

Minutes of the Goldcliff & Whitson Community Council. Held on 5/12/24 at 7.30pm, Goldcliff Schoolroom.

Present: - Chair, Wayne Fox. Cllrs: - E Ford, R Preece, Jeff Rowland, Julia Waters, and Bob Dowsell

Also Present: - Mrs M Fox,

Apologies for absence: - Councillor B Cork. Councillor M Kellaway

1104 - Minutes correct as of 14/11/2024 Proposed Councillor R Preece, seconded Councillor J Rowland

1105 - Two people who had expressed an interest in the vacant Councillors position had withdrawn. Bob Dowsell, as the remaining candidate reaffirmed his interest and there was unanimous agreement by the councillors present that his return was welcomed. Re-elected as Councillor. Proposed Councillor R Preece, seconded Councillor J Rowland

1106 – Whitson Hall field. – A NI Savings account has been identified going back to 2016 and the trustees are seeking a statement of transactions to identify if rent was paid in as an indication that this was the main account. Otherwise the trustees will need to look for another account . The Charity Commission removed the registration in 2013 but it remains an unregistered charity. As such the trustees have no need to post returns.

1107 – Roads and Infrastructure: NCC's 28 day deadline is up for the landowners to cut the trees back between Fords and Pye corner. NCC will now hopefully cut the trees back and bill the landowner – ongoing monitor and chase up if necessary.

1108 – Drainage and NRW Planning approached about The Water from numerous projects N of Llanwern Works entering the Drainage system and its effect on the area

1109 - Planning and Property: Gates to rear of schoolrooms – Roger to chase. 5 Yearly test on Schoolroom due, Electrician to be contacted to carry out certification, also source of water leak / condensation to be pinpointed. Seems to be causing the one Kettle to trip when turned on

1110 – Community Liaison. A letter has been sent out to our parishioners asking what they would like done about Whitson Hall. A good response – 14 replies online, 8 replies in the mailbox and 5 Hand delivered. A meeting is now to be arranged to analyse the results.

1111 – Trusteeship of the Hall Field. It has been established that the Trustees for said field are J Small, and Councillors E Ford and R Preece. Invoice raised to be settled by cheque which will be held by the trustees until bank account sorted. A consensus was arrived at that the Trusteeship of the field logically be transferred to the Council giving common control over the hall and field, but any action on this is with the field trustees.

1112 - Poor Ground -- Howard Dudley, already paid for last 4 years and up to date

1113 – Budget and accounts the council received a paper outlining this years cashflow and expected out turn. Virement from admin / salary budget of £700 to each of repairs and electricity and £520 on grounds maintenance. Proposed Councillor R Preece, seconded Councillor J Rowland. Discussion also took place regarding the budget for 2025/6 and precept reflected in the same paper and it was decided to reduce the precept to £35.14 and agree the budget as set out. The key assumption within the budget was no salary costs. Proposed Councillor E Ford Seconded Councillor Bob Dowsell. It was noted that there was some uncertainty around the cost of repairs to the schoolrooms and whether there might be a contribution to the hall but these could be met from reserves rather than the precept.

1114 – Finances – Cheques. Website £120+ VAT (£143.86. One Voice wales approved last month. Printing of leaflets for the Hall survey £24.99. Post box for same £20.

Proposed Councillor J Rowland Secnder Councillor E Ford

Meeting to discuss The Hall results – Date to be arranged via E mail.

Next Meeting to be Thursday 13th February 2025 7:30pm

						<i>Estimate for rest of year</i>	<i>Estimated final</i>			<i>Estimate 2025/6</i>
		<i>Current</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	<i>Total</i>				<i>Budget</i>	<i>Variance</i>	
Receipts										
Precept		7,808.34		7,808.34			7,808.34	7,808.34	0.00	6,296.00
Hall rental		500.00		500.00			500.00	0.00	(500.00)	0.00
Rates refund		800.00		800.00			800.00	0.00	(800.00)	0.00
Interest			169.58	169.58			169.58	0.00	(169.58)	150.00
Transfers				0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		9,108.34	169.58	9,277.92		0.00	9,277.92	7,808.34	(1,469.58)	6,446.00
Payments										
Electricity		661.61		661.61	661.61	1,323.22	740.00	(583.22)		1,400.00
Grounds maintenance		2,010.00		2,010.00	140.00	2,150.00	1,643.25	(506.75)		1,800.00
Insurance		525.13		525.13		525.13	525.00	(0.13)		600.00
Rates		4.96		4.96		4.96	5.00	0.04		6.00
water		30.07		30.07		30.07	30.00	(0.07)		40.00
Admin & website		0.00		0.00	400.00	400.00				500.00
Salaries				0.00		0.00	5,400.00	4,400.00		0.00
Audit				0.00	500.00	500.00				500.00
Donations				0.00	100.00	100.00				100.00
Repairs		290.58		290.58	1,300.00	1,590.58	1,000.00	(590.58)		1,500.00
		3,522.35	0.00	3,522.35	3,101.61	6,623.96	9,343.25	2,719.29		6,446.00
Net		5,585.99	169.58	5,755.57	(3,101.61)	2,653.96				0.00
							2025/6			
Opening balance		1,930.07	8,074.22	10,004.29		10,004.29	Tax base	179.18		35.14
							2024/25			
Closing balance 28 November 2024		7,516.06	8,243.80	15,759.86		12,658.25	Tax base	182.31		42.83