

Skenfrith Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Hall, Cross Ash, on Monday, 19 February 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Hughes-Jones, A Phillips, J Beavan, K Rockach, S Dickens, and V Diamond

Clerk: C Arvanitis

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| 24 | 50 | Apologies for absence Cllr I Chandler | |
| 24 | 51 | Declarations of interest Cllr Rockach min 57 planning decision Cllr Phillips min 56 planning application | |
| 24 | 52 | Police report -Nothing to report | |
| 24 | 53 | Minutes of the meetings held on 15 January 2024 Approved and duly signed. | |
| 24 | 54 | Matters arising from the meeting held on 15 January 2024 -Valerie Diamond was co-opted as Community Councillor. -Resident engagement exercise has been launched and we have received 6 responses so far. It was agreed that all councillors will continue to publicise with the aim of completing by the end of March. Cross Ash hall to be contacted to see if committee can further publicise. | All |
| 24 | 55 | Planning applications -DM/2024/00142, Upper Plas Ivor Farm, Cross Ash, conversion of traditional stone agricultural barn into residential dwelling – recommend approval. -DM/2024/00133, The Firs, Llantellen road, Cross Ash, installation of outdoor riding arena with sand and fibre riding surface, timber post and rail fencing, no floodlighting, and a 14.5mt diameter horse exerciser for domestic use only – recommend approval. | |
| 24 | 56 | Planning decisions -DM/2023/01701, Mill House, Skenfrith, reduce height of the Bird cherry tree in rear garden by approximately 30% (6 to 7 metres) – approved. -DM/2023/01671, Yew Tree Farm Great House Road, Bont Llangattock Lingoed, discharge of condition 4 (bat roosting survey) relating to planning (DM/2022/01701 i.e. proposals for the extension and remodelling of Yew Tree Farm) – approved. | |
| 24 | 57 | Planning decisions since agenda sent | |

| | | -DM/2023/00033, Wern Y Cwm Farmhouse, Wern-y-cwm Road, Llandewi Skirrid, change of use of The Great Barn to sui generis to reflect its role as the centre of the holiday complex – approved. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 24 | 58 | <p>Accounts for payment</p> <p>The following payments were approved:</p> <p>Bank balance as of 2 January 2024 - £4,920.40</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Chq no</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Power to pay</th> <th>Budget pot</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>20</td> <td>Back pay to Les Taylor</td> <td>£170.00</td> <td>LGA 1972 s111</td> <td>Clerk back pay (Les Taylor)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£271.00</td> <td>LGA 1972 s112</td> <td>HMRC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22</td> <td>Clerk's salary for Dec 23, Jan 24 and Feb 24 (including new rate of pay)</td> <td>£626.60</td> <td>LGA 1972 s111</td> <td>Clerk salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23</td> <td>Playworks</td> <td>£107.50</td> <td>LGA 1972 s112</td> <td>Salary etc Payroll management by Playworks</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total</td> <td>£1,175.10</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Chq no | Payee | Amount | Power to pay | Budget pot | 20 | Back pay to Les Taylor | £170.00 | LGA 1972 s111 | Clerk back pay (Les Taylor) | 21 | HMRC | £271.00 | LGA 1972 s112 | HMRC | 22 | Clerk's salary for Dec 23, Jan 24 and Feb 24 (including new rate of pay) | £626.60 | LGA 1972 s111 | Clerk salary | 23 | Playworks | £107.50 | LGA 1972 s112 | Salary etc Payroll management by Playworks | | Total | £1,175.10 | | | |
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| 24 | 59 | <p>Bio-diversity plan</p> <p>-The committee will convene again before the next meeting.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | 60 | <p>Clerk's report</p> <p>-Precept has been requested and acknowledged.</p> <p>-CADW to be contacted regarding parking at Skenfrith Castle.</p> <p>-Defibrillators are located at Skenfrith Parish Hall, Cross Ash Primary School and Llanvetherine. Clerk to check these are all on the Circuit and on Skenfrith CC website and to look into any charities helping with defibrillator maintenance.</p> <p>-Cross Ash hall has been emailed regarding invoices for hall hire.</p> | CA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | 61 | <p>Other reports</p> <p>Cllr Dickens reported on the Local Nature Partnership meeting including the Grange project (within Skenfrith Community Council area)</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | 62 | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>MCC, Local Nature, Monmouthshire LNP Meeting 31st Jan 5pm</p> <p>MCC, Jones R, Media Release: Age-Friendly Monmouthshire</p> <p>MCC, Hunter C, Local Nature Meeting Minutes - Winter Online Meeting 31/01/2024</p> <p>One Voice Wales, Draft minutes - One Voice Wales Monmouthshire & Newport Area meeting- 11th January 2024</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | 63 | <p>Highway matters</p> <p>The following will be reported to Monmouthshire County Council:</p> | CA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | | -Skenfrith Bridge to Maypole potholes. -Lint Hill potholes. -B4521 entering Llanvetherine potholes. | |
| 24 | 64 | Urgent items (for next meeting) -None | |
| 23 | 65 | Date of next meeting 18 March, 2024, 7.30pm, Cross Ash village hall. | |

Meeting closed 8.25

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