



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 18th July 2024 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs M. Pigott, J. Davies, A. Jones, S. Jones, L. Pace-Avery, C. Rickard, G. Watkins, N. Price and Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

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46. Apologies: Cllr Van-Rees and County & Town Councillor P. James

47. Minutes of the June meeting and Matters arising –

Amendment to D Day Event should be VE Day. Cllr Pace-Avery proposed and Cllr Watkins seconded as a true reflection of the June Meeting.

48. Finance :

48.1 June balance sheet considered. June accounts were signed off as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery.

48.2 Barclays No. 2 Account – Claim has gone through and full access to account has been established. Proposal to bank all revenue from the Public Toilets into N02 account to keep it active by Cllr Rickard and seconded by Cllr Price.

48.3 Cheques for signing - The following invoices were presented for authorisation; Welsh Audit 2020/21 Flame Extinguisher inspection, Pavilion, Internal Auditor. Invoice from Powys CC for Bin collection from Dolwen Fields - Direct Debit proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr A. Jones - All Agreed. **Action:** Clerk to complete D/D for Bin collection.

48.4 Renewal of Electric Account – Renew with current provider Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr S. Jones **Action:** Clerk to respond to SSE.

Noted: Swansea Building Society now active following Clerk's visit to Carmarthen branch and deposit of £1

49. Councillor Updates –

- **Dolwen Fields –** 5k Fun run on Saturday 20th July. Wales in Bloom visit to Station, Dolwen Fields, School and around Town. Very positive feedback from the judges. Wild Meadow at the back of the Pavilion is starting to emerge
- **Green Flag Award –** Dolwen Fields has gained a Green Flag status again this year. Event will be taking place as soon as the Flag has been received.
- **Smart Towns -** Cllr Rickard attended a Cyber Security meeting and gave a short recount on what it entailed. As we now have the three hubs up and running, payments to be made to all hosts proposed by Cllr Watkins and seconded by Cllr Rickard.
Action: Clerk to raise cheques for the three hosts.
- **VE Day 80 -** To be discussed further at item 56.
- **DAS Legal -** Victoria Hall – Draft letter 2 received from Solicitor. Cllr Van-Rees to look at before agreeing, Solicitor off until the 28th July. Proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Rickard.
Action: Cllr Van-Rees to arrange for Cllr Van-Rees to look at Draft letter2.
- **Sewer on Dolwen Field -** Reply received from work colleague with some information which was not satisfactory. Arrange visit on Dolwen Field with Cllr Davies. **Action:** Clerk to arrange meeting.
- **Open Reach Broadband –** Cllr S. Jones – Build of service will struggle to meet all of the neighbouring properties due to non-take-up of pledges. There will be a meeting in the Heritage Centre on the 31st July, Still a lot of properties in Abergwesyn not pledged.
- **Twining -** Cllr James - School children from Meriel will be coming over on 21st August to stay at Manor Adventures. Approx 50 children.
- **Training for Councillors -** Clerk to send to all Councillors again to look through and contact Clerk with choices.
- **Finance Policy -** Clerk to send to all Councillors over recess along with two more and bring back in September.
- **Ombudsmen Resignation –** Carried over to next meeting.

50. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells:**County Cllr James unable to attend. Items that Cllrs would like to pass onto Cllr James**

- **Post Office Mail box** - Clerk has had reply back from Royal Mail, the post box has been lost/stolen. Intend to replace shortly.
- **Disabled parking spaces have been missed behind the Neuadd since the charging points have been put in.**
- **Regeneration Fund – Digital Noticeboard for Town Square.**

51. Planning Applications received and Decisions - None received. Concern over whether Planning Applications are being notified to the Town Council. Clerk advised that the Planning Portal is checked prior to meeting and nothing has been shown. Decisions come through every month and there has been no decisions made with regard to Llanwrtyd Wells. Monthly phone calls from Planning Department have not been happening this year.

52. Planning Training with Planning Aid Wales. Cheque sent in and waiting on further information from Planning Aid Wales.

53. Public Toilets – Cllr Rickard - Scheme to help charity provide toilets in third world Countries. Cllr Rickard shared the information, Agenda for next meeting.

54. Storage Shed, Llanwrtyd Festival Committee – Cllr Price and Cllr Davis to meet to look at available space on the Dolwen Field.

55. Contingency Plans for Ysgol Dolafon - Business Contingency Emergency planning for the school has flagged the need to have an emergency safe space for the children away from the school. Proposed use of Pavilion in case of emergency and to have keys for their use. Proposal to have Pavilion as safe space and keys cut for this use by Cllr Rickard and seconded by Cllr A. Jones. **Action;** Clerk to arrange for Memorandum of Understanding/ Keys cut and check with insurers.

56. V.E. Day – Cllr Pace-Avery - Advert put in the Grapevine to ask residents what they would like to do for this event on Thursday 8th My 2025. Mid-week event and not a Bank Holiday. Do we move to the Monday Bank Holiday or leave to the nearest weekend or evening event only. **Action:** Clerk to arrange advert in Grapevine.

57. Councillor Vacancy – Action: Clerk to arrange.

58. Correspondence Received –

a) Antisocial Behaviour Woolen Mill Carpark - Passed to Police. Happening on private ground so no offence being committed. Wollen Mill owners need to action.

b) Play Wales Summer Dates – Agree for event to happen Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr S. Jones. **Action:** Clerk to contact organiser.

c) Powys Representatives for Llanwrtyd Wells - Noted

d) Land Charges letter - **Action:** Clerk to seek advice from One Voice Wales.

e) Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries and e=bikes and Scooters- Yes to support proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr A, Jones **Action:** Clerk to respond

f) Dyfed Powys Neighbourhood Watch - **Action:** Clerk to respond

g) Keys to Public Toilets for Hygiene Company Yes Proposed by Cllr Rickard and seconded by Cllr A. Jones. **Action;** Clerk to have extra keys cut.

h) Pest control problems – Action; Clerk to contact Environmental Health

g) Postponement of Rating list, Public Toilets Action- Clerk to contact L. Ball.

59. Any other business for inclusion on next month’s Agenda. None at this time apart from what is noted on the agenda.

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.

Council is on Recess for the month of August and only urgent matters will bring about an Emergency General Meeting of the Town Council.

Date of next meeting - 18/09/2024

Meeting closed at 21:15

Verified at meeting on the 18/09/2024

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Signed off by Chair: