



## CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.00pm Held in the Institute

Attending: Cllrs Davies (Chair), S Jones, T Van Rees, A. Jones, L. Pace-Avery, C. Rickard, G. Watkins, R Chataway and County & Town Councilor P. James M.B.E. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

**Observers:** Members of Community attended.

**126. Apologies:** Cllrs N. Price, M. Pigott

**New PCSO Chloe Slocombe and PC Wayne Ballard attended the meeting to introduce themselves.**

Discussion around issues in Town. Parking on Pavements and in front of dropped kerbs for pedestrians. Powys had white lined a lot of these. Intention to open the old police room in the Institute for monthly surgeries.

**Action:** Clerk to put advert in Grapevine ref new PCSO, pavement and dropped kerb parking.

**127. Declaration of Interest –** Cllr P. James and Van-Rees, planning item , Cllr Davies and Cllr Chattaway, Twining letter under correspondence. and Cllr Davies Correspondence item, Fees for hire of Dolwen Fields.

**128. Minutes of February Meeting and matters arising:** Proposed as a true reflection of the meeting Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and Seconded Cllr Watkins.

**129. Finance:**

**129.1: Acceptance of February's Accounts.** Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr Van - Rees.

**Action: Outstanding -** Clerk to present findings of interest rates.

**129.2:** Cheques for Authorisation this month. Heart of Wales Membership.

**129.3:** Llanwrtyd Festival Grant Application discussed. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr A. Jones.

**Action:** Clerk to raise cheque for Llanwrtyd Festival Committee.

**130. Councillor Updates**

- **Dolwen Fields:** Cllr Pigott sent in a report: AGM on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. Committee remains the same. Two events being organised May 29<sup>th</sup> Sports Day including 5K fun run and unveiling of the bear. August 28<sup>th</sup> Street Fair and business showcase. Chairmans report in the Grapvine detailing all done this year and future planning.
- **SMART Towns WiFi:** Third hub still not up and running.  
**Action:** Clerk to liaise with third hub venue and Telemart. Training cannot commence without data.
- **Library Review:** Cllr Pace-Avery will be meeting with Powys and will give an update at next meeting. There is a new volunteer starting. Invoice for the Town Council should be in by end of month.
- **Broadway Broadband;** Cllr Davies reported that all was on track with a community meeting planned for June. Broadband are in talks with Green Events about sponsorship and also talking to The Playpark Committee about funding.
- **V.A. Signs A485:** James Evans M.S. has taken up the case with TRA Dean Williams in Welsh Assembly. Working with 'Go Safe' group but reported that the mobile V.A. unit is getting the biggest hits for fines at either end of the Town when used. Feel there is a need to push the vanishing V.A. signs forward with local press.  
**Action:** Clerk to contact local press to see if this is a story they would report.
- **Regeneration Meeting:** There will be a drop in session in the Victoria Hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March between 2pm and 7pm. All are welcome to go along and speak to the consultants.
- **Twinning:** Cllr Davies left and Cllr S. Davies took the Chair.

Clerk read out the letter sent in by the Twinning Committee. *Summary* : No correspondence had been received from Meriel and it was not clear whether they wished to continue with the twinning of Llanwrtyd and Meriel. Proposal to write to Meriel by Cllr Van-Rees, seconded by Cllr Watkins.

**Action:** Clerk to write to Meriel to ask if they wished to continue the twinning of the two towns. Cllr Davies returned to chair.

- **Pylons, Irfon Valley**

Cllr Davies outlined the plan by Bute Energy to run pylons through the local area from Radnor to Carmarthen. Leaflets had been sent to residents in Llangammarch asking for access to land to carry out surveys. There were to be 4 pylons per kilometer. There will be 16 pylons that will be visible to residents in Llanwrtyd Wells on the opposite side of the river. Although we need renewable energy it would be better to have these cables underground.

More information needed in order to support Llangammarch in proposal to have the cables underground. Meeting dates being announced by But Energy. Nearest one for Llanwrtyd Wells is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2-7:30pm Montgomery Pavilion, Royal Welsh Showground. Those who attend to feed back at next meeting.

