



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid AGM Council Meeting on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs J. Davies, S. Jones, L. Pace-Avery, M. Pigott, C. Rickard, R Chattaway and County & Town Councillor P. James M.B.E. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

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Outgoing Mayor Cllr James Davies

1. **Apologies: Cllrs G. Watkins, T. Van-Rees, A. Jones and N. Price**
2. **Mayors Address:** Cllr Jim Davies gave the Mayors address (this is available separately on the Town Website)
3. **Election Of New Mayor** – Cllr Sarah Jones was nominated by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr C. Rickard. All in favour: unanimous. Cllr Sarah Jones was elected as Town Mayor and Chair of Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council for a year. Due to no-one coming forward for the role of Deputy Mayor this will held off until next month when all Councillors were in attendance.
4. **Appointment to Committees** – Appointment to Committees were decided (List on Town Council website)

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

1. **Minutes of the April meeting and Matters arising** –
Cllr Rickard proposed and Cllr Davies seconded as a true reflection of the April Meeting.
2. **Finance :**
 - 2.1 **Acceptance of all finances for year ending 31st March 2023** – Accounts agreed and proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr Chattaway.
 - 2.2 - April balance sheet considered. April accounts were signed off as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery.
Action: Clerk to source authorised signatories for Swansea Building Society.
 - 2.3 **Cheques for signing** - The following invoices were presented for authorisation;
 - a Ratcliffe and Sons – various items for ongoing repairs to Dolwen Fields Play Park. Handyman
 - b Handy man invoice for work carried out.
 - 2.4 - The Asset Register was considered and agreed to update to include new works carried out on Dolwen Fields. Asset Register to be brought back for next month.
3. **Councillor Updates–**

Dolwen Fields: Path round field now complete. Boules Court completed Big fun day organised by the Dolwen Recreation for all on the 29th May, Mayor to open. Bear to be unveiled by Peter from Charcroft.

Smart Wi-Fi – still not in operation due to ongoing issue with third hub. Alternative location discussed.

Coronation Big Lunch – Outgoing Mayor gave report on day. Comfortably full, lots of food donated Thank you to all that donated and attended. Coronation cups donated by Cllr Van-Rees, will be gifted to the children of Llanwrtyd at a school event to be arranged, as well as the prizes for the Crown Colouring Competition.

Action: Clerk to write to Daryl to thank him for use of Karaoke machine and Donation.

Victoria Hall: Deeds being registered. Valuation to be carried out by James Dean Estate Agents. Charge for this discussed and agreed. Should be within the next week.

Library: Library cards have been issued to the children and staff of the school. Invoice for the year has yet to be issued to the Town Council. Talk of opening up for another day but costs for that will increase. Annual Review coming up. Football increased but not busy.

Regeneration Plan: Owen Davies has passed the plan to Powys. Hope to have notification of a meeting soon. Powys have appointed staff to help councils roll out.

DAS Legal: Solicitors have been appointed to act on our behalf over protection of property at Victoria Hall.
4. **Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells:**
 - **3 Lodges Planning Application, Station Road** - This is currently with Welsh Government.

- **Telephone Box at Abergwesyn** - Decision to remove telephone box within an area that does not have a mobile signal. Raised with Powys Council and BT, they have 21 days within which to answer.
- **Domestic Abuse of the Elderly** – Highlighting awareness of help line ‘Living Fear Free’.
- **Right of Way Victoria Hall/House** - Questions reference electrics and water and whether Health and Safety breach has occurred. Advised by Powys Council to raise with Health and Safety Executive.
- **Shelter at St David’s Carpark** - Shed still in place, issue of dealing with asbestos, Powys CC dealing with. New shelter costs to be held over until next year to be budgeted for.
- **Bracken Trust** - Meetings every three weeks in the Llanwrtyd Wells Surgery. Needs to be advertised more. Poster to be sent to clerk for inclusion on Facebook page.
- **Powys County Council** - Powys are encouraging staff to return to normal working and to end total working from home.

Action Clerk to contact Health and Safety Executive re unauthorised works; distribute to Councillors and adjoining Community Councils, the email from the Bracken Trust.

5. Planning Applications received and Decisions - None received.

6. Pylons- Irfon Valley – update and correspondence received – It is possible that it will be 5 years before any decision is made or pylon erected. Although Llanwrtyd is not within the planning corridor it will be affected visually and by walkers who come to the area. Both Cllr Davies and Cllr Pigott attended the meeting arranged by Cllr Jeremy Pugh with Bute Energy representatives, in Builth. Llanwrtyd Wells is hoping to hold its own meeting for residents in the near future. Llangammarch are completing an Impact Assessment and it hoped Llanwrtyd Wells will do too.

7. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW)

Clerk presented the updated IRPW and conditions surrounding the mandatory payment for Councillors. If Councillors did not want to claim then they had to submit a form each year to do so, otherwise the payment would be made automatically. A discussion took place as to when and how the payments would be made. Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery that payments would happen at the end of the financial year. Forms were provided for Councillor use but notification could be received by email or letter.

Action: Clerk to action forms received and to ensure that all Councillors not at the meeting were made aware of the payments.

8. And 9. Steering Group for Local Development Plan and Funding Opportunity. Meeting agreed for Thursday 25th May at 7pm in the Institute. Those that were interested in joining the Steering Group to be emailed.

10. Guardian Training – for Defibrillator for the Dolwen Fields Pavilion.

Action: Clerk to arrange Defib training provider and invite community for training.

11. Correspondence Received:

-Email from Twining Association.

Action: - Clerk to respond to request.

- Letter from Llanwrtyd Wells Gardening Club

Action – Clerk to respond to request.

- Letter from Cambrian Archers

Action: - Clerk to respond to request.

- Powys NHS Heroes, 75th Birthday

Action: - Clerk to respond.

Election of one Town/Community Councillors to the Community Sub-Committee of the Powys Standards Committee. – Councillors cast their joint vote for one candidate.

Action: Clerk to respond to request.

12. Any other business for inclusion on next month’s Agenda.

1. Health and Safety issue at School – Someone moving pots and other sundry items. They are being left in dangerous positions that have the potential to cause serious harm to staff and children.

2. Forestry Lorries using the Devil’s Bridge route and damaging the corner of the road and exposing rock face.

Councillors are reminded that if there is anything they would like on the agenda for next month needs to be submitted to the Clerk a week before the next meeting.

Date of next meeting - 21/06/2023

Meeting closed at 21:25

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Verified at meeting on the 21/06/2023

Signed off by Chair :