# Minutes of the Minera Community Council Meeting at the Community Room at the Tyn Y Capel on the 13th December 2016 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr J Edwards, Cllr H Field, Cllr J Savin, Cllr D Fidler, Cllr S Edwards, Cllr J Marsh and clerk to the council Emma L Topham

**Apologies:** Cllr D Grant, Cllr D Kelly, Cllr G Nelmes, Cllr J Belton, Cllr G Taylor and Cllr M O Nions.

**Visitor:** Ros Stockdale from AONB

## 107/16 Ratification of the minutes

**107.1/16** It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 16th November 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr S Edwards and seconded by Cllr J Savin.

## 108/16 Amendment to the agenda

**108.1/16** It was requested to bring forward the agenda item no: 15 Funding available from WAG via AONB for footpaths around Minera lead mines Country Park.

## 109/16 Funding available from WAG via AONB for footpaths around Minera lead mines Country Park. Map appended to the minutes

**109.1/16** There is funding led by the AONB for access projects in Minera within the country park and the land surrounding, this is to improve the status of the AONB in this area and to further encourage visitors to the area and the AONB.

**109.2/16** Some of the ideas discussed where for a better orientation of paths in and out the area. A leaflet is to be produced, the representative Ros Stockdale detailed how she wanted to discuss the area with the community council to establish the priorities of the community council and how they can be incorporated into their funding project.

**109.3/16** Ros talked about the AONB limestone legacy project opening up lime works, with a series of walks including walk up the railway line leading up to the quarry. The Minera Leadmines building should be a focal point and opening it up would be very good, this was suggested by Cllr J Marsh.

**109.4/16** It was asked if the money could be spent on maintaining and improving the existing paths, to include the railway line and the white road. If the signage could be improved for the confidence of users, possibly by use of way markers and a dispensary for leaflets which detail these way markers. The community council would be responsible for filling these dispensaries with the leaflets provided by the AONB.

**109.5/16** The AONB have another fund available to any community groups to provide transport to into AONB including Dinas Bran, Minera, Moel Famau, This funding is available until the end of March 2017.

**109.6/16** Ros Stockdale to keep the clerk updated with progress. She may need some further information/local knowledge to help produce the leaflets.

**110/16 Matters Arising**

**72.1/16** The issue with mud on the road is ongoing. There have been road sweepers attending the location, further reports have been made to WCBC. There has also been a report of the sweeper emptying into the culvert. The situation is being monitored.

**99.1/16** Clerk to request the planning conditions from the planning department in relation to SK Mathews.

**105.1/16** A site meeting was held at Minera Playground was held with Anna Irwin (planning) attended by the chair and the vice chair. She gave a recommended specification for the fencing.

**106/16 Precept Approval**

**106.1/16** The e mail and letter received from Mathew Evans of Wrexham County Borough Council re: Minera Community Council Precept was read out.

**106.2/16** Therefore it was confirmed that the precept is £26,627.00. Proposed by Cllr H Field and seconded by Cllr S Edwards.

**107/16 PCSO Report Appended to the minutes**

107.1/16 There were no issues raised.

**108/16 Chairs Report (appended to the minutes.)**

**108.1/16** The clearing of leaves is still an issue.

**108.2/16** After the site meeting between Anna Irwin and Cllr J Edwards. Cllr J Edwards is to progress 3 quotes for to qualify with WREN and Community Council requirements. Proposed by Cllr D Fidler and Cllr S Edwards.

**109/16 WCBC Report**

**109.1/16** There was no report as Cllr D Kelly absent.

**110/16 Correspondence**

**110.1/16** The item of correspondence re: Precept Payment Schedule & Tax Base. 2017/18 was discussed under an agenda item.

**110.2/16** The letter from WCBC re: School Crossing Patrols Annual Contribution was read out and was agreed by the community council.

**110.3/**16 Pensions Regulator acknowledgment of declaration of compliance was for information only.

**110.4/16** The e mail received from Bluesky Landscapes re: Spraying of both Quarries is to be discussed as an agenda item.

**110.4/16** An e mail was received from JDH Business Solutions confirming he will complete the Internal Audit 2016/2017.

**110.5/16** Family Friends replied to our question raised. To be discussed under donations.

**110.6/16** A letter received from AVOW re: Future of Youth and Play in Wrexham is to be discussed as an agenda item.

**110.7/16** An invitation had been received by e mail from NWMAT inviting councillors to attend the Open House at the Engine House, Bersham on Sunday 18th December 2016.

**111/16 Donations**

**111.1/16** Family Friends sent an answer to the questions raised at last month's meeting, this prompted a discussion by the community council. A check of the donations budget was made. It was proposed by Cllr D Fidler the donation be increased from £50.00 to £100.00 it was seconded by Cllr H Field.

**112/16 Financial Statement**

**112.1/16** The monthly financial statement for December 2016 was approved. Proposed By Cllr D Fidler and seconded by Cllr S Edwards.

**112.2/16** The items for payment on the financial statement for December 2016 were approved. Proposed by Cllr H Field and seconded by Cllr D Fidler.

**113/16 Planning**

**113.1/16** P/2016/1049 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage and incorporation of agricultural land into residential curtilage, Hillside Farm, Wern, Minera. Wrexham. The community council reviewed the planning applications there was no comment passed against the application.

**114/16 The planning letter.**

**114.1/16** The community council has reviewed the letter drafted by Cllr D Fidler and amended by Cllr H Field. The letter is to be issued to the Planning officer, cc Chair of the planning committee, Ken Skates and Lesley Griffiths. Proposed by Cllr S Edwards and seconded by Cllr J Savin.

**115/16 Japanese Knotweed at the Quarries**

**115.1/16** The e mail received from Blue Sky Landscapes was read out to the council. It was agreed the community council agree with the recommendations of Blue sky landscapes. The community council will proceed with the spraying of the quarry as and when required until a decision is made in relation to its future. Proposed by Cllr D Fidler and seconded by Cllr J Savin.

**115.2/16** The community council will await the response from Cllr D Kelly's legal advice/consultation in relation to the best way to have complete ownership with the land registry. Clerk to prompt Cllr D Kelly on his return.

**116/16 Wrexham Youth & Play Partnership**

**116.1/16** A letter received from AVOW in relation to Wrexham Youth & Play Partnership. A meeting is to be held in Plas Pentwyn on Monday 16th January 2016 at 6.30pm to further explain the Wrexham Youth and Play Partnership. The community council are to send a representative. It was decided that all

available Cllrs should attend the meeting. Clerk to send reminder e mail to remind Cllrs the week before the meeting.

**117/16 Future of K6 Telephone Box.**

**117.1/16** The community council are not prepared to complete any restoration works or change of use to the K6 phone box due to the cost, a future use or relocation of the telephone box is to be sought.

**Meeting Closed at 20.40**