

Minutes of the meeting of Grosmont Community Council held at Grosmont Town Hall at 7.30pm on 8th October 2024

In attendance: Councillors Lowri Wynn Morgan (Chair), Jamie Edwards, Nicholas Jones, and Witek Mintowt-Czyz. Also present were County Cllr David Hughes-Jones. Mr Russell James and Mr Morgan Jones

1. To accept apologies for absence

1. Apologies had been received from Councillors Barker, Rogers and Williams. The Clerk had pleaded illness and was unable to attend. Cllr Mintowt-Czyz took minutes in his absence.

2. To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in items of business listed below.

1. To be dealt with as each agenda item arose.

3. Discussion on matters arising from the Police Report and police issues generally.

1. As for several preceding months, no police report had been received by councillors. It was not known whether or not the Clerk had received any report

4. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting on the 11th June 2024.

1. The of minutes 10th September (not 11th June) were received and approved.

5. To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings on the 10th June 2024.

1. It was noted that outstanding payment to Ms Tracey Vaughan and Honeycombe Print Services Ltd remained outstanding. Matters to be dealt with on the agenda.

6. To consider the progress of the work relating to the Town Hall Project, the Highlight Report and the Partnership Agreement.

1. The highlight report was received. It was noted that The architect and the main contractor (Sarah Brown & Wayne Hill) had met. The start date to the building works was anticipated to be latter in the new year

7. To discuss Town Hall piano.

1. An offer to house the piano in the church until the Town Hall had been refurbished was gratefully accepted.

8. To receive items of correspondence.

1. An invoice for £50 from Ian Parkes for servicing the defibrillator has been received and paid. Further investigations (LWM) will be undertaken to establish the most cost effective future plan for regular servicing. County Councillor David Hughs-Jones advised the council of potential options around the Community Green energy fund.

2. MS Tracey Vaughan had informed the council that rubbish was not being cleared away by Town Hall users.

ACTION LWM to request clarification to identify culprits in order to bring them into line

3. MS Vaughan had not been paid by the Clerk.
4. An invoice for £315 from Honeycombe Print Services Ltd remains unpaid. A third request for payment has been received.
5. A request from a member of the public for help regarding the provision of a bench on Kentchurch Estate land overlooking the Monnow river valley was discussed.

ACTION WJMC to approach Rosie Scudemore informally to explore the matter

9. **To discuss Grosmont Online.** Cllr Jones reported that the next issue of LINK was due in November. He undertook to liaise with Honeycombe Print Services with regard to the production of the magazine given the current status of their unpaid invoice

Cllr Rogers had informed council that progress by The Media Agency on the website was good and that the site was very close to going live for comment and fine tuning

Council was informed that the grant from CGEAG (Community Green Energy Advisory Group) for audio-Visual provision needed to be spent within the allotted timescale. As the grant was both for capital equipment and for installation, it was anticipated that the equipment would have to be bought and warehoused by the supplier pending sufficient completion of the building.

10. **To consider matters relating to Planning.**

1. No planning matters had been brought to the Council's attention.

11. **To agree expenditure and other accounts matters.**

1. No financial information has been received from the Clerk. The council remains in the dark regarding its finances and accounts.

ACTION The chair (LWM) is to visit the bank to explore options

12. **To discuss the state of the roads in and about Grosmont.**

1. No replies to requests for information have been received.

13. **To discuss Footpaths.**

1. Updates regarding Paths to Wellbeing were received and noted with appreciation.

14. **To receive and consider any other business.**

1. The chair noted that the new, replaced light on the Town Hall was wholly inappropriate with regard to design and appeared to have been installed incorrectly. The council rejected the contention that that adequate consultation had preceded the installation. Council is not aware of any such consultation.

15. To decide the date of the next meeting. The next meeting shall be at 19.30hrs on 12th November 2024.