



## CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES

#### **Minutes of the Virtual Emergency Council Meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.00pm**

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

**Guests:** Reece Simmons Powys Communication Officer; Steve Ellis, Broadway Partners; Gyles Palmer, Abergwesyn Resident

**1. Apologies:** Cllr Chattaway

**2. Declaration of Interests:**

Cllr Jones declared an interest as she was an Abergwesyn resident.

Cllr Pace-Avery asked Cllr Davies to chair the meeting as she was having trouble logging into Zoom.

This meeting had been called by the Chair to discuss the lack of Broadband Reception in Abergwesyn and surrounding areas. The Town Council was being asked to support the scheme and for Llanwrtyd Town to be included in the Broadband Scheme.

**Reece Simmons** gave a talk on what the situation was with regard to lack of broadband in Abergwesyn and the surrounding areas and that take up had been low and needed more people within the area to join the scheme to make it viable.

**Steve Ellis** joined the Zoom Meeting: Steve Ellis is from Broadway Partners, who are a broadband supplier, to advise on a way forward to provide a higher quality broadband service to the people of Abergwesyn and the surrounding areas. In order for the scheme to be viable, more people needed to join. This scheme is backed and partly funded by the Government to provide broadband to rural areas.

The installation is free and the charge is currently £9.99 a month. Broadway Partners have an agreement in place to work alongside BT using their current system and upgrading and repairing the BT system where necessary. The scheme could also include Beulah and other villages in the area to boost their broadband speed. If people wanted to join the scheme the timeline would be in the region of 12-14 months, so would give ample time for people to advise their current broadband provider of termination of service.

The Chair thanked Reece, Steve and Gyles for their input and time.

Reece Simmons, Steve Ellis and Gyles Palmer left the meeting.

Following a brief discussion Cllr Watkins proposed and Seconded by Cllr Jones that the Town Council would support the proposal to take forward the Broadband Scheme to include Llanwrtyd Town.

#### **Date of next meeting – AGM 19/05/2021**

Meeting closed at 20:01

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

To be verified at meeting on the 16/06/2021

Signed off by Chair :