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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GROSMONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE GROSMONT TOWN HALL AT 7:30 PM ON THE 14TH MAY 2024**

Those attending the meeting: Councillors Lowri Wynn Morgan (Chair), Jan Williams, Jamie Edwards, Margie Barker and Nicholas Jones, and the Clerk Robert Wade. Also present were County Councillor David Hughes-Jones, Peter Clarke and Russell James.

1. **To accept apologies for absence**

Councillors Jude Rogers and Witek Mintowt-Czyz sent their apologies.

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

It was agreed that these could be raised as and when the need occurred during any of the ensuing discussions.

3. **Election of Officers**

Councillor Lowri Wynn Morgan was elected to be Chair for the year 2024 to 2025 and Councillor Jude Rogers was elected Vice-Chair for the same year.

4. **Discussion on matters arising from the Police Reports and police issues generally**

There was no report available. The Council expressed concern about a proliferation of burglaries and vehicles being broken into, and interest in the new Police Station at Abergavenny. The Clerk was asked to see if a police representative could attend the next meeting.

5. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meetings on the 9th April 2024**

The Minutes were approved. The Chair proposed, after consulting with One Voice, that in future Minutes should be shorter and should be bullet-points rather than relate discussion unless a Councillor requested otherwise in relation to any particular issue. This was agreed, although the matter would be reviewed after six months.

6. **To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting on the 9th April 2024** No items came up for discussion under this heading

**7.** T**o consider the progress of the work relating to the Town Hall Project, the Highlight Report and the Partnership Agreement**

(a)It was agreed that the celebration party had been a fantastic event, and that thanks were due to Grosmont Future, and to Councillors Margie Barker and Nicholas Jones who had acted as MC.

(b) It was agreed that Caitlin Tew of Gabb and Co, Abergavenny, should be the nominated solicitor for the Grant work

(c) Peter Clarke said that he would be distributing a link for Drop-Box so that everybody could get into the habit of viewing the progress of the Project.

(d) Peter Clarke said that the tender process was still continuing. He was still aiming to start work in August. It was agreed that Hall users and the cleaner should be kept in the loop.

(e) It was agreed that the £30,000 in the Council’s balance-sheet should be ring-fenced to be spent on upkeep of the Hall.

**8.**  **To discuss Grosmont Online**

Councillor Rogers had e-mailed to say that she had signed the contract with the Media Agency.

**9. To receive items of correspondence**

The Clerk said there was nothing other than what would be referred to under other headings in the Minutes

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

The Clerk said there were no Planning matters to discuss.

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

The Clerk requested and was given approval for the following payments:

The Cleaner £323.01

Accountant £420

Timpson £20

Tesco for Champagne £37

The financial statement was looked at and approved for the purposes of the audit.

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

Councillor Edwards said there were the usual problems at Mill Farm and Hand Road. There was a consultation regarding the 20 mph limit which was so far inconclusive. It was agreed that it was desirable that this limit should remain at Cupid’s Hill.

**13. To discuss Footpaths** There were no issues noted under the item.

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

(a)Councillor Edwards agreed to mow the grass opposite the pub

(b) The Chair agreed to open the toilets for the road race on the 2nd June.

(c) The Chair agreed to act as a key-holder for the Hall

**15. To decide the date of the next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting should take place on the **11th June 2024 at 7:30 pm**.

The Meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.