**Minutes of meeting held by Llanfair Caereinion Town Council**

 **on Monday 5th October 2020 with Microsoft Teams**

***Attending through video link*:** Cllrs. W. Willams**,** U. Griffiths, G. Jones, I. Davies, C. Evans and C. Stephens.

***Attending by telecon***: Cllrs. V. Evans and H. Davies.

**Apologies**: Cllrs. K. Roberts, A. Dunsford, G. Peate and R. Astley.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 8th September were read and signed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr. G. Jones, seconded by Cllr. C. Stephens. All in favour.

Thoughts of Council are with Cllr. R. Astley and his family; hoping for a full recovery after his recent accident.

**Planning:**  ref: 20/1425/VAR – removal of section 106. Council does not support the removal of section 106 but appreciates the problems that exist. Proposed by Cllr. I. Davies, seconded by Cllr. V. Evans. One abstention, seven in favour.

Ref: 20/1576/RES – nine plots adjacent to Maes Gwyn – details were approved by Council who were pleased to note that suggestions made with outline planning were taken into consideration.

**Mount Field:** Cllrs. C. Stephens and U. Griffiths declared an interest.

Cllr. W. Williams stated that he had spoken with representatives of the FC and a meeting was proposed with aggrieved householders within the next week to discuss the proposal of a higher net. It was queried about the paint for the containers. Cllr. U. Griffiths said that she was sure it was with Cllr. R. Astley and would check.

**Erw Ddwr:** Cllr. V. Evans said that it was well maintained and looking very good. Cllr. H. Davies advised that there were loose stones on the path and concrete was breaking up. Cllr. R. Astley was to rectify but under the circumstances, it could be a little while. Some headstones are loose and Cllr. H. Davies will consult Cllr. G. Peate as to what is to be done.

**Deri Woods/Goat Field:** Cllr. C. Evans advised Council that he and Cllr. R. Astley had walked through the woods, earmarking any trees that were likely to fall during high winds. One was already down but had not damaged the fence. Last week he had met with A. Bridgen who has agreed to do the work, which will be less than £500. Proposed by Cllr. I. Davies , seconded by Cllr. C. Evans. All in favour.

Cllr. C. Evans also said that the rails along the bottom path, overlooking the river are dangerous. He has contacted E. Thomas who is able to do the repairs, on Council approval, on Wednesday. As the budget for Deri Woods has not been used because a grant has been available, these funds could be used for payment. Proposed by Cllr. V. Evans, seconded by Cllr. U. Griffiths with all in favour. Cllr. C. Evans was delegated to contact E. Thomas. He also stated that he had amended the account of the TC with Wynnstay to c/o C. Evans as a temporary measure. Cllr. W. Williams thanked him for using his initiative.

HLF grant – Cllr. W. Williams stated that he is not sure of the amount left and is having difficulty in contacting staff from MWT who would possibly know. Has sent e-mails to Clive Faulkener but no response. Has had an e-mail from a volunteer, Nick Burton, who is keen to return to working in the wood. As regards to the tools, some of the items have now been sold as the original invoice was some time ago and then amounted to approx.. £3800. Cllr. C. Evans expressed concern as to some of the smaller electrical items – who would take control to ensure their safety. Cllr. C. Stephens suggested that MWT should have a security system in hand and Cllr. V. Evans concurred. It was said that in the past volunteers had been asked to use their own equipment but this time a grant was involved. Cllr. W. Williams stated that until he was sure that there was enough in the budget, then the purchase remained on hold. Prices for the recycled plastic benches inside the pumphouse amounted to approx. £1500 and if any more were required it would be at a cost of £340-£390 each, depending on size, as of November 2019. Cllr. V. Evans asked if we hadn’t decided to make seats from fallen trees and were those fallen big enough. Previous benches had rotted and there is wood in piles waiting to be processed. Cllr. W. Williams to continue trying to contact C. Faulkener. Cllr. C. Stephens read from the minutes of the February meeting that the clerk was to contact MWT as March 31st was the deadline but due to COVID, this was extended.

**Chapel of Rest:** Cllr. H. Davies stated that, contrary to the previous clerk’s assertion, she was certain that the Chapel of rest was consecrated. Cllr. V. Evans said that she had a photograph from the time she was Chairperson, with Rev. Ceri Evans, when the previous telephone exchange was bought by the Council and then consecrated prior to use as Chapel of rest. It was suggested that when libraries were open to check this information, as if true, there was the possibility of a reduction in rates. It was mentioned that recently, £500 was spent on electric and £800 on rates with the income being £1360 therefore not a great deal of difference.

**St. Marys Churchyard:** Following on from a meeting it has been decided that the new vicar will be Rev. Jane James, who also covers Meifod. The church has ben cleaned and services will be fortnightly.

**Glanyrafon play area:** Cllr. H. Davies reports that all is OK.

**Toilets:** Cllr. I. Davies met with representatives of the Institute to interview two people for the vacancy for cleaner. Rachel Houghton was the successful candidate. Issues with access need to be resolved. A member of the community has approached Cllr. H. Davies asking for baby changing facilities to be located in the toilet area. Cllr. W. Williams to check if this is a legal requirement.

**Finance**: Bank statements are to be sent to Cllr. I. Davies in future. Payments to G. Lloyd which are fixed and not yet received were agreed to be paid on receipt. Proposed by Cllr. I. Davies and seconded by Cllr. C. Evans. All in agreement.

**Correspondence:** A letter from The WLLR asking for liaison in the application for a “Heritage grant”. Cllr. C. Stephens to apply separately and then link up. Closing date 14th October.

**PCC matters:** Cllr. G. Jones updated Council on PCC matters. Cllr. V. Evans reported holes in the bridge from the railway into town Cllr. A. Dunsford was to have temporarily filled these with materials from Boys and Boden. Cllr. C. Stephens said that she had reported potholes with ‘Fix my street’ and these were up Mount road and Heol Bowys.

**AOB:** Cllr. W. Williams aid that he had received a message from Cllr. A. Dunsford stating that he would be moving from the area and soon resigning from his post. In the meantime he would fix the sun dial. It was asked that we have an up to date on the purchase of the telephone box and installation of de-defibrillator prior to his leaving.

**Next meeting**: 2nd November 2020

**Meeting closed**: 2145