



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Council Meeting on Wednesday 20th January at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs L. Pace-Avery, J Davies, T. Van Rees, A. Jones, S. Jones, M. Pigott, 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 February meeting. Would like an update on the Spa accident investigation.

1. Apologies:

Cllr Amanda Edwards sent apologies.

2. Declaration of Interests:

There were no Declaration of Interest received.

Clerk had issued the Annual Declaration of Interest forms for all Councillors to complete and return.

3. Minutes of the meeting from 16th December 2020.

Cllr Davies Proposed and Cllr A. Jones seconded.

4. Finance

- We are still awaiting the report from the external accounts. Welsh Audit are reviewing and waiting to be signed off.
- Precept form to be completed, signed off and returned by 22nd January 2021, once Budget for 2021/2022 has been agreed for a second time as per Standing Orders. Budget agreed for second time. Cllr Davies proposed, Cllr Chattaway seconded. Unanimously agreed **Clerk to Action.**

5. Anti-Social Behaviour

- Dog Fouling - Due to the new lockdown we have not been able to get out and do an awareness day with the PCSO, Trudy Davies. However, a draft leaflet has been created and hopefully this will go out to every house once lockdown has been eased. The areas of concern are as follows: Riverside, Victoria Road, Dol Y Coed, Station Road and the walkway from Station Road to Tai Cae Mawr. Cllr Pace-Avery asked that a Member of the Council attend the awareness day with the PCSO, once a date has been arranged. **Clerk to Action.**
- Accident at Premier Shop. Culprits have been in court and found guilty. Sentencing on the 3rd February. Comments made at the trial were that both culprits were of 'Previous Good Character'. Clerk to write to Dafydd Williams to ask that this be reviewed. **Clerk to action.**
- Premier Shop owner working on the shop but repairs to front may not start for another 5 months. Meeting to be set up with all interested parties including Highways. **Clerk to Action**

6. Town Square and Green

- Cllr Davies, what was going on with the Shed at the old bus Stop. Keys now accounted for but doors need repair. **Clerk to Action.**

7. Dolwen Fields Update

- Waiting for Contractors to start the Coronation pathway. But nothing happening due to lockdown. Plants have all been put in. There are trees to be put in around the carpark. There are also fruit trees that have been donated. Basic Risk Assessment has been done for the carpark area, field and

Sensory/ Heritage Garden Trail but not any of the children's play areas, Pavilion or Playing Field. Clerk to complete the Risk Assessment for the whole area. **Clerk to Action.**

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8. Feedback from Councillors

- **Cllrs Chattaway, Davies and Pigott** - Nothing to report.
- **Cllr S, Jones** Issue with the Recycling lorry not closing the flaps on the side of the vehicle and recycling rubbish being blown out and littering. Also have the rules around what is being recycled changed. Cllr Davies added that the guys are not picking up if anything falls out of the recycling bins. May be a retraining need for employees. **Clerk to email PCC for advice.** There also seems to be a problem with the postmen dropping elastic bands. Glass recycling bins – Cllr A. Jones had asked PCC to put new labels on the glass recycling bins behind Victoria Hall as the glass no longer needs to be segregated.
- **Cllr A. Jones** – has received her vaccine and wanted to comment how impressed she had been with the organisation, not rushed, quiet and very well organised. Cllr Pace-Avery said that at a meeting with the KINS group that afternoon the PCSO had said how good the organisation was. We need to give this feedback to PCC and the Health Board. Cllr Pigott added that there were quite a few volunteers from Llanwrtyd working there. **Clerk to Action.**
- **Cllr Van Rees** – Following on from our discussion last month about the email from Jack Griffiths of Tilhill Forestry regarding Llanwrtyd Wells Woodland Creation Proposal. After speaking with Mr Griffiths, he has said that there will be no planting 30 metre from the road. However, this was already a protected habitat area anyway. We now have a greater knowledge to resist this forestry development. Cllr S. Jones believes that the Development Company was from Oxford. Is this a case of Welsh Development money being taken out of Wales. If the Forestry development in Llanwrtyd Wells is allowed to continue we will become surrounded by trees. Visitors to the area wanted to walk on open hillsides and it would be disastrous for the tourist and the Town. Cllr Van Rees said he had made it perfectly clear to Mr Griffiths that if they were to go ahead the Town would strongly resist it. Cllr Davies talked about Loftwen, he was the only one against that development, but Loftwen made promises about walker's paths, bog areas. Cllr S. Jones said she was against the development too and voiced her opinion at the time. Cllr Van Rees said that maybe we could invite Mr Fulford to the next meeting to see how things were progressing.
- Broadband for Abergwesyn. A number of residents expressed an interest in better broadband. Does anyone need any help with it. **Clerk to invite Mr Fulford to the next Town Council meeting.**
- **Cllr Pace-Avery** - Email received regarding the passing of Pat Lambkin in September. Mrs Lambkin was previously a Councillor and Deputy Mayor in 2019 for Llanwrtyd Wells, but was not a councillor at the time of her passing. Several members of the Council attended Mrs Lambkin's funeral, the Mayor in full regalia, and many more lined the streets as she passed through the town. There was also a minute's silence held in her honour at the time for those that were unable to attend the funeral. No disrespect was meant by not recording the event in the minutes of the Town Council notes.

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9. Planning

No new planning applications this month or planning decisions for Llanwrtyd Wells.

10. Twinning

Nothing to report from either town.

11. Co-Opting of Councillors

One new register of interest received today. Clerk to send out all required forms and to email to all councillors for a response. If all in agreement, Applicant to be invited to next month's meeting.
Clerk to Action.

12. Services

- **Maintenance Contract.**
Maintenance contract sent to both Contractors.
- **Public Toilets**
Locks have been sent off for refurbishment and upgrade to 50p.
Electric needs to be put on, to counteract any adverse weather.
- **PHS Contract**
Email received confirmation of cancellation and early termination invoice raised. Will need to dispute the termination fee.

13. Correspondence

Emails from following;

- URDD requesting a contribution towards future Eisteddfods. **Clerk to respond**
- Wales NHS – End of Life Survey response by 14th Feb 2021.
- Pavo E-Bulletin
- OVW – Survey – Your Town/ Your Future
- OVW – Social Care and Frontline Workers Day- 5th July 2021
- OVW – information on By-Elections
- Wales NHS – Report on GP Access Survey
- Dyfed Powys Police – PS Jenna Jones on availability of PCSO for Town Meeting.
- Cymru Hearts – Information on Defibrillators for the Town. Clerk to find out more information.
Possibility one installed in the Church Porch.

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 Davies** advised that Dr Amos would be leaving the Builth Surgery at the end of the month. Clerk to send a card to Dr Amos and a letter to the Practice Manager. Replacement had already been announced **Clerk to Action.**
- In November's meeting, Dolwen Fields requested a donation. Town Council, Deputy Mayor Cllr Edwards asked for further information. This had now been received and would be brought back to the table when Cllr Edwards was attending.
- **Cllr Van Rees** advised that at last we were going to get a new vicar and a house had been purchased in readiness for their arrival.
- **Cllr Pace -Avery** A satellite Food Bank was being planned for Llanwrtyd, however, the representatives of the Churches are not yet in agreement of how to support. This is ongoing.

Date of next meeting - 17/02/2021

Meeting closed at 20:23

Minutes Amended : Yes

Verified at meeting on the 17/02/2021

Signed off by Chair :

