



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Virtual Council Meeting on Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs L. Pace-Avery, A. Edwards, J. Davies, T. Van Rees, A. Jones, S. Jones, M. Pigott, R. Chattaway. C. Rickard, G. Watkins and Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

Zoom presentation by Dark Skies Communities; Daffyd Wyn Morgan and John Trow – Presentation shared available.

Cllr Pace-Avery thanked Mr Morgan and Trow for their presentation.

Cllr Pace-Avery thanked Cllr Edwards for her work with Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council and wished her well for the future. Cllr Edwards had provided an excellent liaison between the Town Council and the NHS. It was a shame she was leaving before becoming Mayor. Cllr Pace-Avery was grateful for the support she had offered as the Deputy Mayor. Cllr Edwards was sometimes the voice of reason and especially in the last 6 months. She would be missed and what was Llanwrtyd Wells loss was Hereford's gain.

1. Apologies: None

2. Declaration of Interests:

There were no Declaration of Interests.

Some Annual Declaration of Interest forms are still outstanding.

Action: Councillors who have Declaration of Interests outstanding return them to the Clerk ASAP.

3. Minutes of the meeting from 17th March 2021.

Cllr Chattaway : Economic Impact report was not on the minutes

Proposed: Cllr Davies

Seconded: Cllr Van-Rees

Action: Draft minutes to be made available by Tuesday of the following week.

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Cllr Watkins: not at the meeting, could his name be removed.

Proposed Cllr Edwards.

Seconded Cllr A. Jones.

4. Finance

- Audit Wales have still not completed their audit of Town accounts. There are over 200 Councils who have not yet received their end of year report for 2019/2020.

- End of Year Accounts presented by Clerk.

- Asset Report not to include Institute as Town Council do not own it.

Proposed to accept the Asset Report for 2020/2021 minus the Institute.

Proposed Cllr Edwards

Seconded Cllr Davies

Action: Clerk to update next month on 2019/2020 audit.

Finance Meeting 22nd March 2021. (added after meeting) Cllr Pace-Avery emailed All Councillors regarding finance for Laptop for next Mayor. Due to meetings still happening by Zoom and Mayor needs to see all Councillors attending a Zoom meeting this cannot be achieved by zoom phone or tablet. Finance of £450 agreed by all Town Councillors by email.

5. Anti-Social Behaviour

- Continuing problem with dog fouling.

6. Town Square and Green

- Update on Culvert below the Red Kite, also Trawscoed Fach. Meeting not yet happened due to no convenient date. Cllr Van Rees to contact Simon Crowther from Powys Land Drainage dept. to arrange convenient date.

7. Dolwen Fields Update : Cllr Piggot

- Progressing with the planting of trees, tarmacking of sensory garden path. The perimeter path not yet completed. First edition of Newsletter published on Facebook. Three benches had been donated and commissioned Pentagonal Structure by Roman Solutions in Llandovery. Booking coming in from Epynt Motor Club. Very encouraging progress.
- Cllr Pace-Avery; Looking at introducing a disabled access via School Road end of park.
- Cllr Watkins: Bench in under 8's play area needs to be looked at and replaced and willing to donate any wood required.
- Cllr Piggot: DFRfA Committee had requested submissions for repair of bear and signage.

8. Feedback from Councillors

- **Cllr's** Chattaway, Rickard: Nothing to report.
- **Cllr Watkins:** Cattle grid on the Pen Y Bank Road, full of water borne debris
- **Cllr Davies:** Tap at Cemetery now fixed. Gate is dragging and needs repair.
Action: Clerk to write to Powys Cemeteries Dept and copy in Cllr Van Rees.
- **Cllr Piggot:** Working with Martin Davies of PCC. Powys making Llanwrtyd Wells a priority in terms of Rights of Way. **Action:** Copy Clerk into all correspondence.
- Cllr S Davies: Broadband in Abergwesyn and surrounding areas. Zoom meeting with Reece Simmons from PCC. List of providers given and all to be approached individually and meeting set up. Funding for Abergwesyn given in 2019, £1000. Is this in Llanwrtyd Wells accounts?
Action: Clerk to check accounts and report back, but 2020/2021 accounts now closed
- **Cllr Van Rees:** Draft minutes of EGM sent to Jack Griffiths of Tilhill. Have not heard anything back. Would question how valid the consultations are. Clarification of procedure needed. Will contact Jack Griffiths to arrange site meeting as soon as possible. Possible to apply for an AONB for Llanwrtyd Wells
- **Cllr A. Jones:** No response has been received from owner of Victoria House with ref to access for maintenance. Will Town Council write to Victoria House as owners for access?
Action: Clerk to write to Victoria House.
- **Cllr Edwards:** Work has started on the Premier shop. Concern over children being on site if structure not safe.
Cllr Pace-Avery: Temporary traffic lights in Llanwrtyd Wells are allegedly due to be removed in three weeks' time.
Action: Clerk to write to PCC raising our concerns of site safety.
- **Cllr Davies:** Health & Safety issue over removal of suspected asbestos roofing off the sheds in Berthllwyd. No PPE worn, 'Asbestos' sheets left on front garden.
Action: Cllr Davies to forward photo's to Clerk and Cllr Van-Rees. To be forwarded to PCC Housing.
- **Cllr Pace-Avery:** Lynn Brookes and Georgie Perret have been successful in the grant for the Heritage Fund. Cllr Davies had been invited to their meeting May 6th to help with their Heritage Trail.

