

## WYE VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7.00pm in Llandogo Village Hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs: Parker (in the chair), Mawdsley, Evans, Snell & Morrison, Shewell (Chair for 3948), County Cllr Webb & the Clerk. Members of the public: Jacob Richards-Powell.

**3935. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Ashman.

**3936. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda:** Cllr Parker re 3946.

**3937. Prospective Clerk:** Jacob Richards-Powell introduced himself and outlined his background and qualifications. He is an experienced clerk currently working part time with Llanbadoch Community Council. He proposes working both Councils and is proposing to start work on his Certificate in Local Council Administration shortly. He is able to take up post as soon as possible, subject to a handover period with the current Clerk.

**3938. Appointment of Clerk:** After consideration it was unanimously **Agreed** to offer Mr Richards-Powell appointment as Clerk/RFO with effect from 7 July 2025 with a four week handover period with the outgoing Clerk.

**3939. Police Reports:** None received.

**3940. Report from the County Councillor:** Issues with school transport in St Arvans. 15 pupils unable to get to School in Chepstow. Several Highways problems, ie hedging and land owners responsibilities.

**3940. Public Session:** No members of the public present.

**3941. To receive and approve the minutes of previous meetings:** 19th May 2025 (Annual & Ordinary Meeting) & 3rd June 2025 (Extraordinary Meeting) – both approved & signed as correct.

**3942. To consider matters arising from previous minutes:-**

**3933** *Manhole covers outside Tintern Village Hall.* Second quote was higher than the first, the original quote has therefore been accepted; it is anticipated the work will be done shortly.

**3921.4** *Collapsed bank at Fryer's Wharf, Tintern.* Insurers have been advised, Cllr Ashman has inspected. For further consideration at the next meeting.

**3943. To consider Planning Applications:**

DM/2025/00738 – 3 Brookside, Tintern – air source heat pump.

DM/2025/00668 – Erection of fence at Underwood Bungalow, Chapel Hill, Tintern.

DC/2024/01316 – Old Milking Parlour, Furnace Farm, Tintern – Query raised at previous meeting by Cllr Ashman – response received.

**3944. To receive Financial Report:** Charitable A/C £7,326.43, BMM A/C £28,318.26. £25,000 transferred on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 from Charitable to BMM A/C. Amount spent to end of June £3,000.80.

**3945. To consider & approve accounts for payment:-**

Merlin Environmental Services - £133.78 (Ch. No. 300617)

Clerk's Salary & Expenses - £461.46 (Ch. No. 300618)

Membership of GLEAM - £15.00 (Ch. No. 300619)

Playsafety - Tintern Playground Inspection Report - £115.20 (Ch. No. 300620)

Chairman's Allowance - £500.00 (Ch. No. 300621)

Councillor Entitlement for Office Consumables £156 & Councillor Allowances £52 per Cllr = £208.00 per councillor:-

Cllr A. Ashman - £208.00 (Ch. No. 300622)

Cllr L. Parker - £208.00 (Ch. No. 300623)

Cllr I. Mawdsley - £208.00 (Ch. No. 300624)

Cllr C. Snell - £208.00 (Ch. No. 300625)

Cllr S. Shewell - £208.00 (Ch. No. 626)

Cllr S. Evans - £208.00 (Ch. No. 300627)

Cllr J. Morrison - £208.00 (Ch. No. 300628)

All approved for payment

**3946. Response to email from Llandogo Village Hall:-** Having declared an interest as a Trustee of LVH Cllr Parker outlined the situation of the Hall – small charity, inexperienced committee containing no relevant professionals, failure to understand more formal and rigorous reporting requirements following the change of status to Charitable Incorporated Organisation. She explained the concerns highlighted by others but did not consider the previously circulated draft letter the most helpful response. Cllr Parker then left the room and took no further part in the discussion which was chaired by Cllr Shewell.

After discussion Councillors **resolved** not to make any further payments until the requisite issues have been addressed as per the letter to be sent to the VHC. Cllr Morrison proposed & Cllr Snell seconded this decision. All other Councillors present agreed.

Cllr Parker returned and resumed the chair.

**3947. To receive other reports:-**

**Schools** – Final meeting of the year next week. Another teacher for Kymin School has been appointed.

**Tintern Church** – Bach on the Bank Event held recently and was a successful and well attended evening. In the process of deciding what they will be doing for Michaelmas.

**Llandogo Church** – No replacement for Dan Damon as yet. Continuing with services every Sunday and communion twice monthly.

**Village Halls** - **Llandogo** – Barn Dance held recently, well attended and raised a considerable amount. Next event is the VPA Show August Bank Holiday Sunday. Village Fete well attended.

**Tintern** - Successful Fete held Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June. As a result of the annual Playsafety Playground Report a number of minor repairs were carried out. The VHC now hold an evidence book of repairs and maintenance on the equipment.

**3948. Reports from Sub-Committees:- Finance.** No recent meeting held.

**3949. Reports from Councillors:** Cllr Shewell raised the issue of St Mary's

Churchyard. Ongoing work that is being undertaken by volunteers is now subject to a joint memorandum of understanding which has been agreed with the Diocesan Office.

Cllr Mawdsley reported he is still waiting for reports from National Landscapes on footpaths. County Cllr Webb reported that this will be brought up at next week's meeting. He recently attended a training day with MCC to give him control over reporting on issues with footpath maintenance in the area.

Cllr Evans reported that one of the requirements of a community council is to provide allotments. He was informed that this was discussed some years ago but no suitable site was found.

Cllr Parker reported that the new bin below the Sloop Inn has not yet been provided nor the litter bin moved. Clerk to chase Sue Parkinson, MCC.

**3950. Correspondence:** None.

**3951. To receive urgent matters for next agenda:** Slates on a building adjacent to the A466 on the southern edge of Llandogo are looking precarious and could fall off causing damage to passing traffic. Cllr Mawdsley will advise the owners of the property.

**3952. Date of next meeting:** 28<sup>th</sup> July.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.35.

Signed .....

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