



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid AGM Council Meeting on Wednesday 18th May 2021 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs S. Jones, T. Van Rees, A. Jones, L. Pace-Avery, M. Pigott, C. Rickard, G. Watkins R Chattaway, newly elected Cllrs N. Price and County & Town Councilor P. James M.B.E. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

Observer: Rhys Lewis

Outgoing Mayor Cllr James Davies

1. **Apologies: Cllr J. Davies**
2. **Newly Elected Councillors** – Signing the Acceptance of Office. All newly elected Councillors signed the Acceptance of Office Forms, apart from Cllr J. Davies who was in Meriel with the Twinning Association.
3. **Mayors Address:** Cllr Sarah Jones gave the Mayors address on behalf of Cllr J. Davies (this is available separately on the Town Website)
4. **Election Of New Mayor** – Via Cllr S. Jones, Cllr J. Davies expressed a wish to remain as Mayor for another year in order to complete tasks from the previous year. As there were no other nominations, Cllr Van-Rees proposed Cllr J. Davies for Mayor and Cllr S. Jones as Deputy Mayor for another year and Cllr Pace-Avery seconded.
5. All in favour: unanimous. Cllr J. Davies was elected as Town Mayor and Chair of Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council for another year and Cllr S. Davies as Deputy Chair and Deputy Mayor for another year.
6. **Appointment to Committees** – Appointment to Committees were decided (List on Town Council website)
7. **Declaration of Interests Forms signed** – List available on Town Council Website.

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

1. **Minutes of the April meeting and Matters arising** –
Cllr Pigott reported back on the problem with the stream and gate behind the Neuadd Arms. This had been reported but there is no problem there now but could become a problem in the wet weather.
Action: Clerk to write to NRW and MS James Evans regarding the issue.
Cllr Pigott reported that the New Town hubs had been fitted, one in the Neuadd Arms and one in the Heritage Centre. Training had to be completed by the end of May but no word from Newtown regarding Training.
Action: Clerk to email Newtown contact to arrange when training will take place.
Cllr Pace-Avery proposed to accept the April minutes and Cllr Van-Rees seconded. All agreed.
2. **Finance :**
 - 2.1 **Acceptance of all finances for year ending 31st March 2022** - Accounts still with Internal Auditor. New date of Wednesday 8th June set for them to be agreed.
Action: Clerk to send out Agenda for meeting on the 8th June 2022, 7pm in the Pavilion.
 - 2.2 - April balance sheet considered. Transfer of £1006 from Bank Account 2 to Bank Account 1 to cover Cleaning costs during Covid was discussed and agreed to transfer the £1006 back to Bank Account 2 following the Covid Toilet Grant from Powys C.C. Proposed Cllr Chattaway and seconded by Cllr Rickard. April accounts were signed off as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Rickard, seconded by Cllr Van-Rees.
 - 2.3 **Cheques for signing** - The following invoices were presented for authorisation. Cheques would be written once Internal Auditor had returned the accounts and cheque books;

- a. Cleaning Invoice for Public Toilets (April) + Pavilion Cleans (April)+ Litter picking of Dolwen Fields (April and March)
 - b. Ratcliffe and Sons – various items for ongoing repairs to Dolwen Fields Play Park
 - c. Dwr Cymru Welsh Water bill for Pavilion
 - d. Annual Inspection of Dolwen Fields Play Park
- 2.4** - The Asset Register was considered and agreed to include Property Deeds on the list and to arrange safe deposit with Powys Archives. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees seconded by Cllr Watkins.
Action: - Clerk to contact Powys Archives.
- 3. Anti Social Behaviour** – Nothing to report apart from the continuing nuisance of people urinating and defecating in public areas.
- 4. Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations** – All going well and more stalls being added. Timings to go the information sent with the Grapevine in June. Presentation to Paul Davies on the Saturday evening at Manor Adventures. There will be a Church Service t St James Church at 6pm on the Sunday.
- 5. Councillor Updates**– Cllr Watkins reported that the cattle grid at Pen Y Bank in Aberqwesyn was still causing a problem and sheep were able to cross it and getting into the Graveyard at St Davids.
 - Cllr James reported that a local resident will be 100 on the 28th June. There would be an event happening in Alexandra Hall. It was agreed that a bouquet of flowers along with a card be delivered during that celebration by the Mayor along with a scroll on velum paper celebrating this wonderful achievement.
 - Cllr Rickard asked for an update on Broadway Broadband. Cllr S. Jones reported that the target figure had been reached and the application process had started. It is not clear how long that process will take as there are a number of schemes from all over the UK involved with apply for the funding from English Government.
 - Recent Heritage Centre event had children singing from Beulah. Why were they not from Ysgol Dolafon. The children from the school do amend local events to sing but at a weekend it is at the discretion of the parents.
Action: - Clerk to arrange purchase of flowers and a card. Clerk to explore who in Powys would deal with the Cattle Grid at Abergwesyn
- 6. Planning Applications received and Decisions** - One planning application for Penrhos, Llanwrtyd Wells. Councillors had been sent the notification email with the application number. Planning was for change of outside storage to a single storey extension. No objections.
 One Planning decision for Tai Cae Mawr, planning granted.
Action: Clerk to advise PCC of no objection to planning application.
- 7. Correspondence Received:**
 -Position of Memorial Bench request. One of the green metal benches can be removed to make way for a new memorial bench and the metal bench placed somewhere else.
Action: - Clerk to respond to request.
 - Powys Town Investment Plan – Developing a Town Plan Initiative.
Action – Clerk to contact Powys with regard to arranging a meeting.
 - SSE contract up for renewal. Agreed to stay with SSE for another year.
Action: - Clerk to contact SSE
 - Zurich Insurance up for renewal – agreed to stay with Zurich proposed by Cllr Chattaway, seconded by Cllr Rickard. All in favour.
Action: - Clerk to write to The Ombudsmen regarding DAS Legal Department.
 - Emil regarding Solicitor Fees and Letter. Letter to be sent to resident and current solicitor fees to be submitted for work done to date. Proposed by Cllr Rickard, seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery. All in favour.
Action – Clerk to email Solicitor to advise.
- Election of three Town/Community Councillors to the Community Sub-Committee of the Powys Standards Committee.** – Councillor Price was given the pack to apply.
- 8. Date for Local Development Plan meeting** – 8th June, 7pm, The Pavilion, Dolwen Fields
Action: - Clerk to email Agenda to all Councillors. Final Accounts for 2021/2022 to be signed off

- 9. Defibrillator Box for Pavilion and Training** - Agreed for Clerk to purchase defibrillator Box as detailed in April's meeting and arrange training with Lucas Evans for the 'Guardians'.
- 10. Councillor Training** - New this year as part of the Financial Audit. All Councillors need to have a Training Plan in place. Clerk to agree with training plan with Mayor. List of training given out. Councillors to advise the clerk of any training they would be interested in.
Action: - Clerk to liaise with Mayor on Training Plan.
- 11. Any other business for inclusion on next month's Agenda.**
 - 1. Community Alternative Power – Cllr Pigott
 - 2. Beulah 24/26th July
 - 3. New Police number 151
 - 4. Communication regarding price of using toilets and shop front alterations.
 - 5. Request for small grant application.

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

Date of next meeting - 15/06/2022

Meeting closed at 21:19

Minutes Amended: No

Verified at meeting on the 15/06/2022

Signed off by Chair :

