



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs S. Jones, (Chair), M. Pigott (Deputy Chair), T. Van-Rees, A. Jones, G. Watkins, N. Price and County & Town Councilor P. James M.B.E. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

79. Apologies: Cllrs Davies, Pace-Avery and Rickard.

Talk by Mr Gavin Jones, Regional Engagement Manager, Openreach, regarding the Full Fibre Plans for Llanwrtyd Wells.

Representatives have been canvassing the area to inform residents of the Full Fibre that will be coming to Llanwrtyd in the near future. There are approximately 529 homes in the Llanwrtyd Wells Exchange area. 144 need to be signed up in order to trigger the funding from the UK Government. There was a glitch in the system previously that made it look like the register was full but this has now been fixed. This will be covering Abergwesyn too. If sign up, does not become a commitment until the infrastructure has been started. Connection survey will be conducted on poles and whether connection will be above or below ground. Leaflets will be distributed and a banner is to be placed on the railings by the bridge.

They will be returning in the New Year to speak to more people.

80. Minutes of November Meeting – amendment to show agreement for the hedge laying on Play Park Proposed as a true reflection of the meeting by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr Pigott.

81 a) Acceptance of November accounts. Proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr James.

b) Previous Accounts for 2018/2019 and 2019/20 were returned by Welsh Audit as Qualified Audits. Findings were discussed. Audits for 2020/2021 and 2021/22 were Unqualified and findings were discussed and accepted. Proposed by Cllr A. Jones and seconded by Cllr Van-Rees

Action: No Action at this time.

c) Cheques for Authorisation – Invoice for Library paid without water aspect. Toilet Cleaning, amended cheque for Victoria Hall, Heart of Wales membership. Discussed and agreed. Cllr Pigott and Cllr Van-Rees.

Action: Clerk to pay

d) Budget Discussed and agreed to have a separate meeting the second week of January to discuss further. **Action:** Clerk to arrange meeting.

e) Building Society Account: Clerk now had forms to be completed for authorised signatories. **Action:** Clerk to arrange signatories and return.

82. Councillor Updates

Dolwen Fields – Cllr M. Pigott – Funding received from Local Places in Nature. Short time frame to spend this. Cambrian Archers have decided to change from a shed to a container to house their equipment due to security and isolated area. Dolwen Fields Committee have agreed to clad the container in order for it to look more ascetically pleasing. Location of container discussed due to suitability of ground. If placed in carpark, too many carparking spaces will be lost. Agreement to be put in place for future maintenance of container and disposal for future. Brash from bushes on Play Park need to be removed. Cllr Watkins to do when able.

Action: Meeting to be arranged with Cllrs Davies and Price and Cambrian Archers to discuss location

Smart WiFi - No funding yet received but Michael Lewis was hoping to have confirmation for the Town Council meeting. **Action:** Clerk to chase up with Michael Lewis of PCC ref funding.

DAS Legal – Survey quote received for Victoria Hall and discussed. Date to be arranged for January.

Action: Clerk authorised to contact surveyor and arrange date for survey.

Twinning – Cllr J. Davies: remind the Town Council that the Twinning Association would be looking for their grant as they are hosting the visit from Meriel next year.

Library Update - Held over to next month

83. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells

- **Concerns over development, Rear Gwalia House, Irfon Terrace.** Certificate of Lawfulness had been Issued and a Powys Planning Officer would be attending in January. The Phosphorous levels had been Reduced for connecting to sewage, allowing the connection of the bathroom facilities also.

- **Abandoned car in Victoria Road carpark** - Police have confirmed it is to be removed.
- **Powys Business Drop-in Llandrindod** - Went well more happening, Brecon 29th Feb.
- **Berthlwyd** - Roof replacement has now started.
- **Sustainable Powys** - There is a 20 million deficit for 2024/25 and a predicted 44 million deficit for 2025/26
- **Affordable Housing, Tir Gorsaf** - Two of the five houses have been bought. It is believed that Powys are looking at housing local people into the three remaining ones. If you are already on the housing list contact Powys Housing to find out more.

Action: Clerk to contact Planning Department to enquire when Llanwrtyd will receive their part of the fine imposed for not building the six dwellings as per the planning permission.

84. Planning Application – No new planning applications.

Planning Application No. 23/1584/HH has been withdrawn

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

85. Vote of Confidence: Defer until March.

86. Shared Prosperity Fund and Regeneration - Email from Rhys Howells.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Rhys Howells on meeting date for January.

87. BUTE Energy Meeting - Cllr S. Jones attended on behalf of County Cllr P. James. Meeting well attended.

There were 3 representatives from Bute Energy. Lots of questions asked. Community Fund seems to be open to anyone who has sight of the pylons. This seems to be setting Community against Community. It was also mentioned that some of the cables can be put underground in places but not all. More meetings are to be arranged.

88. Fresh Water Pearl, River Management – Cllr Watkins – They are looking for somewhere as a base to run an office. Would the Town Council be willing to look at renting one of the Pavilion rooms. This was discussed and would be looked on favourably if the Pavilion was deemed suitable as a base.

89. Councillor Vacancy: Notices to go up and the required time allowed for responses. If no-one comes forward to request an election (10 residents) we will then go to Co-Option.

90. Christmas Lights – The lights have not gone up this year due to the delays with licensing and Trunk Road Agency. When the quote came in for the erection of the lights it had increased by over two hundred pounds and, due to the delays the lights would have only been up for three weeks. The decision was taken not to go ahead this year with the street lights but thanks were given to those that worked with Cllr Price in getting the tree erected and lighted in the Town Square. There will be a meeting with the Festival Committee and the Town Council over the future of the Christmas lights and finding an alternative way for the lights to be displayed.

91. Correspondence Received

a) Camping on Dolwen Fields – August 2024 – Agreed, costs to be advised **Action:** Clerk to advise

b) Public Statement by the Trustees of the Llangammarch & District Disaster Fund.

92 . Any other business –

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 -17/01/2024

Meeting closed at 21:45

Minutes Amended: Yes

Verified at meeting on the 17/01/2024

Signed off by Chair :