



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Attending: Cllrs A Edwards, J Davies, T. Van Rees, A. Jones, R Chattaway.
Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

Visit by PCSO Davies: PCSO Davies was unable to attend as she was working days. Clerk to invite PCSO Davies back for the January meeting. Would like an update on the Spa accident investigation.

1. Apologies:

Cllrs Pace-Avery, S. Jones and Pigott sent apologies.

2. Declaration of Interests:

No Declaration of Interest were received.

3. Minutes of the meeting from 18th November 2020.

Changes under Twinning - Cesky Krumlov were to speak to local students regarding a Statue/work of art for the Dolwen Fields project.

4. Finance

We are still awaiting the report from the external accounts. Welsh Audit are reviewing and waiting to be signed off. Cheques due to be signed for Institute and Ratcliffes Builders. The audits dates have been announced and Llanwrtyd will have a basic audit over the next two years and a full audit in 2023.

5. Anti-Social Behaviour

Dog fouling in the town, we are looking at a number of measures to help alleviate this anti-social behaviour. This will include leaflets, a Dog Fouling awareness day and the positioning of more bins along the roads where there is the most fouling.

6. Town Square and Green

- Following on from previous discussions regarding the culvert beneath the Red Kite statue, NRA said it does not come under their responsibility. Clerk has emailed PCC and Welsh Water to see if it comes under their responsibility. **Clerk to action** and copy Cllr Van Rees in to future emails.

7. Dolwen Fields Update

- Tree planting last weekend
- GM Joyce are to resurface the path around the park.
- Phillip James is to put gabions between the road and field.
- Raffle tickets still available.

8. Feedback from Councillors

- **Cllr Chattaway** - Nothing to report.
- **A. Jones** - What is happening with the Premier Shop, have heard that the works will not be started until March.
Clerk to liaise with shop owners/manager when they are next at the shop.

Emails received from Ken Skates via Kirsty Williams stating that they have authorised the works to commence.

Cllr Van Rees had emailed Cllr Heulwen Hulme to help move the repairs forward.

Have also asked for signs to be erected in the layby's either side of Llanwrtyd to promote the town and to advise we are still open. Councillors to advise on what to put on the sign. **Clerk to source a banner supplier.**

Clerk to contact all agencies including the owners and insurance company to arrange a meeting. **Clerk to action.**

- **Cllr Davies** Wanted to know what was happening with regard to the police prosecution of the driver of the car, that caused the accident.
Cllr Edwards-hoping that PCSO Davies would have been able to provide that information and that if she was unable to attend next months' meeting then her senior officer should attend. If they could not attend the January meeting, then we would hold a special meeting when they could attend. **Clerk to action.**
- **Cllr Van Rees** had received an email from Reece Symonds, regarding the broadband in the area. He had provided a list of broadband users in the Abergwesyn community. Cllr Van Rees was hoping that Cllr S. Jones was going to be here so she could help with contacting those on the list. However, Cllr Van Rees would contact her direct. Cllr Van Rees proposed we support this. Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Van Rees seconded.

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9. Planning

Ref: 20/1908/FUL; Plot 6, Between 19 Erw Haf and Willow Lea, Ffos Road, Llanwrtyd Wells LD5 4RX

– The Town Council proposed to support. Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Van Rees seconded.

- Cllr Edwards asked if there was any further information on whether planning was required at property on Beulah Road. Email received stating that due to workload and Covid 19 restrictions the investigating officer was unable to attend and the investigation was on hold. Clerk to respond with pictures, provided by Cllr Edwards of the development and to copy in Cllr Van Rees. **Clerk to action**

10. Twinning

Cllr Davies received an email from Jérôme Francois, Mayor of Meriel. They have published, in their version of the Llanwrtyd Wells Grapevine, their proposal to continue the twinning with Llanwrtyd Wells.

Nothing to report from Cesky Krumlov.

11. Co-Opting of Councillors

This would be brought up at the next town Council in January 2021.

12. Services

Maintenance Contract.

Interviews had taken place for the Maintenance person for Llanwrtyd Wells. It was decided to offer the contract to two people as each had particular skills needed to carry out the contract. The two were Adrian Sole and John Burton. Clerk had drafted a Maintenance contract and emailed it for Cllr Van Rees's attention. Clerk to send out once approved. **Action Clerk**

Public Toilets

Email received regarding query to convert the locks on the toilets. Clerk to ask if this could be completed by March 2021, before sending off the locks for updating. Cost to send locks would be in region of £10-£20. Clerk to arrange for the locks to be removed and posted once timings confirmed.

Clerk to action.

13. Draft Social Media Policy

- Updated Policy had been sent through to all councillors.

Slight amendment to be made and then to be adopted by Town Council and placed on the website.

- Email accounts now set up, except for one, Clerk to liaise.
(New email addresses to start from 1st January 2021). **Clerk to action.**

14. Llanwrtyd.com website

Website has 'copyright LWTC'. Have asked for this to be removed as the Town Council does not own or run the website. Clerk has had confirmation from Cllr Pigott, that this has been removed.

15. Correspondence

- Email from Jack Griffiths of Tilhill Forestry regarding Llanwrtyd Wells Woodland Creation Proposal.

The is wrong on planning. Llanwrtyd Wells would be become surrounded by forestry.

Once the land is used for forestry the land is no good for farming for 30+ years. Cllr Van Rees proposed we oppose this. Discussion around the ethics of forestry v's farm land in the area.

Cllr S Jones' comments to be forwarded to Cllr Van Rees, along with Town Council comments

1. Key of what is being planted not easy to understand.
2. With the amount of conifer woodland that has been planted in the area over the last 60 yrs the area has become so acidic we have no life left in our rivers. (Have we not reached our quoter of trees in this area.)
3. Will the ploughing of the ground not be unlocking the carbon already stored in the ground.
4. Why have they bought this land?
5. What are they going to put back into the community?
6. The map of the area is not accurate.
7. The infrastructure around the area does not support the type of transport needed to facilitate this activity.

Cllr Van Rees to reply to Mr Jack Griffiths and copy in Clerk.

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)

A.O.B. - Cllr A. Jones wished to discuss the new email accounts. Clerk to liaise with Cllr A. Jones concerning this.

Date of next meeting - 20/01/2021

Meeting closed at 20:20

Minutes Amended : Yes

Verified at meeting on the 20th January 2021

Signed off by Chair :

