



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Virtual AGM Council Meeting on Wednesday 16th June 2021 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs J. Davies, S. Jones, T. Van Rees, A. Jones, L. Pace-Avery, M. Pigott, R Chattaway. C. Rickard, G. Watkins and Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

Chair stated that Zoom meetings would continue, as advised by One Voice Wales that facilities for Members of the Public and Press would be needed with face-to-face meetings.

20. Apologies: None.

21. Declaration of interest: Cllrs Van-Rees and A. Jones declared an interest in Item 35, and would be put into the waiting room whilst item is being discussed.

22. Minutes of My 2021 Meeting and matters arising ; Cllr Pace-Avery asked for an amendment to item 14; point of action; Cllr Pace-Avery and Cllr Chattaway to meet outside of Town Council meeting to discuss issue raised by Cllr Chattaway.

Minutes of meeting agreed.

23. Finance: Accounts for May agreed Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr A. Jones.

24. Anti-Social Behaviour: Day of Action – Dog Fouling - PCSO Trudy Davies attended with Clerk, interacted with quite a few residents, leaflets given out. Clerk meeting with Sharon Walters, Enforcement and Awareness Officer, Waste and Recycling Strategy, PCC. This will be on the 22nd June 2021 at 11am at Dolwen Fields.

Action: Clerk to remind all Councillors of date and time on the 21st June by email.

PCSO Davies had informed Cllr Davies that there was a report that a dog had attacked another dog in the Town. The owner had been informed that the dog would need to be muzzled when walked and the situation was being monitored, as had reports that this was not always being observed.

25. Town Square and Green – Culvert update. Meeting had taken place with Graham Astley, Senior Land Drainage Officer at PCC, and the affected residents along Beulah Road. Report to be issued following the CCTV footage carried out by Metro-Rod.

26. Dolwen Fields Update : Keys had been returned for the Pavilion but there were still keys missing for the internal doors. More keys to be cut to provide sets for Dolwen Fields Committee and for users of the Pavilion when renting. Keys to be signed for when given out.

Action: Clerk to have more keys cut.

Cllr Pigott reported that the Sensory Garden now had a resin path and the back path had now been tarmacked. The Dolwen Fields Recreation for All Committee had accessed more funding. Preparations for repair to Bear were underway and help was needed to transport Bear to the repairer.

Cllr Pace-Avery reported that a 'just giving' page had been set up to help with funding for repairs to the playpark. A Thankyou to Cllr Watkins for donation of top soil.

Action: Cllr Pigott to liaise with Cllr Watkins with reference to transport for Bear.

Current Cleaner is happy to clean Pavilion before use by users/hirers.

27. Feedback From Councillors

Cllr Chattway - Nothing to report.

Cllr Pace-Avery – Hygiene provider, PHS, parked on pavement to service toilets, caused a major problem with traffic. Dropped kerbs for disabled access being by cars which makes it impossible for people with disabilities to gain access to the pavement. Needs to be kept clear. Station Road/Irfon Terrace is a problem area.

Café Sosban is doing a 'Pay Forward' for those visiting the Food Bank, if anyone would like to participate.

Cllr Van-Rees- meeting arranged with Faye Jones and new MS, James Evans, to be held in the Victoria Hall on the 16th July 2021. Cllr Jim Davies to chair the meeting. Agenda to include, Forestation, Traffic Lights, Agricultural concerns etc. If any other subjects to be raised, email Cllr Van-Rees. Cllr A. Jones will

need to know numbers attend to comply with Covid Regulations. Situation with land at back of Berthllwyd still ongoing.

Cllr S.Jones – Cllr Van-Rees reported to Cllr A. Jones that the meeting with Tilhill Forestry had been postponed and an email sent to say that they must consult with the Town Council, Community Councils and the Residents. Cllr Van-Rees had suggested dates but Tilhill had not come back to him as yet, they are still working on plans. The Brecon Beacons had taken a firm stand on what was being planted in their Park and maybe during our meeting with MS James Evans, we could look at making the area around Llanwrtyd Wells an A.O.N.B.

Cllr A. Jones- the road surface on Victoria Square is looking a mess, it has been repaired with cement where there were blocks. Powys County Council would be responsible for the area.

Cllr Rickard – Only had one response from letter sent out concerning ‘The Big Event’, letters to be sent out again.

Cllr Watkins- Working Agenda for Labour for the next two years, now they have been voted back in, looking at encouraging Remote Working Hubs for the Community.

Cllr Pigott- Lorna Brazell, Secretary to the Cambrian Mountain Society, looking at making the Cambrian Mountains A.O.N.B. Could we invite her to our next meeting as a Guest speaker.

Action-Clerk to invite Lorna Brazell to next meeting as a guest speaker.

