

Gladestry Community Council

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**Gladestry Community Council meeting to be held at 7.30 pm on Monday
20th January 2025 in Gladestry Village Hall**

Members of the Public and the Press are invited to attend

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies.
2. To agree and sign minutes from the Ordinary Meeting (200) held on 18th November 2024.
3. Public participation: An opportunity for members of the public to address the council on items listed in the agenda.
4. Matters arising from the Ordinary Meeting (200) held on 18th November 2024.
 - The school flagpole.
 - HMRC's fine of £327.93 for late submissions by the community council in the previous financial year.
 - Change of primary user for the HSBC Bank account.
5. Planning.
 - No notifications received since the last meeting.
6. Finance.

Date	Item	Payee	Paid Out	Paid In	Balance
06/11/2024	Opening Balance				£3,886.82
27/11/2024	HSBC Bank Charges	HSBC	£5.00		£3,881.82
19/12/2024	Temporary Clerk's Charge	Bridson Kneale	£200.00		£3,681.82
27/12/2024	HSBC Bank Charges	HSBC	£5.00		£3,676.82
31/12/2024	Precept	GCC		£1,166.00	£4,842.82

- The clerk has received confirmation from Audit Wales that the community council's audit for the financial year 2022/23 has now been completed. The clerk must now:
 - Display a notice for a period of at least 14 days stating that the audit has been completed and that the Annual Return is available for inspection by local government electors
 - Provide details in this notice of the address at which and the hours during which local government electors may exercise their rights to inspect the Annual Returns
 - Publish or display your Annual Returns. As a minimum, this means that the Annual Return should be displayed on your notice board(s) and published on the Council's website
- Zurich Insurance has issued a quotation for renewal of the community council's insurance for the period 13/02/2025 - 12/02/2026 (policy no YLL-2720439183). The quoted renewal premium is £238.00, which is the same as last year's (and the year before that). Does the council want to go ahead and renew the policy at that price?
- Ieuan Lewis, Technical Accountancy Assistant at Powys County Council, has asked the community council to send in its precept demand for 2025/26 by the end of this month.
- The clerk has received a letter from Presteigne and Norton Town Council dated 29th December 2024 requesting an allocation from Gladestry Community Council's 2025/26 budget to help meet the running costs of the East Radnor Leisure Centre in Presteigne.
- The clerk has received emails from Bronllys Wellbeing Park requesting a donation from Gladestry Community Council (amongst others) to help pay for its website, email management system, postage costs and newsletter provision, plus its annual fee to the National Community Land Trust for membership and to cover insurance liability for its board members.

7. Correspondence since last meeting

- The clerk received an email from Bute Energy on 13th December 2024 offering (as part of the company's "community engagement" activities) to meet with Gladestry Community Council to provide councillors with an update on Aberedw Energy Park and address any queries.

- The clerk received an email dated 16th January 2025 from Powys County Council requesting help publicising a twelve-week engagement exercise seeking views of residents, councillors, partner organisations and workplaces on its draft Sustainable Resource Strategy. The clerk has posted a link to the survey on the Gladestry Noticeboard Facebook page. It may also be worth considering sending news items like this to the mailing list that used to be maintained by Bob Terry.
- The clerk received an email dated 20th January 2025 from Jill Fieldhouse, Noyadd, Newchurch, Kington HR5 3QP requesting help from the community council on two matters of local concern:
 1. We and the surrounding farms and houses were without broadband/phone service for 25 days in December/Jan. Because we are in a “not-spot” for mobile phone coverage we were all totally incommunicable during that time which was a real worry should any of us require emergency services. There is a phone mast which I believe is EE around HR5 3QU visible from the Newchurch Road and in view of which we were able to get a good signal. I have written to EE to see if it can be boosted in any way or another mast installed. Is there anything the Parish Council can do to remedy the lack of signal?
 2. The state of the road known as Cloggau Pitch is very dangerous and at parts barely wide enough for a vehicle to drive along because of the subsidence at each side and the drop down if you go off the lane. The “passing place” there is laughable. I have written to the Council on numerous occasions but nothing has been done. Can you help?
- 8. Any other business
- 9. To receive items for the next meeting (at 7.30pm on Monday 17th March, 2025)