



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Virtual Town Council Meeting on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 7.00pm
 Attending: Cllrs J. Davies, S. Jones, T. Van Rees, A. Jones, L. Pace-Avery, M. Pigott, C. Rickard, G. Watkins and Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk). Observer: Rhys Lewis.

59. Apologies: None.

60. Declaration of interest: Cllr Watkins Item 67, planning.

61. Minutes of July 2021 Meeting and matters arising; Cllr Pace-Avery proposed and Cllr Van-Rees seconded that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting.

62. Finance: Accounts for July and August agreed Proposed by Cllr Van- Rees and seconded by Cllr Jones. New Signatories needed for No. 1 bank account. Name on No. 2 Bank account needs to be changed. Cllrs Pigott and Rickard to be signed up as signatories. **Action:** Clerk to contact Barclays for new mandate forms.

62a, 2020/21 Audit Audit Wales had a few queries but resolved and now progressing audit.

63. Anti-Social Behaviour: PSCO Davies had nothing to report to Town Council.

64. Town Square and Green – Artist who created Red Kite sculpture, Sandy O’Conner, will be in Town. Cllr Davies to present a print of the Kite. Cost of print £30. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees, seconded by Cllr Pigott. **Action:** Clerk to raise cheque for £30.

Culvert update: Residents affected by the flooding had received a report but the Town Council had not had sight of this. Clerk contacted Graham Astley, Land Management PCC. Report was for residents only. Waiting for reply to query on Culvert itself.

Filming in Town: Filming going ahead, setting up Friday 24th September, filming Saturday 25th and taking sets down Sunday 26th September. Volunteers asked for via Town Council website. Town Square, Neudd Arms and Belle View being used. Good publicity for the Town.

65. Dolwen Fields Update: Car boot happening on field. Bear in process of being repaired. New signage coming this week. Table tennis being used. Grant to complete the roadway, to be signed off by National Lottery shortly. Dolwen Fields Committee to meet with Town Council at next Town Council meeting in October, to discuss DRfA role.

66. Feedback from Councillors

Cllr Davies: Archery project, Josh Hughes doing taster sessions on the Dolwen Fields at 6pm this Saturday 18th September. Risk Assessments and Insurance documents provided.

Cllr Pace-Avery: Questioned role of Town Council Facebook page. Agreed role is for information and promoting all businesses that request it. **Action:** Cllr Pace-Avery to ask via facebook page if business’ want support.

Cllr Watkins: Nothing to report, very quiet at the moment.

Cllr Van-Rees: Report on Tihill meeting later.

Cllr Pigott: Had a Tourist and Trade meeting on Monday evening, digital hubs were discussed. Cardigan Council have transformed their town through digital hubs. Good idea to visit and talk to those that set it up. Agreed to contact Cardigan Council. **Action:** Clerk to contact Cardigan Council to arrange visit.

Cllr S Jones: Pull-in by cemetery, is it possible to clear the area behind and extend the carpark. **Action:** Cllr Van-Rees to action.

Discussion concerning the future of schools in the area as Craddock School was under threat of closure and had 100 children attending. No current threat to schools in our area.

Cllr Rickard: Attended webinar by OVW and Keep Wales Tidy. There is a National Campaign on Dog Fouling. Will distribute to all.

Cllr A. Jones: Hedging along the Llandovery Road overgrown, can’t walk along the pavement. **Action:** Cllr Van-Rees to look at.

67. Planning: Three planning applications have come in. Cllr Watkins was put in the waiting room as he had declared an interest in one of the applications. All three applications were reviewed and there were no objections to any of them. **Action:** Clerk to respond to Powys Planning confirming No Objections to the three planning applications.

68. Twinning: Very Little to report. Twinning have a quiz planned at The Neaudd Arms on Thursday 16th September. Proceeds to Twinning Association. Secretary is going to write to Meriel to agree the guidelines for the visit in May next year. Meriel had suffered torrential rain and landslides. **Action:** Cllr Davies and Van-Rees to email the mayor of Meriel to say sorry to hear about the flooding and wish them a speedy recovery.

69. Co-Option of Councillors: Notices to be served following the resignation of Cllr Chattaway. There was one person interested, however, they had not been in contact with the Council to take this forward. There are currently three vacancies on the Town Council. **Action:** Clerk to place notices of vacancies.

