



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllr M. Pigott (Deputy Chair)t. Van Rees, J. Davie, L. Pace-Avery, C. Rickard, G Watkins, N. Price. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

Members of the Public attending – Mrs C. Dunbar-Pollard .

143. Apologies: Cllrs S. Jones, A. Jones.

Cllr Pigott invited Mrs C. Dunbar-Pollard to address the Council

Mr Dundar-Pollard spoke about the open meeting and the Pylons/Turbines that were being planned by Bute/Green Gen., the Town Council position on the same and a way forward. A group had now been set up and would be fighting the proposals.

Cllr Pigott thanked Mrs Dunbar-Pollard for her comments and feedback they had received from several residents.

144. Minutes of March Meeting – Date incorrect, to be amended other than that, proposed as a true reflection of the meeting by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Price.

145.a) Acceptance of March accounts. Bank Statements not received in time. To be produced for next Finance Meeting.

b) Previous Accounts Invoice received for 2018/2019 from Audit Wales.

d) Cheques for Authorisation – Advert for Grapevine, Audit Wales Invoice, Ratcliffes & Son (varnish) Cleaners invoice, Zurich Insurance (5 year agreement) and HOW membership. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery

e) Building Society Account: Forms signed but returned by Swansea Building Society as one signature missing. **Action:** Clerk to get missing signature and arrange return to Swansea Building Society.

146. Councillor Updates

Dolwen Fields – Cllr M. Pigott – July 13th – plan for a 2k and 5k run with Community Groups and a table top sale. Also the Dolwen FFields Committee are looking for more volunteers to help.

- Cllr G. Watkins – Proposal for having a wildlife pond behind the Pavilion, Concern over Health & Safety – drowning. May need a fence around it – Cllr Watkins to bring back to the table. On site meeting with Cllr Davies, Price. Also H&S on site meeting Cllr Pigott and Rickard.
- PlayPark Group – no recent update. Window on Shelter has been broken. Cost for repair to be looked at. **Action:** - Clerk to contact handyman for costs.
- Dogs on Field – reports of dogs being taken onto field by residents as well as visitors. Signs on gates are too small and not serving as a deterrent. New signs proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery. **Action:** Clerk to order bigger signs for both entrance gates.

Victoria Hall – Solicitor has been on sick leave, now back at work but having to work through backlog of work.

Smart WiFi – Third hub in place, Still waiting on Powys Council to provide dates for training.

Action: Clerk to chase.

Twinning –No meeting held.

Festival Committee – 3 members met last week. Looking at who would provide the lights if the Festival Committee didn't. Due to costs for erecting and taking down of lighting plus a licence, will look at doing lights on Town Square and work with Heritage Committee to provide display at front of building. Cllr Price meeting with Blanchard illuminations to see what can be achieved. Existing lights in the old bus shelter to be looked at. Maybe look at funding for lights on the bridge.

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

- There will be a Health and Wellbeing Fair on the 13th May with PAVO – venue to be advised.
- Hedging issues has been completed.
- Manhole cover on Llandovery Road has been repaired.
- Environmental issue in Victoria Wells has been reported to Environmental Health to deal with.

- New laws concerning trade waste came into force on the 6th April. All trade waste recycling has to be sorted into relevant bins.

148. Planning Applications and Decisions – No new Planning Applications or Decisions received.

Chalets on Station Road Proposed Development – Councillors had reviewed the correspondence received concerning the development. Under the current planning guidelines the Town Councils decision, having taken into consideration the comments and strength of feeling of residents, was not to change its support of the application, being a tourist destination. With regard to the Environmental impact, this was already being dealt with by the Environment Agency, who are best placed to make the expert recommendations required along with the Highway Agency and Powys Planning. Proposed by Cllr Davies and Seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery.

149. Planning Application Training and Guidance - Planning Application training had been requested by Cllr S. Jones. Clerk produced Guidelines and further training providers was to be sought from Planning Aid Wales. **Action:** - Clerk to source and report back for next meeting.

150. Open Meeting on Pylons - Following the meeting and emails and letters sent to the Town Council, it was agreed to hold a separate meeting to tonight's meeting, to discuss further. Date to be arranged.

151. Shared Prosperity Fund and Regeneration - Misinformation being given out with regard to match Funding. Working with PAVO to bring funding into the Town. Meeting on the 21st May in the Victoria Hall 6-8pm.

152. Memorandum of Understanding: Poly tunnel on Dolwen Fields. Draft document agreed. **Action:** Clerk to send to Irfon Valley Group/Wales in Bloom/Gardening Club etc.

153. Grass Cutting Tenders: Two quotes received. Neither were complete **Action:** Clerk to respond to two applicants with required information.

154. Steve Amor Retirement – Celebration event on the 20th April, 7pm at Victoria Hall. Cllrs Van-Rees and Pace-Avery attending on behalf of the Council.

155. D Day 80 Celebration June 5th 2024 – **Action:** Not a bank holiday.

156. Open reach Broadband – Help needed delivering leaflets to households. Just need a final push to get us over the threshold required. Cllr James may still have some leaflets available.

157. Correspondence received

Llanwrtyd Wells Speed Watch is back up and running. Targeting Beulah Road, Llandovery Road approach to Town and also Station Road.

2nd May Meeting at **Llanwrtyd Wells Pharmacy** for the presentation of the Jonny Owens Memorial Award for the services to the Community. Cllrs to attend, J. Davies and P. James.

158. Any other business for inclusion on May Agenda –

- * Heart of Wales Line
- * Volunteer Award
- * Nature and Climate Change Roadshow
- * 1.8 m. funding Chicken Farms (processing of Chicken droppings and use on fields, using as a fertiliser
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- *Sewer on Dolwen Fields
- * Communication, A way forward
- * Pylon Meeting 23rd April

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 -15/05/2024 AGM Followed by Monthly Meeting

Meeting closed at 21:45

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Verified at meeting on the 15/05/2024

Signed off by Chair :