Cllr Davies- Gate at cemetery now repaired. Events at Chapel to start up on 7th August at the Victoria Hall. Plans being drawn up for the Chapel, they are working with listed building control. Tickets to be made available to residents first with a donation being asked for. Donations being made for Dolwen Fields Playground refurbishment. Hoping local pubs will join in with having entertainment at their own pubs. The Chapel do not intend serving alcohol so as not to impact on the towns pubs. They are hoping to have music festivals all year round. Concerns raised over parking availability.

Action- Cllr Davies to liaise with Chapel Events regarding numbers attending during restrictions.

28. Planning: No planning applications or decisions for Llanwrtyd Wells

29. Twinning: AGM 1st July 2021. Had response back from both Meriel and Cesky Krumlov, congratulating the New Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Invite from Meriel to go during their Medieval Fantasy week 12th – 15th May 2022.

30. Co-Option of Councillors Cllr Pace-Avery; Disappointed that the resident who wanted to join us on the Town Council cannot because of the current age restrictions, but 16 years old can now vote. Can O.V.W. give us any advice. We currently have two vacancies on the Town Council that need to be advertised.

Action: Clerk to ask advice from O.V.W. Clerk to contact Monitoring Officer to arrange for Vacancies to be advertised.

31. Training Cllr Piggot authorised to attend on-line event on the 23rd June for ‘Regenerating Welsh Towns and Communities post Covid-19’ and report back to the Town Council next month. Proposed Cllr Van-Rees Seconded Cllr Pace-Avery.

32. Services

32a Toilet revenue this month £34.70. Concern over amount of time Contractor had taken to fit New toilet Roll Holders in men’s and ladie’s toilet. **Action:** Clerk to speak to Contractor.

32b PCC provided costings for Recycling and Refuse collection for Dolwen Fields Pavilion. Cllr Pace-Avery proposed and Cllr Piggot seconded

Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Davies regarding type of bins and commencement date. Clerk to contact PCC Waste Management.

Defibrillator for outside of the Surgery, donated by Neuadd Arms. Discussed and proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr S. Davies.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Surgery and Cllr Davies regarding installation. Note in Grapevine on location of Defibrillators in the Town.

33. Broadband Update Funding for Broadband agreed for match funding by Westminster and Welsh Government. Letters to go out to all residents.

Action: Note put into Grapevine.

34. Victoria Hall : Discussion around the Deeds for Victoria Hall. **Action:** Advice from Solicitors to be sort.

Cllr Van-Rees and Cllr A. Jones were put into the waiting room.

35. Emails from Mr Garland: Discussion around the emails that have been received.

Action: Further legal advice is to be sort and an EGM arranged following this.

36. War Memorial Institute Discussion regarding the future of the Institute and possible hand over to The Town Council for future management. Restricted covenant of the listed front of the building. Planning already in place to provide for two flats and ground floor for Council meetings for disabled access.

Action Clerk to source Grants and Public Works loans Board. Renovation costs to be advised. EGM to be arranged to discuss further.

37. Correspondence Email sent to all Councillors of emails received during the month that may be of interest to Councillors.

Letter from Amanda Edwards thanking the Town Council for their gift. For Cllr Pace-Avery's support and Congratulations to the new Mayor Cllr Davies and Deputy Mayor Cllr S.Jones

1. Email from Josh Hughes regarding Archery Community Project. Presentation had been given to the Dolwen Fields Recreation for All Committee. Risk assessments will be carried out by Archery GB Development. Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr Rickard. Chris Dodds may have old equipment available.

Action: Clerk to email Mr Hughes to advise agreement.

2. Ash Dieback. NRW. Powys had carried out a survey last year but it was up to individuals to carry out their own assessments.

3. Silver Kite Award – Proposed nomination for Amanda Edwards accepted and letter to be sent to Amanda Edwards.

Action: Clerk to provide address for Amanda Edwards.

4. Allotments – There are 4-6 plots available. Possible tree planting for the Queens Platinum, if no one wants to take up any plots.

Action Clerk to put a note in Grapevine.

5. 14th July Wales in Bloom. Help being sort for weeding, watering etc. Roads need to be cleared. Old walking boots being sourced. Fountain to be planted. Cllr Van-Rees has already offered help.

38. A.O.B.

- **Cllr Pace-Avery** had a text regarding possible activity of a suspicious car. This later proved to be a legitimate reason.

- **Cllr Van-Rees** – Paperwork received for request to provide liquor at premises on Irfon Crescent, Mandalay House. This is for a limited number of times and days. No grounds to object.

- **Cllr Watkins** Concerning Welsh Water Sewers and phosphate going into the river.

Cllr Van-Rees - There is a blanket ban on spreading manure and slurry on the fields.

Cllr Watkins- Sewage is being dumped into the river. Over 1400 hours of sewage went into the River Irfon in September 2020. Put on agenda for meeting with MS James Evans in July.

Date of next meeting - 21/07/2021

Meeting closed at 21:439

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Verified at meeting on the 21/07/2021

Signed off by Chair :