**131. Update on Powys Matters – County and Town Cllr Peter James**

- **Shelter at St Davids Church carpark** : Former shed to be demolished and replaced with a shelter. Town Council not aware that they were to pay for replacement. The Town Council are prepared to make a modest contribution. Proposal to write to Powys by Cllr Van-Rees, seconded by Cllr A. Jones.

**Action** : Clerk to write to Gillam Davies confirming our contribution.

- **Steering group volunteers needed:** No takers on this occasion.
- **Litter Heroes in Wales** : Volunteering Group.
- **Sewage Dumping into the River Irfon** : Cllr James gave statistics for the times that raw sewage has been dumped into the River Irfon. Cllr Davies has been speaking to Jenny Grub, who is managing the Llanwrtyd sewage. We are going to invite her to one of our future meetings, along with James Evans MS. Sewage dumping is not just happening here but in many other areas.
- **Action** : Clerk to invite both to April meeting.
- **Meeting** with Matthew Parry outside Victoria Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1pm to look at surface covering and former recycling space in carpark.
- **Charging points** for cars will also have charging points for bicycles.

**132. Planning Applications:**

**No New Applications have been received. (Cllr Van-Rees left the room).**

**Application numbers 22/2097/FUL:** Due to correspondence received concerning this application, it was brought back to the table for further discussion.

Cllr Davies read out a statement regarding the application,

- that it was quoted on as per the application and not speculation.
- The Town Council were consultees just as others were.
- We are not experts on aspects of the planning application but Powys had already consulted with experts.
- Powys planning only consider points that are valid objections to the application. View, proximity and privacy are not considered valid points for refusal as we have previously found out.

Cllr Davies invited Clare Dunbar-Pollard to read out her statement concerning the Application.

Clare read out a summary of her comments on the application.

Following this Cllr Davies asked members of the Town Council if they would like to change their previous response to Powys Planning Department. Cllr Davies proposed that it was left as it was but all the comments were to be sent to PPD along with a letter to extend the closing date. Also that future planning notices would be displayed on noticeboards and the Town Council website. Cllr S. Jones proposed and Cllr Watkins seconded. It was also noted that 7 objections/comments were received by the Town Council.

**Action** : Clerk to send all comments/objections to PPD with request to extend closing date. Also for all future planning notifications to be displayed on noticeboards and T.C. website. Llr Van-Rees returned.

- 133. Questions for TRW:** Cllr Pigott had sent in some questions in preparation for a visit from TFW. Cllr Pace-Avery advised that the Railway Forum is still running.  
**Action:** Cllr Pace-Avery to provide email for Robert Christie ref Railway Forum.
- 134 Victoria Hall update:** Cllr Davies gave an update on the deeds being registered.
- 135. DAS:** Clerk updated Council on refusal of DAS legal funding.  
**Action:** Clerk to chase up legal cover with Zurich.
- 136. Civility and Respect Draft Policy:** To be carried over to next month.
- 137. Tillhill Forestry –** Meeting to be arranged. Waiting on confirmation of Mr Griffiths.
- 138. King Charles Coronation –** Agenda for Celebration announced.  
**Action:** Meeting tomorrow night (16<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm in Institute.
- 139. Section 6 The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty.** Clerk presented the draft document. To be brought back for next month.
- 140. Correspondence received (Cllr Davies left the room)**
- **Application for use of Field and Pavilion -** Request for free use of pavilion and field for Tractor Run in aid of funds for PlayPark Project. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr A. Jones. Unanimous. (Cllr Davis returned)
  - **Offer of collar for Mayoral Chain.** This is being offered free of charge. Town Council would like to accept kind offer.
  - **20's Plenty for us.** New laws concerning speed limits on roads. A483 is Trunk Road so does not apply.  
**Action:** Clerk to reply to all three correspondences.
- 122. Any other business for inclusion on March agenda.**  
**Eisteddfod - Pylons**

Councillors are reminded if they have anything to go onto the Agenda for next month, it must be in by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**Date of next meeting - 19/04/2023**

Meeting closed at 21:45                      Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Verified at meeting on the 19/04/2023

Signed off by Chair :