



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Council Meeting on Wednesday 17th February at 7.00pm

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

Talk by Reece Simmons PCC, Council Officer for Improving Broadband in Powys.

Powys County Council have employed Reece Simmons to help improve residents' access to better Broadband in and around the area of Llanwrtyd Wells. If anyone wishes to speak to Reece regarding the funding available, please email him on reece.simmons@powys.gov.uk

Councillor Pace-Avery welcomed Cllr Cheryl Rickard to the Town Council.

1. Apologies:

Cllr Amanda Edwards sent apologies.

2. Declaration of Interests:

There were no Declaration of Interest received.

Some Annual Declaration of Interest forms are still outstanding. Please can they be returned as soon as possible.

3. Minutes of the meeting from 20th January 2021.

Some slight amendments needed on Item 8 ref the segregation of glass and a few spelling errors.

Cllr Van Rees Proposed and Cllr A. Jones seconded.

4. Finance

- We are still awaiting the report from the external accounts. Welsh Audit are reviewing and waiting to be signed off. Clerk to contact Welsh Audit. Cllr Pace-Avery and Cllr A Jones were due to go to a One Voice Wales meeting and would bring up concerns over the Welsh Audit charges.
- Clerk unable to share Banking spreadsheet through Zoom. Clerk to send out to all Councillors following meeting. Clerk to share Banking Spreadsheet before meeting for next month. **Clerk to Action.**

5. Anti-Social Behaviour

- Dog Fouling – Still complaints coming in from concerned residents with regard to dog fouling. Due to lockdown the Awareness day with PCSO has not yet happened. It was suggested that the leaflet is still delivered to all households. PCC do not want to put more bins in the area due to cost restraints. Bins in park to be moved to two trouble spots, Dol Y Coed, outside the Fire Station, and Victoria Road. Clerk to write to Highways to see if this can be done and we will put our own bins in the park and empty them. **Clerk to wait until Cllr Van Rees has spoken to PCC before action.**
- Clerk had heard back from the Owners of the Premier Store, following on from their official invitation letter from the Town Council. They did not wish to meet with the Town Council. Builders had erected scaffolding around the front of the shop and builders were expected to start work on Monday (8th February).
- Sentencing had been passed on the two men that were convicted of damaging the front of the shop.
- Cllr Van Rees had received an email suggesting that the Traffic lights be moved further back on the Llandovery Road. After a brief discussion this was deemed to be unworkable.

6. Town Square and Green

- Update on Culvert below the Red Kite, Powys were due to attend the property Trawscoed Fach, where the culvert may begin and has been the subject of flooding in the recent downpour. Cllr Van-Rees to be copied into next email to Graham Astley, Senior Land Drainage Officer. **Clerk to Action.**
- Cllr Davies reported that the tree railings between Peter Cooks shop and the New Inn had been dug up and was sitting inside a small wall at the side of the New Inn. Cllr Pace-Avery to speak to the owners of the New Inn regarding it's retrieval.

7. Dolwen Fields Update

- Dolwen Fields Committee had put out to tender for the pathways around Dolwen Field, this was a requirement of the funding. There were trees waiting to be planted and schedule being drawn up. A variety of fruit trees, around 30 shrubs and seeds to be scattered. But the paths needed to be done first. At a recent meeting of the Dolwen Fields Committee it had been decided to set up a 'Friends of Dolwen Fields' Group. Clerk to complete the Risk Assessment for the whole area. **Clerk to Action.**
- Members of the Dolwen Fields Committee left the meeting to discuss the donation request from Dolwen Fields Committee. This had been raised in December 2020. Cllr Edwards had seen the supporting documentation for this and had supported the release of funding. After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the release of the funding. **Clerk to Action**

