



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs S. Jones, (Chair), M. Pigott (Deputy Chair), A. Jones, J. Davies, C. Rickard, G. Watkins, N. Price and County & Town Councilor P. James M.B.E. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

93. Apologies: Cllrs Pace-Avery and Van-Rees.

Talk by Mr Dean Williams, Route Manager, North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency.

3 Questions had been sent to Mr Williams, which had to be agreed with the Senedd prior to the meeting.

1. Vehicle Activated Signs (VAR) What was happening with the one we have. *This was calibrated to 30mph but now the speed restriction has been lowered to 20mph the sign would need to be recalibrated and will be there as a back up.*
2. School Signs along the Dol-Y-Coed Road and Beulah Road need updating. *There had been a recent report done which did not highlight the need to replace these signs.* The Town Council had not been informed of any report being carried out or of its recommendations. *Mr Williams will find and send the report to the Town Council.* The sign on Beulah Road, outside the Belle Vue, is blocked from view when cars and delivery lorries are parked there. *There are no restrictions parking there but as the speed has been lowered to 20mph drivers will be more aware of signs.*
3. Layby overnight parking on Llandovery Road. Lorries contravening the 8pm to 6am parking restriction. *The situation needs to be monitored and those affected need to keep a log of when this happens and note any registration numbers or name of offending company and report it TRA/Police/Powys CC.*
Chair thanked Mr Williams for his attendance.

94. Minutes of December Meeting – amendment to Point 83, Deficit in PCC budget 20million this year possible £40 million next year. Once altered proposed as a true reflection of the meeting by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr A. Jones.

95. a) Acceptance of December accounts. Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Watkins.

b) Previous Accounts 2022/23 now complete and new spreadsheet to be signed off by Cllr Davies as Chair during this time. Proposed by Cllr Rickard as accepted accounts for 2022/23 and seconded by Cllr Davies, all in favour.

c) Budget: Presented as Final draft as agreed on the 10th January by Full Council.

Action: Clerk to send Precept request to Powys.

d) Cheques for Authorisation – Invoice for Bin on Dolwen Field, Hedge Cutting on Play Park, Office supplies and Heart of Wales Line (Howlta) Membership. Discussed and agreed. Cllr Davies and Cllr A. Jones.

Action: Clerk to pay

e) Building Society Account: Clerk to complete for authorised signatories. **Action:** Clerk to arrange signatories and return to Swansea Building Society.

96. Councillor Updates

Dolwen Fields – Cllr M. Pigott – Not had a meeting.

DAS Legal – Clerk had been in contact with Solicitor regarding the costs for the survey. Doubtful whether costs would be recoverable, along with the costs already incurred. Case for access is stronger.

Action: Clerk to contact solicitor to proceed with access case.

Library Update - Held over to next month.

Siting of Container on Dolwen Fields: Cllrs Davies and Price had met with representatives of Cambrian Archers to discuss siting of the container on Dolwen Fields. Place agreed, next to side of Pavilion (disables access end) Path will need to be resited as well as light (PIR) to the carpark. Memorandum of Understanding issued and agreed, to Cambrian Archers before placement of container.

Smart WiFi - Still no funding yet received.

Action: Clerk to chase up with Michael Lewis of PCC ref funding.

Bee Friendly Application: Cllr Rickard had completed the form, which was not the easiest of forms. Proposal by Cllr Price to accept the form information and for Cllr Rickard to send the application in to Bee Friendly, seconded by Cllr Davies. All in favour.

Twinning – Cllr J. Davies: Meeting on the 3rd February where they will decide on a date to invite members of the Meriel Twinning Association over. Dates to be given to the Town Clerk to write an invite letter to them. **Action:** Clerk to write letter once dates have been confirmed.

Land at St Davids Church: Exact location now confirmed.

Action: Clerk to advise Powys CC of acceptance of land transfer.

97. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells

- **Sustainability in Powys:** There are to be three hubs in Powys which will be rolled out to all in mid-February. There will be four clusters, Welshpool Newtown, Llandrindod and Brecon. Llanwrtyd Wells will come under Llandrindod along with Builth. This is a very challenging time and there will be cuts in budgets.

- **Fire in Llanwrtyd Wells:** Thanks to the intervention of our local milkman, Huw Davies, a fire was quickly put out along Beulah Road with Llanwrtyd Wells Fire Fighters in attendance.

98. Planning Application – Planning Application No. 24/0004/FUL was received on the afternoon of the 17th January 2024. This is a re-application for the development of three holiday lodges on land on Station Road. **Action:** Clerk to contact planning to ensure that all procedures regarding informing the community have been applied.

Development behind Gwalia: Following information received from Powys Planning, complaint to be sent to Powys Planning on breach of planning regulations

(Any new planning applications received after the date of meeting will be on the Town Council website)

99. Pavilion Update: Cllr Watkins updated the Council on the possibility of the Freshwater Pearl Trust renting a room at the Pavilion as a base. Costing for this was discussed and Cllr Watkins to come back with a response.

100. Shared Prosperity Fund and Regeneration - Meeting arranged for Wednesday 24th at 6:30pm with Rhys Howells, Town Centre Liaison Officer for Powys to discuss the arrangements for the open meeting in February 2024.

101. Memorandum of Understanding: Clerk read out the Draft Memorandum. This was discussed and amendments and additions made. **Action:** Clerk to send to Cambrian Archers once changes are made.

102. Grass Cutting Tender Renewal: Discussed and amended. Advert to placed in February Grapevine for Expression of Interest and Grass cutting plan brought to next Town Council meeting in February.

Action: Clerk to place advert for Expression of Interest in Grapevine for February.

103. Correspondence Received

a) Bio Diversity Report : Received and discussed. Clerk to report back with reference to inaccuracies in reported figures/ information.

b) Open Reach Full Fibre Optic Broadband - It was agreed that Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council would fully support the promotion of this.

104 . Any other business for inclusion on February Agenda –

a). Fly Tipping

b) Light at back of Victoria Hall.

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

Date of next meeting -21/02/2024

Meeting closed at 22:00

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Verified at meeting on the 21/02/2024

Signed off by Chair :