



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 19th October 2022 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs Davies (Chair), S. Jones, T. Van Rees, C. Rickard, G. Watkins, R. Chattaway, and County & Town Councillor P. James M.B.E. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

- 52. Apologies:** Cllrs A. Jones, L Pace-Avery, N. Jones and M. Pigott.
- Presentation by Mr Simon Pearson, Deputy Divisional Commander, Northern Division, Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.** (Presentation available on request).
- 53. Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Davies and Chattaway Point 55.3
- 54. Minutes of September Meeting and matters arising:** Proposed by Cllr Van Rees and Seconded Cllr James.
- 55. Finance:**
- 55.1: Acceptance of September's Accounts.** Proposed by Cllr Chattaway, seconded by Cllr Rickard.
Action: Clerk to look at Swansea B.S. to see if a better interest rate could be achieved.
- 55.2: Cheques for Authorisation: Listed:** Proposed by Cllr Rickard and Seconded by Cllr Van-Rees
- 55.3: Small Grant Application: (Cllrs Davies and Chattaway left the room)**
Cllr S. Jones, Deputy Chair took over meeting – Twinning Assoc. had decided not to put any grant towards a Boules Court but will put it towards the next visit in 2024 by Meriel.
Action: Clerk to write to Twinning Association asking them to apply again in April 2024 in preparation of the visit.
Cllrs Davies and Chattaway came back into meeting.
Cllr Davies back in Chair
- 55.4: Victoria Hall Grant Application -** No application was received. All grant applications must be done in April at the start of the financial year.
- 56. Councillor Updates**
- **Dolwen Fields:** In the absence of Cllr Pigott and the last meeting of the Dolwen Fields Committee being cancelled, this would be carried over to next month
 - **Institute update:** Cllr Van Rees gave an update on the Institute. The Institute could be used for extra office space and Cllr Van-Rees was going to pursue this. There was also the possibility of a Government Grant to renovate the building which was also being looked into.
 - **SMART Towns WiFi:** Third hub still not fitted. Waiting on Telemart to confirm installation date.
Action – Clerk to contact Telemart for date.
 - **Berthllwyd:** Response received from OVW.
Action: Clerk to write to Chief Executive of Powys County Council with concerns. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr Chattaway. 5 for and 1 against.
 - **Regeneration Scheme:** Cllr Davies gave an update on the meeting from Monday 17th Oct. Meeting notes circulated to all on Town Council.
 - **Tilhill Forestry Update:** Cllr Van-Rees gave a short update on the current status. Plans are still with NRW for consideration. No planned meeting date as yet.
Note that there is a consultation meeting at Abergwesyn Hall on the 27th October 2022 3pm-7pm regarding the Llwyn Derw Broad leaf planting scheme.
- 57. Update on Powys Matters –**
Cllr James will be attending a meeting with Senior Planning on 27th October and will feedback to the Town Council next month.
Speaking to the Trunk Road Agency about the parking outside the Premier Shop.
White lining of the drop kerb access has not been carried out yet.
Complaints about the leaves on the pavement causing a slip hazard on the Llandoverly Road.
Fuel Poverty action has been approved by Welsh Government.
Welsh Ambulance Service has suspended the 999 service with St John's in Rhyader while operation

matters are dealt with.

There are concerns over the lack of low cost housing being built in Powys.

Cllr James had also attended a presentation on Fostering in Powys and there is a recruitment drive for more people to become foster carers and to provide a safe place for children and young adults.

58. Planning Applications: No planning notifications or decisions received this month.

59. Repairs to assets:

Shed Doors on old bus stop. – Council handyman has been unwell and although back at work does not know when he will be able to repair/ replace the doors. This may not be done this year.

Dolwen Field Gate Post: nearly finished and are now in a much safer condition. Gate hangers to be put into a different position so they do not pull on the gate posts as they did before.

60. Heart of Wales Line: It is hoped that James Evans MS and a representative of Transport for Wales will be attending our meeting to discuss the lack of service being received.

61. The Friends of Healthcare in Builth Wells and District.- Email received regarding Healthcare in area. **Action:** Clerk to ask for funding for a Defibrillator Box for Pavilion

62. Builth and Llanwrtyd Wells Surgery - Sue Lilly, Llangammarch Wells Clerk, had been in contact to inform us about the Seasonal Flu jabs and Covid Booster jabs that were available but only at Builth Wells Surgery and Spa Road in Llandrindod Wells. Because of the infrequency of trains/buses and the distance from the station in Llandrindod Wells to Spa Road, it was impossible for elderly, vulnerable residents to make the journey. These issues were highlighted to Carol Shillabeer and that there needed to be more availability of these vaccinations to be carried out at the Llanwrtyd Wells Surgery. Letters had been sent to Carol Shillabeer to raise this issue further.

63. Correspondence received

- Independent Review Panel – Draft Document for Feedback at next month's meeting. Please read and come back with comments. Consequences if adopted: Payments made to Councillors, Expenses etc, Tax implications also will need to buy a payroll package to implement as current Basic payroll (free) can only take 10 people on payroll.

Action – Clerk to source costings of a payroll package.

- Service Development proposal for Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service (EMRTS Cymru) in partnership with The Welsh Air Ambulance Charity.

Action: - Councillors to make their opinions known for the questionnaire to be completed by the Clerk.

- Climate Emergency Forum Spring 2023 **Action:** Councillors to advise clerk if they wish to attend.
- OVW- Building a Better Resilient Spaces for Nature. Free on-line Course 27.10.22 -10am - 4pm. **Action:** Councillors to advise if they would like to attend.
- Elections Consultation From Welsh Government. **Action:** Councillors to advise Clerk of any comments.

64. Any other business for inclusion on next month's agenda. None offered. Councillors are reminded if they have anything to go onto the Agenda for next month, it must be in by Thursday 10th November 2022.

Date of next meeting - 16/11/2022 – Possible attendance by James Evans MS and representative of Transport for Wales

Meeting closed at 21:25

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Verified at meeting on the 16/11/2022

Signed off by Chair :