8. Feedback from Councillors

- **Cllrs S. Jones, Piggot, Chattaway, Rickard** - Nothing to report this month.
- **Cllr Van Rees** - Feedback on erection of a statue just outside of the Cemetery is nearly complete, just waiting to hear back from the Planning Department at PCC.
- **Cllr A. Jones** – Manhole cover outside of Oakley House is in need of attention. Has been fixed once but is in need of repair again. **Clerk to Action (Highways)**
- **Cllr Davies** – There were faults outstanding following the ROSPA annual report for the Play Park, that needed attention. This would be dealt with along with the Risk Assessment.
- Cllr Davies had been contacted by the Neuadd Arms Hotel with regard to a Defib machine being offered for use by the community. The Neuadd Arms Hotel did not want the Defib unit put on the outside of the Hotel. It was suggested that the Defib unit be put on the outside of the toilet block behind the New Inn. Clerk to liaise with The Neuadd Arms Hotel. **Clerk to Action**
- **Cllr Pace-Avery** - What kind of celebration does the Town want when we come out of lockdown. It would be good to plan ahead for this occasion.
- Update on the Food Bank, meeting due next week. Looking at maybe having something like a 'Food Pantry' in Llanwrtyd with a few items for people in need to help themselves with a possible use of a room in the Institute. Cllr Van-Rees to see if old Police Room could be cleared for it to be used for this.
- Donation had come into Town Council bank account in August 2020, from PAVO that should have been for Dolwen Fields and would now be transferred to Dolwen Fields Committee. Cllr Pace-Avery had provided the paper trail to support this. **Clerk to Action.**
- Emails – Councillors to make sure that their Town Council emails were correct and included lwtc or llanwrtydwc or similar, in the title.
- ATM – Now up and working but there was an issue with the electric supply being linked to the ground floor flat. Cllr Pace-Avery asked that we use the ATM as much as possible to ensure that Barclays do not have a reason to take the ATM away.

9. Planning

No new planning applications this month or planning decisions for Llanwrtyd Wells.

10. Twinning

Nothing to report from either town.

11. Co-Opting of Councillors

New Applicant, Mr Geraint Watkins. Clerk had emailed all paperwork to Councillors. Cllr Van Rees Proposed and Cllr A. Jones Seconded. Unanimously agreed. Clerk to write to Mr Watkins and complete paperwork. **Clerk to Action.**

12. Training.

- Code of Conduct Training to be carried out by Sue Lilly, Clerk to Llangammarch Wells, for all Councillors. Date agreed as 3rd March 2021 at 7pm. **Clerk to confirm date and time to Sue Lilly and provide email addresses to Sue Lilly for Zoom invite.**

13. Services

- **Public Toilets**
Waiting on return of updated toilet locks
- Lights to be switched off now warmer weather is here.

14. London Bridge – Sequence of Events

- Clerk had circulated the spreadsheet for what would happen in the event of the death of the Monarch, Member of Royal Family, Prime Minister etc. Clerk to ensure necessary items are in place in the event of a death (Flag, Condolence Book, Photograph, Ribbons etc.)

15. Correspondence

- Email from Llangammarch resident concerning allotment availability. Clerk to respond as developments are underway and to look for the announcement in the Grapevine shortly.
- Letter from Mr Green with reference to walking over Abernant lake land.
Cllr A. Jones had previously walked the route a few years ago with the Rights of Way Officer and it was deemed not a right of way. There were also issues of Safeguarding when the children were on site. **Cllr Van Rees to investigate further.**
- Letter to Powys Police Commissioner, ref remarks made in court at the trial for damage carried out on the Premier Shop. PCC advised not in his remit. Clerk to write to County Court to raise our concerns. **Clerk to action.**
- Letter from Abergwesyn resident concerning 4g masts in area. We are not aware of any further Masts being installed in the area apart from those already in place or currently under development.
- Letter from Twinning Committee concerning funding – Postponed in current climate. Will re-visit later in the year.
- Kirsty Williams has agreed to attend our next Town Council meeting. **Clerk to send Zoom invite.**
- Will Fulford will be invited to the April Town Council Meeting. Councillors would like an update on the progress achieved on : Employing local people; Craft Centre; Footpaths; bog and wetlands development. **Clerk to action.**
Due to time constraints not all correspondence was listed.

Councillors to advise Clerk if they would like any emails forwarded.
(Clerk to send emails that may be of interest in one email each Friday)

16. Emails

- Councillors reminded that separate emails should be set up for Council business.

Date of next meeting - 17/03/2021

Meeting closed at 21:20

Minutes Amended : Yes

Verified at meeting on the 17/03/2021

Signed off by Chair :

