



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Council Meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs L Pace-Avery, A Edwards, M Pigott, J Davies. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

A minute's silence was held in tribute to the late Cllr June Parkinson

1. Apologies:

Cllrs T Van Rees, Ainsley Jones and Sarah Jones sent their apologies.

2. Declaration of Interests:

There were none

3. Minutes of the meeting on July 15th 2020.

The Minutes were unanimously agreed, - proposed by Cllr Pigott and seconded by Cllr Davies.

4. Finance

There was nothing to report on the accounts due to Barclays not having processed the request for a change in authorised signatories. The Clerk did not have access to the Barclays accounts as yet.

Cllr Pace-Avery would visit the bank again to see if she could move things forward and to advise Barclays we were considering moving our account elsewhere.

Clerk to look into whether we can access money from the Swansea Building Society in the interim period. **Action Clerk**

On the last audit, there were questions asked as the audit failed. Sue Lilly is dealing with any questions raised and will keep us informed on the outcome.

5. Clerk/RFO

The Town Council were going to hold a small socially distanced meeting for around 20 people to honour, celebrate and thank former Councillors and residents for their work for the Town and Community, but in view of the current situation it was decided to put this on hold until the Spring and review then. It was decided to go ahead and present a certificate to Ken (former postman to Llanwrtyd Wells) for his service to the community. Cheryl Hood would present this to him and advise of the small get together planned for next year. **Action Clerk**

6. Anti-Social Behaviour

The situation around Elizabeth Anne's is still ongoing. The Town Council wanted to show their support to Cllr Van Rees for the work done on behalf of the Town residents and Community.

Clerk to Circulate the proposed letter to all Councillors for approval. **Action Clerk.**

Dog fouling is still an issue along Victoria Road, Dole Coed and Station Road. In a recent email from Ashley Collins (PCC) they are re-looking at the request of providing and emptying of dog waste bins. Due to financial constraints they will no longer provide these free of charge.

However, Mr Collins advised that dog waste bags could be put into the ordinary rubbish bins. This does not take into account that there are no ordinary rubbish bins on Victoria Road, Dole

Coed and Station Road where required. Clerk to advise Mr Collins of need to provide further rubbish bins in these areas. Action Clerk

7. Town Square and Green

Letter from Gordon Green with reference to the Kite Statue in the square. After a lengthy discussion the following was agreed;

- The bushes below the Red Kite statue be trimmed back. These were put there originally to stop people from climbing on the statue and causing any damage.
- The electrics at the base of the statue had been repaired.
- NRW to be asked to carry out a survey of the Culvert running under the statue.

Letter of resignation received from Chris Dodds, who has been carrying out handyman duties for the Town Council. Clerk has sent a letter asking him to carry on until the end of the year until we go out to tender for this. This he has agreed to do.

Letter also sent to Simon Powell to advise going out to tender and asking him if he is willing to carry out ad hoc jobs as required until end of year. He has also agreed.

8. Dolwen Fields Update

£17,600 had been received from the Heritage Fund, bringing the total for the project to £54K. Work was beginning at the end of September on the road into Dolwen Fields. Park would have to shut while works going on.

Cllr Pace Avery reported that entries were coming in for the Sensory Garden project. Also that a message had been received from Daniel (name) about the gate being repaired at the far end of the field. She had given Cllr Davies contact number and this would be going ahead around the end of October.

Cllr Piggott reported that the hedge would need trimming before the gate went in.

Cllr Davies reported that he had already spoken to Gareth (Name) about moving this date forward. Access would be via the pedestrian gate.

Cllr Pace Avery asked for photos of the path/road onto Dolwen Fields.

9. Feedback from Councillors

Cllr Davies reported that the rubbish bin by the cemetery had not been emptied for a while. Had reported it and had now been emptied.

Seat has been installed and is being well used.

Cllr Piggott asked when the library was going to be opened.

Cllr Pace-Avery said that as the three people who worked there were volunteers, how safe would they be at this present time with the Covid 19 epidemic.

Cllr Piggott Local paper Cambrian initiative. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to be set up from Machynlleth through the Cambrian Mountains. Look at how we could support.

It was decided to gather more information and to report back at a later date.

Cllr Edwards Tras Coed, complaint over time of heavy machinery being used by George Davies (early on the Sunday morning and late into the night) George had been abusive to Cllr Edwards. George had been visited and received a warning about the use of the heavy machinery during unsocial hours and for being abusive. There was an issue over the new access that had been created onto the A483 and planning were investigating.

Cllr Pace-Avery Spar/ Premier Shop update. Clerk had spoken to the manger Mr Singh and he had said that repairs to the building were to start on that Monday and hoped to have it completed by December. The whole of the front of the building is to be demolished and rebuilt as it is unsafe.

Cllr Pace-Avery reported that the PCSO, Adam Chard, is leaving and would be replaced by PCSO Trudy Davies, she will be under the wing of Gemma Jones. Could we send a card of thanks to PCSO Chard. **Action Clerk**

It was reported that there were two teenagers on Dolwen Field who did not want to be seen. Reported to PSCO to keep an eye out for them.

Cllr Piggott reported that he had received a letter from the owner of The Whitehouse regarding parking which was blocking the entrance to Riverside. It seems to be by someone visiting the flats next door to The Whitehouse. Owner will be advised to report it the PCSO for action. Also recorded that The Whitehouse was now up for sale. **Action Clerk**

10. Planning

Clerk apologised as had not looked at the current planning proposals. To be forwarded if any thing is for Llanwrtyd Wells.

11. Twinning

Cllr Davies had spoken to Bryn and nothing was happening at the moment due to Corvid 19. Jérôme Francois, Mayor, had appointed two people to liaise with the twinning committee and resume activities.

12. Co-Opting of Councillors

We currently have 3 maybe 4 vacancies and we need to decide if we want to carry on as we are until April 2021 or to advertise again to co-opt councillors.

After a short discussion it was decided to;

Go out to Advert to Co-Opt new Councillors as soon as possible.

Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Edwards. **Clerk to Action.**

13. Services

- **Public Toilets**

PHS - paid for another year. Looking at these costs. Clerk obtained quotes for other Sani bin providers and relayed back to councillors.

Discussion took place on following:

- 1) As to whether to reopen the toilets this year
- 2) Change Sani bin provider.
- 3) To open the toilets in future from March to October
- 4) Security and Signage

The following was decided;

- 1) The toilets would be closed for the rest of the year.

Proposed Cllr Piggott Seconded Cllr Davies

- 2) Change Sani Bin provider next year.

All in favour

- 3) Toilets to be opened as before from March to October.

Proposed Cllr Davies Seconded Cllr Piggott

- 4) Disabled toilet to have a padlock fixing. Also, toilet signage to be covered up and sign put up informing times of opening/closing.

All in favour

Cllr Pace-Avery also suggested that we look at putting up signage for the toilets in the lay-bys either side of the main route into Llanwrtyd Wells, also at the Station.

14. Correspondence

Advert for new Maintenance contract to go out. Clerk had not written to Anthony Crocker although he said he was happy to continue for the next six months. Invoices had not yet been received from him. **Clerk to chase up.**

Clerk had been in touch with the new PCSO, Trudy Davies. Letter to go out to PCSO Adam Chard to thank him for his help. **Clerk to action.**

A.O.B. Cllr Davies asked about the Key Register. Clerk had on list to action. As far as aware all keys have been returned and only current councillors had keys.

15. Date of next meeting - 21/10/2020

Meeting closed at 21:00

Amended : No

Verified at meeting on the 21st October 2020

Signed off by Chair :

