



## CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES

#### Minutes of the Hybrid Town Council Meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.00pm. Held in The Pavilion, Dolwen Fields

Attending: Cllr S. Jones (Deputy Chair), T. Van Rees, A. Jones, L. Pace-Avery, M. Pigott, C. Rickard, G Watkins, R Chattaway and Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk). Observer Rhys Lewis, Alkin Emirali and Mrs Emirali

**184. Apologies:** Cllr Jim Davies.

**Talk by Alkin Emirali – Green Energy followed by questions from the Council.** Slides of the presentation available. Cllr S. Jones thanked Mr Emirali for the talk which was very thought provoking.

Following the presentation the Town Council unanimously voted to support the project of Green Energy.

**185. Declaration of interest:** None. Clerk reminded all that there were annual Declaration of Interests Forms outstanding and needed to be returned urgently.

**186. Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022.** Confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr Rickard.

**187. Finance- Monthly accounts:** Proposed as accurate by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery. Clerk requested that the Finance meeting scheduled for March be postponed until third week of April to cover the final accounts for the year. Agreed

**188. Anti-Social behaviour:** there has been a spate of theft of plants in the town. Reported to police. No news yet of a replacement PCSO.

**189. Town Square and Green:** Premier Shop re-opening 21<sup>st</sup> March, Clerk had contacted owner to ask if there was to be an 'official opening'. No response as yet. Money collected to be put towards a re-opening plaque.

**190. Feedback from Councillors.**

**Cllr Rickard** - Food Faye 19<sup>th</sup> March in the Victoria Hall.

**Cllr Van-Rees** – After 41 years on the County Council would be retiring this year. Councillors expressed their gratitude for all that Cllr Van-Rees had done for the town over the years and his strong support for the town. His support within Powys Council on behalf of the town would be sadly missed. People did not realise just how much he had supported the town over the years.

**Cllr A Jones** – The hedge had been cut down on the Llandovery Road but the clippings and branches had been left on the pathway.

**Action** - Clerk to contact the farmer to advise that the clippings and branches needed to be removed from the pathway after cutting.

**Cllr Pace-Avery** – Library Memorandum of Understanding was ready to sign. The information that showed that the library had toilet facilities for people visiting the library was incorrect. Festival this year would be on the 25<sup>th</sup> June on Dolwen Fields. Cllr Pace-Avery ask that the Council allow it at a reduced rate. Cllr A Jones proposed that it should be free, seconded by Cllr Chattaway. Unanimous.

**Action:** Cllr Pace-Avery to send clerk the email to respond with link.

**Cllr S Jones** – Defibrillator at Abergwesyn had now been registered and serviced by Steve Amore but the battery was at 25%. Steve is going to look at replacement battery.

**Cllr Watkins and Chattaway** – Nothing to report this month

**191. Collection Update** – Cllr A Jones gave feedback on how much had been collected and handed over the money to the clerk. There would be a discussion next month as to how to present this.

**192. Planning: Planning Application – 22/0361/HH Tai Cai Mawr – Rear Extension.** No objections.

**Action** – Clerk to write to PCC Planning to advise.

**193. Twinning** – Visit to Meriel taking place. There are approximately 15 people going to represent Llanwrtyd Wells.

**194. - Co-Opting of Councillors** – Feedback from the Interview Panel was given to the Town Council.

**Action:** Clerk to write to applicant.

**195. Broadband Update:** Still looking for a further 30 households to be signed up for Expression of Interest.

Welsh Government had given little notice that they were to withdraw a top – up for funding from the 31<sup>st</sup> March. English Government was still providing funding. This may affect smaller schemes but here in Llanwrtyd we would be okay to continue. Clerk had already written to James Evans and he brought up the issue of the withdrawal of funding by Welsh Government in Senedd last week.

**Action** – Clerk to write to James Evans again to get an update.

**196. Services:** Abergwesyn Toilets have been accepted for the toilet grant. Waiting on money from PCC. If Welsh Government lift the Covid restrictions at the end of the month, the toilets will re-open in April with the cleaning returning to three cleans per week.

