



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Town Council Meeting on Wednesday 20th October 2021 at 7.00pm. Held in The Pavilion, Dolwen Fields

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

83. Apologies: Cllr J. Davies.

84. Declaration of interest: Cllrs Pace-Avery and Pigott declared an interest in point 85.

85. Dolwen Fields Committee. Peter James and Lynn Ball gave an update on how the Committee was set up, it's remit and coming to the end of Phase one of the project. A decision is to be taken as to how the Dolwen Fields Committee go forward. Chair thanked Peter James, Lynn Ball for bringing us up to date with the activities of the Dolwen Field Committee. Cllr A. Jones thanked all the members of the Dolwen Field Committee for their hard work.

Cllr Pigott proposed that a separate meeting be set up to discuss the future of the Dolwen Fields Committee role and maintenance of the Pavilion. This was seconded by Cllr Rickard. All agreed.

Action: meeting to be set up to discuss and move forward. First Aid box required for Pavilion,
Action: Clerk to source.

86. Minutes of 15th September 2021 and EGM 11th October 2021.

Cllr Pigott asked a question regarding item 75 on last month's agenda. Spoken to Manager of Manor Adventures and although there was no right of way around Abernant Lake, he had no objection to people walking there, so it is a permissive right of way. However, when children were on site it did become a safeguarding issue. Also, Smarter Towns, had the clerk contacted Ceredigion Council regarding a possible visit. Email had been received to say they were putting us in touch with someone that could help but no further email had been received. Clerk had already chased this up.

Action: Clerk to write to owners of the cottage that had put signs up stopping people from walking in the area, advising it is a permissive right of way.

15th September 2021 Minutes Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees seconded by Cllr Pigott. Minutes of the EGM 11th October 2021 proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery.

87. Finance- Monthly accounts: Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr Pigott as a true reflection of the current accounts of the Town Council.

The No. 2 Bank account name had now been changed and new chequebooks received.

88. Anti-Social behaviour: Still issues of dog fouling. One lot outside Bryn Irfon, housing vulnerable adults. Cllr Rickard had filled in a survey from Keep Wales Tidy and the Town Council should receive a pack to help with the issue of dog fouling in the future. Once the bins on Dolwen Field have been moved to the places with the highest degree of dog fouling instances.

89. Town Square and Green: Complaints received about motor bikes and quad bikes parking on the square area and blocking the way for residents.

Action: Clerk to contact the PCSO Trudy Davies to ask her to keep an eye on the situation.

90. First responders: The issue was raised in Welsh Government last week. The reason given for First Responders not being used was that there was a cost involved which is wholly untrue. Discussions were taking place between Welsh Ambulance and the Fire Authority to enable the First Responders to work closely with the ambulance service in future.

91. Feedback from Councillors.

Cllr A. Jones : Hedge along Llandoverly Road falling down, hazard to pedestrians. Cllr Van-Rees to look into. Wreath to be ordered for Remembrance Day. **Action:** Clerk to raise cheque for £50.

Cllr Pace-Avery: Man reported standing opposite ATM with a laptop. Could have been recording people going to use the cash machine. **Action:** Clerk to report to PCSO Davies.

Christmas Tree for Christmas Festival needs to be ordered. **Action:** Clerk to order normally £10.

Cllr S. Jones: Sales are up in the Heritage Centre due to having a card machine.

Cllr Van – Rees: Pavement along Beulah Road, the culvert issue and the Knotweed will be referred to Welsh Government. Will feedback on The Institute Update item 100.

Cllr Pigott: Japanese Knotweed a problem along the riverbanks and along the Trunk Road. It seems to be spreading. **Action:** Clerk to report to Environmental Health.

Cllr Watkins: Washpool is very popular with tourists, rubbish and human faeces being left behind, overnight camping on other areas too. Forestry may need to provide a mobile toilet. 4x4 off roaders damaging peat areas. Powys are maintaining their side but believe Ceredigion are not maintaining theirs. It is a Site of Scientific Interest so needs protecting. It should be shut off to 4x4, dirt bikes and quads.

Action: Clerk to write to The Forestry to ask how they are going to manage the site.

92.Planning: One planning application in 21/1593/FUL. Email received with regard to weekend working on the building site. Referred to Powys Environmental Health for advice on restrictions. Monitoring forms available for anyone wishing to make a complaint or monitor the site for excess noise.

93. Twinning: Twinning Committee invited to Meriel in May next year. Twinning Committee have agreed to fund a small Boules Court on Dolwen Fields with a view to inviting Meriel to a game when they are next visiting Llanwrtyd. Maybe set up a Boules team in the Town. There will be a small get together for the Twinning Committee at the Institute in December.

94. Co-Opting of Councillors: There has been no call for an election after the advert for a Councillor following the resignation of Roshan Chattaway. Therefore, we can advertise for a Councillor by co-option. There are three vacancies on the Town Council.

95. Feedback from the Tilhill Forestry meeting 13.10.21. Very encouraging meeting with a change in attitude. Tilhill Forestry are looking to improve facilities and are awaiting a list of what the local community would like to see within the forestry development. Ideas so far are; bird hides, Public Rights of Way, bridle paths, cycle path. Also looking at improving the Red Squirrel population within that area. Julie Lewis of Powys Tourism would like to attend the next meeting with Tilhill Forestry. Blanket Forestry has been debated in Welsh Government and is not popular among some members of the Senedd. Farmers do not want to plant trees on agricultural land, but it is the only way they can get the grant.

96. Broadband Update: Letters are going out to all members of the community in English and Welsh. Residents are asked to register their interest so that the funding for this project can go ahead. For those that are already in a broadband contract, there will be sufficient time to terminate their current contract as it will take about a year for the application and instal to be completed.

97. Services: Bins have arrived to go into the playpark. Once they are fitted the Powys bins will be relocated to the dog fouling areas. Signage coming from Keep Wales Tidy for dog owners to easily locate the nearest bin. Work on the Play Park is still slow. ROSPA report is expected shortly.

98. Update on the Library Re-opening: Cllr Pace-Avery gave an update on the progress of opening the library. The opening looks like it will be delayed for another month whilst the Memorandum of Understanding between Powys and Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council is agreed.

99. Update on Victoria Hall: No access has been granted to the side of Victoria Hall. Letter sent but no response received. Deeds to be made available on appointment. Cllr Davies and clerk to attend appointment at the Institute, once requested.

100: Correspondence received: Letter from Tourism and Trade Group regarding the signage in town for parking, brown signs highlighting local features.

Action: Clerk to write to PCC regarding brown signs and larger signs for parking.

Email letter received from Abergwesyn Committee requesting their grant for the year. Have advised that all grant requests must be accompanied by the accounts of the Committee. At an earlier Town Council meeting it was decided that all grant requests should be at the start of the Financial Year in April.

101. A. O. B.: Cllr Watkins : River Project: Water quality of local ponds had been tested and the report will be available to all when published. Still looking for people to come forward to help with the water testing.

Meeting closed at 21:15

Verified at meeting on the 17/11/2021

Minutes Amended: Yes No

Signed off by Chair :

