Meeting of the Cwmtwrch Ward Committee held at the Welfare Hall, Cwmtwrch on the 15th February 2022 at 6.00 pm.

Present

Councillors A Williams, L Evans, M Gough, W Thomas and J Morgan

Upon request from the Ward Chairman, Cllr W Thomas and with the permission of the Ward, the Agenda was reordered as follows

1. <u>NEW COUNCILLOR JOSH MORGAN</u>

The Chairman opened the meeting by congratulating and welcoming Cllr Josh Morgan to his appointment on the Town Council. Cllr Morgans' Declaration of Acceptance would be formally made at the Ordinary meeting on the 3rd of March 2022.

2. Minutes of the previous Ward meeting held on the 16th of November 2021 were **Accepted as a true record.**

MATTERS ARISING

3. FOOTPATH 42

Cllr Thomas enquired as to an update regarding conditions at Footpath 42 as deteriorated gates and stiles had potential safety implications. The Ward agreed to investigate further and consult a contractor regarding the findings.

4. WARD MEETING WITH CWMTWRCH HALL TRUST

The Ward agreed it would be beneficial to meet with the Cwmtwrch Miners Welfare Hall and receive updates regarding the Hall and any issues or challenges being experienced.

It was agreed that Cllr Gough would request and arrange a mutually convenient date and time to meet with the Hall committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5. CWMTWRCH HERITAGE DAY

Cllr Gough outlined to the Ward members the details of a Heritage Day planned to take place in the Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall in September 2022. Different aspects were being compiled and considered including archival and musical displays. It was planned that The Welsh National Opera would attend in addition to local Choirs and Soloists. It was considered important that the local Youth be involved if possible and efforts had been made to ascertain whether there was a local Youth Choir. The Ward greatly supported this initiative and would welcome ongoing updates.

6. SWN Y NANT JUBILEE EVENT/ FOOTPATH LIGHTING

Cllr Thomas advised the Ward that a Jubilee Event was planned to take place in Swn Y Nant Playground in June 2022.

There was concern from residents regarding the Public Footpath leading from Swn Y Nant to the main road opposite The Crown Inn in Lower Cwmtwrch. This footpath had been closed for a lengthy period of time due to Health and Safety concerns and had since reopened. During its closure, street lighting had been removed by Powys County Council and not replaced. The residents had demonstrated that this was a well-used safe route to school, as well as the public in general, and the lights should be replaced as a matter of urgency.

Recommended that the matter be pursued with Powys CC.

8. RIVER TWRCH BLOCKAGE

Cllr Gough enquired as to whether any member was aware of the fallen tree stump in the River Twrch, opposite the George 1V restaurant, had yet been removed. Members discussed the repeating nature of this matter and the implications to the river and local community.

Recommended that the Town Council make an approach to Natural Resources Wales to ensure any obstructions were removed and to request an inspection to supporting brickwork that was repeatedly trapping debris and contributing to the issue of potential flooding.