**197. Library Update** – Library to re-open at 10am on the 5<sup>th</sup> April, with a photo shoot being done on the 4<sup>th</sup> April. Advert put into Grapevine ‘Use it, or Lose it’. More volunteers needed, Richard Mears will do the Induction and there is an outstanding Risk Assessment that needs to be completed. Treflys had donated £50 towards the library costs, no response yet from Llangammarch.

**Action** - Clerk to liaise with Cllr Pace-Avery on completion of Risk Assessment and to contact Llangammarch Clerk.

**198. Update on Victoria Hall:** DAS have come to say that we need to contact our previous insurers to cover the 2006 period. Clerk has done this and it was the same insurers. This is ongoing and the insurers are having to pull our file from the archives to see terms of cover.

**Action** - Clerk to continue to follow this up.

**199: Dolwen Fields Update:** One last grant is being progressed for disabled entrance. Quiz night to raise funds 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Next Friday planting trees.

**200. AJR Celebrations update** – Brief meeting to update those invited. Buffet lunch to be provided. Press and TV/Radio informed. 11’30 28<sup>th</sup> April by invitation only.

**201. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.** Plans all going ahead. Looking at gifts for children 0-11years looking at commemorative coins or mugs. Numbers proving difficult to know. The duck race would be going ahead and the Fire Engines would be on the field on the 4<sup>th</sup> June. There would be a plant sale on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June in Victoria Hall. Cllr Van-Rees had paid for commemorative mugs in the past and depending on costs would do so again this year. Cllr Pace-Avery asked if the Town Council would pay for some stickers (£30 in total) for each child. Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery, seconded by Cllr Chattaway. Unanimous.

**Action:** - Cllr Pace-Avery to report back at next meeting of progress, numbers of children and costs.

**202. Smart Towns Hub:** Cllr Pigott reported back on the meeting to look at the Town and where to site the Smart Hubs. We have to have one hub in place by the end of this month. The Neuadd Hotel are in full agreement to have one of the hubs situated with them. This covers a large amount of the town. There will be a small cost to the person who has this installed with regards to electricity. This was put at about £28 per year. Cllr Pigott asked whether this cost could be paid by the Council, Proposed by Cllr Rickard, Seconded by Cllr Chattaway. We would also need to know the ongoing costs for when the funding runs out in five years’ time.

**Action:** - Clerk and Cllr Pigott to contact Telemat regarding the installation of the hub in the Neuadd and Mike Entwistle for ongoing costs and report back.

**203. Draft Social Media Policy** - Policy was discussed and clerk to bring back to the table next month.

**204. Correspondence received:**

**1. Letter from resident on Erw Haf** – Rubbish accumulating on building plot

**Action:** Clerk to write to owner of land

**2. Letter from Wales in Bloom** – Cllr Chattaway to pay for entry fee. Cllr Van-Rees to give £50 donation.

**3. Email from Beverly Owen Ystadau Cymru Team** regarding Ukrainian Crisis- looking for empty buildings, plots of land to help house Ukrainians’ coming to Wales.

**4. Speed Indication Devices** – Poles have been put up but waiting on North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency to advise when the devices will be installed.

**5. Parking Suspension- Victoria Square** – parking bay suspension from the 21/03/22 for 14 days.

**205. A.O.B.**

**Cllr Pace-Avery** – Drop kerb needed at the Train Station.

**Cllr S Davies** - Resident has 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Cllr Davies and an Rees to deliver flowers and card.

**Cllr Van-Rees** – Meeting with owners of Ty – Gwyn hopefully 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May. Looking at a funding scheme for support.

**Boiler in the Victoria Hall** – Quotes still coming in.

Meeting closed at 21:50

Minutes Amended: Yes

Verified at meeting on the 16/04/2022

Signed off by Chair :

