspondence sent as previously agreed.

10.  To receive update from County Councillor Vanessa Thomas

Councillor Thomas discussed the areas highlighted in the play area reports that were assigned or unapproved and requested that the Clerk contact PCC for clarification – Action Clerk.

Councillor Thomas also requested that the quarterly inspection for December be requested – Action Clerk.

11.  To receive update from PCSO, Dyfed Powys Police

The PCSO advised that the joint patrols with Councillor Vanessa Thomas were continuing and that a new initiative was being launched called ‘StreetSafe’ and that she would provide further literature.

12.  Community Update

The Friends of St Oswalds Representative advised that there was a Friends meeting taking place on 16 January with a number of events expected for 2025.  The Representative also noted the huge success of the Elf Emporium at the School.

13.  To note any minor matters (no decision required) or items for the next agenda at the discretion of the Chair

The Chair noted that a new Slimming World Class was being set up in Cresselly and they would like to put a sign out.  Councillors discussed the location of the sign and the Chair would advise that if the sign was on a public highway, they would need to requestion permission from PCC.

The Chair and Vice-Chair, supported by Councillor Thomas requested that the Clerk ensure any comments on the Facebook page were responded to and that all posts should require approval first.  The Clerk agreed to make that amendment to the page settings – Action Clerk.

Councillor Thomas also requested that a second Jeffreyston Council Facebook page be removed – Action Clerk

14.  Date of Next meeting

Agreed as 3 February 2025 at Jeffreyston Village Hall.

**The meeting ended at 21:17**