



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs S. Jones, (Chair), M. Pigott (Deputy Chair), A. Jones, G Watkins, N. Price. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

Members of the Public attending – Mr and Mrs Wright.

Councillors T. Van-Rees and P. James joined the meeting at 7:25 following a school Governors meeting

124. Apologies: Cllrs Pace-Avery, Rickard and Davies.

Georgie Perrett gave a short briefing on the siting of a Polytunnel on Dolwen Fields. Cllr Price and Davies to meet with a member of the Irfon Valley, DIGS, Wales in Bloom and Gardening Club to discuss further and report back next month. Memorandum of Understanding to be drawn up.

Action: Clerk to draw up Memorandum of Understanding

129. Brought forward by Chair Planning Applications or Decisions – Questions from Mr and Mrs Wright concerning the three holiday lodges being proposed, on Station Road. Mrs Wright addressed the Town Council. Copy of questions to be sent to Town Council Clerk for distribution to all Town Councillors.

(Any new planning applications received after the date of meeting will be on the Town Council website)

125. Minutes of February Meeting – Matters arising – Cllr Van-Rees had spoken with solicitor with ref to Victoria Hall and matter progressing. Proposed as a true reflection of the meeting by Cllr Pigott and seconded by Cllr Van-Rees.

126.a) Acceptance of February accounts. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr A. Jones.

b) Previous Accounts 2022/23 sent in on 14th March. Internal Audit carried out by Sue Lilley, Clerk to Llangammarch Community Council.

d) Cheques for Authorisation – Welsh Water for Public Toilets, Advert for Grapevine, Quarry over plumber costs for work carried out on the Pavilion. Passed to Cllr Pigott for Dolwen Fields Committee.

e) Building Society Account: Forms signed off **Action:** Clerk to arrange return to Swansea Building Society.

127. Councillor Updates

Dolwen Fields – Cllr M. Pigott – Container for Cambrian Archers now in place.

Victoria Hall – Sewer cover along passageway has been screwed down, so not able to gain access easily.

Action: Victoria Hall Committee to provide photos to clerk to send to G. Astley, at Powys Council for investigation.

Smart WiFi – Still waiting on Powys Council to provide dates for training. Clerk to chase.

Twinning – To be held over for the next meeting.

128. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells – County Councillor P. James

- **Bute Energy/Green Energy.** Meeting attended and brochure given out. New route propose that will be nearer to Llanwrtyd. Concern over low flying aircraft, zip wire on Manor Adventures. Asked whether permission had been sort from Ministry of Defence over the Epynet. There is a website that gives the personal numbers of each pole /pylon. Some areas are being put underground. Concern over the pylons only having a 35year lifespan. Notice to be put in Grapevine to include the website and meeting of Public Interest.

- **Phosphates** – Agenda for next meeting. Monitoring of monitoring.

- **EV connections for Llanwrtyd** – It has been confirmed that 4 EV charging points are to be put in the carpark behind the Neaudd Arms.

- **Planning Enforcement Officers** - There are two new Planning Enforcement Officer for Powys Planning.

- **Funding** - There is funding opportunities coming up for Nature and Art base funding.

130. Pavilion Update: Cllr Watkins – Offices now in place. Set of Keys to be provided. Memorandum of understanding to be put in place. Meter readings every 6 months for usage. Invoice to be provided.

Action; Clerk to action.

131. Shared Prosperity Fund and Regeneration – Notes from meeting recorded as accurate proposed by Cllr Price, seconded by Cllr James, all agreed. Cllr S. Jones had attended a meeting, along with

Cllr Pace-Avery. This was for Co-Op get together for communities. Lots of information available for funding opportunities and training. Arrange meeting to invite all community groups. Invite Diana Berriman to attend. Credit Union/Smart money hub in Middleton Street, Llandrindod Wells.

Action: Clerk to contact Diana Berriman to an open meeting (Cllr S. Jones to provide contact details).

132. Memorandum of Understanding: Cambrian Archers. Amendment to M. of U. as Container already has solar lighting on outside and this will light up carpark.**Action:** Clerk to amend M.o.U. and send to Cambrian Archers.

133. Grass Cutting Expression of Interest: Only one quote has come in so far, one other due next week, not heard from third interested party.

134. Fly Tipping – Cllr Watkins – Fly tipping off the forestry roads onto private land. All residents are asked to carry out due diligence when hiring people for waste removal. All carriers must have a licence to carry waste and dispose of correctly. Householders face fines if their rubbish is proved to have been fly tipped.

135. Steve Amor Retirement – Celebration event on the 20th April, 7pm at the Fire Station. Two members of the Town Council have been invited to attend. Please let the Clerk know who would like to attend.

Action : Clerk to email all and inform Cllr Nigel Price of who will be attending. Also to invite Mr Amor to the Town Council meeting in May.

136. Christmas Lights – Two Councillors to meet with members of the Festival Committee to discuss options for Christmas lighting Dec 2024. **Action:** Meeting 3rd April, email to all Councillors .

137. Open reach Broadband Meeting 29th Feb.– Poor response as no date had been put on the flyer by Openreach. Thanks to Chris Brookes and Jim Davies for offering to deliver flyers. The cut off date was the end of March but this date may be extended. Another meeting will be arranged.

138. D Day 80 Celebration June 5th 2024 – **Action:** Clerk to check whether this will be a Bank Holiday.

139. Already covered in item 128 under Phosphates.

140. Hedging Issue – Dealt with by Cllr James

141. Sustainable Farming – LWTC have noted the P.C.C. are calling on the Welsh Government to re-engage in consultation with Welsh Farmers to discuss financial implications of the current proposals.

142. Correspondence received

Letter concerning the new route for the Pylons, which is closer to Llanwrtyd than before. Comment by resident in the March Grapevine. Need to gauge feeling of town to this new route and plan a meeting to do so. **Action:** Clerk to arrange an open meeting with residents.

143. Any other business for inclusion on April Agenda – None at this time

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

Date of next meeting -16/04/2024

Meeting closed at 21:20

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Verified at meeting on the 16/04/2024

Signed off by Chair :