



## CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES

#### Minutes of the Virtual AGM Council Meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 at 7.00pm

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

Lorna Brazell gave a presentation on behalf of the Cambrian Mountains Society. Councillors were given the chance to ask questions on the Society and its purpose.

**39. Apologies:** Cllr A. Jones would be joining a little later.

**40. Declaration of interest:** Cllrs Van-Rees declared an interest in Item 54, depending on what was being discussed.

**41. Minutes of June 2021 Meeting and matters arising;** Cllr Van-Rees proposed and Cllr Pace-Avery seconded that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting.

**42. Finance:** Accounts for June agreed Proposed by Cllr Van- Rees and seconded by Cllr Watkins.

**42a, Budget** for year discussed, agreed that money could be brought over to account for the extra cleaning carried out for the toilets and Pavilion due to Covid Regulations.

**43. Anti-Social Behaviour:** During the judging, police were called to deal a group of youths who were trying to stop traffic on the square. PCSO Trudy Davies was on site dealing with which meant she was late starting the KINS meeting in the afternoon. Only two people were able to get into the Tams meeting. Minutes of the KINS meeting are available from the Clerk.

Chair, Cllr A. Jones and Clerk met with Sharon Walters, - Enforcement and Awareness Officer, Waste and Recycling Strategy, PCC on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021. Posters to go out in specific areas of concern with dog fouling.

**44. Town Square and Green – Culvert update.** Survey had now taken place. Waiting for report from Graham Astley, Senior Land drainage Officer at PCC.

**45. Dolwen Fields Update:** AGM of Dolwen Fields Recreation For All Committee had taken place and Officers voted in. The work is coming close to sign-off of the grant. Signage should be ready in the next two to three weeks, benches are being put in place, archway will be done this Saturday. Cllr Pace-Avery asked whether the DfRFA Committee should be dissolved as their remit is coming to an end and form a Management Committee. This was raised at the meeting and DfRFA want to meet with the Town Council to discuss a way forward as there was still more work to be done such as the disabled access.

**Cllr Davies:** Play area has received detrimental comments on it's condition. Cllr Watkins had refurbished the children's bench, which we thank him for. The ROSPA report action points had still not been completed from last year. Concern over why the jobs had not been completed by the Town Contractor. The paving slabs around the Youth Shelter had been broken up and thrown on the roof. The area had rubbish in it and the inside has been further vandalised. It was agreed that the Play Park needed major investment. Funds are already coming in but need to source other funding opportunities. Cllr Pace-Avery was sourcing further funding and Cllr Van-Rees offered support with further repairs.

#### **46. Feedback from Councillors**

**Cllr Davies:** Archery project, Josh Hughes will be looking at the site and deciding where best to put it, Health and Safety Assessment to be carried out

**Cllr Rickard:** Letter re-sent for 'The Big Event'. Date to be put back to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**Cllr Pigott:** Victoria Hall are having a Coffee Morning in August, announced on Facebook.

**Cllr Pace-Avery:** Food Bank were going to hold a Teddy Bear's Picnic for the children during the Holidays.

**Cllr Watkins:** Project Officer Katherine Hughes, of the Irfon Catchment Resilient Freshwater Habitats, lives in Hay and she will be the liaison point for this project.

**Cllr A Jones:** Railway Tea Party being held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August on Dolwen, this is a joint event between The Gardening Club and Friends of the Station.

**Cllr Chattaway:** Nothing to report.

**Cllr Van-Rees:** Lot of hard work has been going on to get the Town ready for Wales in Bloom so our thanks for everyone involved in that. Meeting on Dolwen Fields on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July with MS James Evans went well. Have sent email to Faye Jones to arrange a meeting with her.

**Cllr S Jones: Nothing to report.**

**Cllr A. Jones:** Car Park and path and ramp in Victoria Square is the responsibility of PCC. Surface has not been repaired properly and the ramp is slippery when wet. Letter received from Chair of Victoria Hall Committee.

**Action:** Cllr Van-Rees to speak to Steve Smith at Llangammarch Depot.

**47. Planning:** 2 Houses being built in Station Road, where the old abattoir was, change to access into site. No objections Proposed Cllr Pace-Avery, Seconded by Cllr Watkins.

**48. Twinning:** Have accepted the invite from Meriel to the Medieval Fantasy week 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Covid restrictions allowing. Chair and Mayor hoping to arrange a Zoom meeting with both towns.

**49. Co-Option of Councillors:** Notices had been served to fill the two vacancies on the Town Council. No-one had requested an election so the notices had been served for Co-Option the end date was the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

**Action:** Clerk to advise Councillors of any applications.

**50. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales:** These are payments that Councillors are entitled to claim as part of their duties as a Councillor. These payments are taxed and have to go through payroll.

**Action:** All Council members have to complete the form as to whether they want to claim or not. These then have to be sent to the Clerk and kept on file.

#### **51. Services**

**Llanwrtyd Wells toilets** – Verbal complaint about the price to use the toilets. People are using the business's toilets as they are not carrying change/think the charge too high. Due to Covid the toilets have to be cleaned more frequently and the toilets need to be an asset and not a drain on the Town Council resources.

**51a** Abergwesyn toilets have repairs that need to be carried out. Cllr S. Jones has the keys.

**Action:** Clerk to contact the contractor to arrange repairs.

**51b:** Powys Council have agreed to move the three litter bins in the Dolwen Fields Playpark to the specified areas of dog fouling.