9. Planning

1. 21/0436/FUL – Installation of 40m high lattice mast on concrete base and associated works.

Action: Clerk to request exact O.E. ref.

2. 21/0560/FUL – Proposed dwelling and garage for agricultural worker (to replace current caravan)
Cllr Van-Rees declared an interest and left the meeting.

Action: No objection by the Town Council to this application. Unanimous.

Cllr Van-Rees re-joined the meeting.

10. Twinning

Nothing to report, but there is an AGM meeting soon, so may have something next month.

11. Co-Opting of Councillors

Two Councillor vacancies at the moment. Worth noting that 16 years olds will be allowed to vote at this upcoming election.

Action: Cllr Van-Rees to contact Local Schools.

12. Training –

PAVO and OVW Training for April.

13. Services

- **Public Toilets:** Vacancy for Cleaner. Advert to go out. Closing date of the 28th April and interview 4th May 2021. Opening date of toilets to be reviewed at next meeting.
- **Action:** Clerk to contact other Town Councils to see what cleaning regime they had in place and report back next month.

14. Library update

Library supporters are now responsible for finding money to pay for utilities. The library will be run, as before, by Val Hope and her team of volunteers. Town Council concerned if funding not found there will be no call on the Town Council to provide the funding. Libraries to be embedded into the communities and has been agreed for 5 years. Several Librarians based in the 'Central Library' that would be taking an active interest in local libraries.

15. Food Bank

Should be open in a couple of weeks. There was a discussion about how people are referred to the foodbank, what the food parcels contained. LPA presented figures regarding usage of foodbank over last 5 years from Llanwrtyd Wells.

16. Correspondence

- Three requests for funding/donation;

Cllr S Jones declared an interest and left the meeting.

- Abergwesyn Hall Committee Trustees have requested a Town Council grant of £200.

Discussion around End of Year Accounts now closed, Toilets being closed for a year, Abergwesyn Trustees to provide sight of end of year accounts before being agreed.

Cllr S Jones returned to the meeting.

- Wales in Bloom – Georgie Perritt- Requested £55 to pay for application. After a brief discussion, Cllr Van-Rees agreed to fund the £55

Emails:-

- Request from MacMillan for donation. Reply letter to be sent
- Lay by on Llandovery Rd being used for lorry stopovers. Reported to Highways, forwarded onto TRA who have referred it to Welsh Government.
- Welsh Government Local Authorities proposal, General Power for Community Councils.
- Email with regard to rear 9/10/11 Berthllwyd, communal grass area has now had decking put on it. Possible Breach of tenancy.

Action; Clerk to send copy of email to Cllr Van-Rees.

- UK Community Fund deadline 17th May. Opening meeting arranged for Thursday 22nd April.

Cllr Pace-Avery to attend on behalf of Town Council and Lynn Ball copied in.

Councillors to advise Clerk if they would like any emails forwarded.

19. A.O.B.

Cllr Piggot: Climate change. At the last meeting, someone was going to report back on the Climate Change Bill. We need to keep on top of it, every other Council seems to be supporting it.

Cllr Pace-Avery: We, as a Town Council are promoting 'Well being of future Generations' so would come under that heading.

Action: Clerk to confirm who it was allocated to and to be brought back to the table next month.

Cllr Watkins: Looking at the manifestos the parties are proposing for Mid Wales in the upcoming election in Mid Wales. Not advocating but reporting on what they are saying: Welsh Conservatives: looking at planting 8 million trees per year; Plaid Cymru: 1 million hectares of trees over 10 years; Welsh Labour: 30 New woods alongside existing woods from Wales to South Wales and the Lib Dems are looking at covering Mid Wales in wind turbines. Need a chance to ask these candidates about their Manifesto.

Cllr Pace-Avery: Thanked Cllr Edwards for her support over the years and wished her well. She would be missed.

Date of next meeting - 19/05/2021

Meeting closed at 21:26

Minutes Amended: Yes

Verified at meeting on the 19/05/2021

Signed off by Chair :

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lorraine Avey". The signature is written in a dark ink on a light background.