70. Feedback from Tilhill meeting 8th September: Minutes from the meeting had been circulated to all members of the Town Council. Cllr Van-Rees reported that the meeting had been more productive than anticipated. At the meeting was MS James Evans, Tilhill Area Manager Iwan Parry, Forest Manager Jack Griffiths, members of the Town Council and a few members of the public. But the Town Council welcomed Tilhills positive approach towards ideas raised within the area. There was concern over the restrictive dates for a response as Tilhill were yet to arrange meetings with the larger community impacted by this development. If Tilhill does not arrange to consult with the community, then these concerns should be taken up with Welsh Government and NRW. A letter was read out from a resident about the possible sale of further farms in the area but the Town Council is not aware of any further sales at the moment.

Action: Clerk to respond to Tilhill about time constraints to reply and the need for Community Consultation. Cllr Davies to reply to letter received from resident.

71. Services

71a Two bins ordered for the Dolwen Fields. Out of stock at the moment waiting for delivery notification. Once delivered, 360 ltr bin to be ordered through PCC for Pavilion and the three bins on Dolwen to be moved to the areas to deal with dog fouling.

Action: Clerk to arrange for the two bins to be sited on the playpark and large bin ordered with PCC and arrange for PCC to re-site the three bins.

71b: Contractors: Agreed to cancel contract with one contractor due to continued non-completion of tasks request.

Action: Clerk to write to contractor.

72. Library re-opening : Cllr Pace-Avery had met with Richard Myatt to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding that PCC had drawn up. It was hoped that the library would open on the 1st November 2021 and the contract signed on the 22nd October. There was still a lot of questions that needed clarity as to what the running costs were going to be and what amount the Town Council was going to be responsible for. The school had not been part of the discussions to date but hoping they would be going forward. The library needed to be self-supporting and not be a financial burden on the Town Council. Cllr Pace-Avery to report back at next meeting.

73. Update on Victoria Hall: Believe paperwork has been located and due process will be followed with regard to registering. Rubbish at the back of the hall/alley needs to be reported.

Action: Clerk to advise environmental health of issue.

74. War Memorial Institute: Plans were now with the clerk if anyone wanted to see them.

Grants/Funding will be needed for the changes. These are being sourced. Cllr Pigott proposed that a Sub-committee be set up. Those volunteering to the sub-committee for The Institute were Cllrs Davies, Van-Rees, A. Jones, Rickard, Pace-Avery and Pigott. Cllr Van-Rees to follow enquiries regarding grants.

Action: Cllr Van-Rees to see what funding available before sub-committee meets.

75. Correspondence: Letter from Resident about right of way at Abernant Lakes. This is not a right of way, although people do walk it. There is an issue over people walking there and safe-guarding the children when events return to Manor Adventures.

Action: Cllr Pigott to speak to Manger at Manor Adventures. Clerk to reply to resident.

- OVW report to be sent by the 30th September as to whether any Councillor had claimed allowance/expenses during 2020/2021. This stands at nil for that year.
- Queens Platinum Jubilee to take place 2nd June 2022.
- Heart of Wales line subscription £18 per year.
- Cemetery - piece of land to be transferred to LWTC. This has come through but needs change of address and map of ground has not been attached. This will transfer for £1.
- Update on Defibrillator mandate signed and go ahead to install in the porch of the Surgery. **Action:** Clerk to contact contractor to install.

76. A.O.B.

Cllr Watkins: River Project table at Victoria Hall on the 18th September to show what it is about.

Cllr Rickard: Would like "Men's shed" to go onto the agenda for next month. Cllr Davies reported that a 'mens shed' was on the Dolwen Fields list. Unfortunately, the cost of this was over budget but could now be looked at as a new project. There were grants available for projects like this under 'recovery and well being'. The Dolwen Fields Committee were due to meet on the 27th September and Cllr Davies would bring this up then and report back to the Town Council next month.

Face to face and Zoom meetings: It was possible to go back to face to face meetings but zoom meetings would still need to be accessible for those that did not want to attend face to face meetings. As there was no WiFi at the Pavilion, the Town Council would need to purchase a dongle to give remote access. The cost for this would be about £10 a month but would depend on how much it was used. Both of the Town Councils laptops would need to be used to facilitate this.

Action: Clerk to purchase dongle and trial it's use in a zoom/face to face meeting at the Pavilion.

Meeting closed at 21:20

Minutes Amended: No

Verified at meeting on the 20/10/2021

Signed off by Chair :