**Action:** Cllr Davies and Clerk to look at which bins to use for Pavilion and source three new bins for the Dolwen Playpark.

**Cllr Pace-Avery** asked if anyone knew about the bin that had been placed on the grassed area in Tai Cae Mawr. Cllr Rickard said this had been put there by parents concerned about the litter that had accumulated and they were going to empty themselves.

**52. Wales in Bloom:** Cllr Davies had walked round with the judges on the day and they seemed delighted with the effort that had been made. All were to be congratulated

Because of Covid, this year had been an exception and the Town Council had provided funds above the budget set. Gardening Club and Wales in Bloom Committee have been informed that funds will need to be sourced through fund raising for next year.

**53. Library re-opening :** Email received from Richard Myatt (Llanwrtyd Wells Library volunteer) There was to be a Memorandum of Understanding between Powys CC and Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council concerning the library. This would involve the Town Council paying towards the utilities for the library each year. There was a discussion about the cost of this. It was agreed that Cllr Chattaway will be the liaison between the Town Council and the Library and that more information was required before entering into the Memorandum of Understanding with Powys CC.

**Action:** Clerk to put Cllr Chattaway in contact with Richard Myatt.

**54. Update on Victoria Hall:** Waiting on Timeline of events to send to Solicitors. Once advice is received to go forward with engaging Surveyor to report on damage to side of Victoria Hall. All paperwork for Victoria Hall with Solicitor. Discussion around the emails that have been received. Agreed no further interaction to be carried out. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees, seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery.

**55. War Memorial Institute:** Still waiting on the estimates for converting the Hall. Once received plans will be made available for comment. May need a public meeting to discuss further. Public Works loans are available to the Town Council but will need permission from Welsh Government to apply.

**Action:** Clerk to Keep on Agenda for next Meeting in September.

**56. Cllr Pigott's report and Smart Towns:** Cllr Pigott had distributed his report to all Councillors and it was fairly long and could tie in with making the Institute part of the Smart Towns, there were grants available to have a digital hub in towns.

Due to the adverse heat, Cllr Pace-Avery asked if we could adjourn the meeting until next week.

Cllr Davies agreed and asked the Clerk if there were any issues that needed to be brought up under correspondence.

Clerk had just one item to table for tonight and would bring the rest to the next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> August. Phone calls received from 6 people regarding the Allotments advert in the Grapevine.

**Action: Clerk to set up a meeting with Cllr Davies and the people that were interested in the Allotments.**

**Date agreed to continue this meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7pm.**

**Clerk to invite Reece Simmons to next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> August to provide more information on the Smart Towns project.**

#### **Continuation of 21/07/2021 Meeting 04/08/2021 at 7pm**

**Date of next meeting - 15/09/2021**

Meeting closed at 21:15

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Verified at meeting on the 15/09/2021

Signed off by Chair :

#### **Continuation Meeting 04/08/2021 7pm by Llanwrtyd Zoom**

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

Apologies: Cllr Van-Rees.

#### **56. Reece Simmons, Powys Community Broadband Officer gave a talk on the Smart Towns project.**

Mr Simmons took questions from councillors present.

Cllr Davies thanked Reese Simmons for his talk. Mr Simmons left the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding taking the Smart Town project forward for Llanwrtyd.

Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery, Seconded by Cllr Pigott

**Action: Clerk to inform Reece Simmons that Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council would like to apply for Smart Town status.**

**57. Correspondence:** Clerk listed emails received. Councillors to advise if any are to be forwarded.

- Request to film in Llanwrtyd Wells for a short film to be made.

Proposed Cllr Pigott, Seconded Cllr Rickard

**Cllr Davies-** Email from Karen Diamond regarding Association of Jewish Refugees 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project '80 trees in 80 locations'. Llanwrtyd Wells has been nominated as one of the 80 places to plant a memorial oak tree. This will be on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 with a commemorative plaque, and will be planted on Dolwen Fields.

Proposed: Cllr Pigott, Seconded Cllr Rickard

**Action: Cllrs Davies and S. Jones to liaise with Karen Diamond**

**58. A.O.B.**

**Cllr Davies:** Concern over wild camping in Llanwrtyd Wells. Brian Anwell (NRW) said that there was not a lot he could do as when spoken to the people, he and his men had been threatened. Signs that had been put up had been torn down. Rubbish and human faeces had been left. Not a good reflection of the town. Cllr Davies had asked that this be cleared up as soon as possible.

**Cllr Pace-Avery:** Concern over the state of the play park. Text received by resident, passed to clerk. Meeting had already been arranged for Cllr Davies and Clerk to meet with contractor tomorrow to go through what was needed to be done. One of the issues is the uneven ground. Youth shelter is in a very poor condition due to vandalism. Looking at fundraising for new equipment.

**Action: Cllr Davies and Watkins to look at levelling the area of the play park.**

**Cllr Davies and Clerk to meet with the contractor and agree what needs to be done and the time frame for completion.**

**Cllr Chattaway:** Reference the library re-opening. Cllr Chataway had met with Richard Myett (Library volunteer) and Nicola Farr (Powys Library Services) and a draft Agreement was being drawn up. Still a few issues needed clarifying.

**Action:** Cllr Chattaway to bring back to the table in September.

Meeting closed at 20:32

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Verified at meeting on the 15/09/2021

Signed off by Chair :

**Date of next meeting - 15/09/2021**