



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Town Council Meeting on Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 7.00pm.

Held in The Pavilion, Dolwen Fields

Attending: Cllr Davies (Chair), S. Jones (Deputy Chair), T. Van Rees, A. Jones, L. Pace-Avery, M. Pigott, C. Rickard, G Watkins, R Chattaway and Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk). William Locke (Observer)

161. Apologies: None.

162. Declaration of interest: None. Clerk reminded all that there were annual Declaration of Interests Forms outstanding and needed to be returned urgently.

163. Minutes of 16th January 2022. Amendment to item 146, £26 per year for electricity for outdoor light. Following amendment, proposed as correct representation of the meeting by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery.

164. Finance- Monthly accounts: Proposed as accurate by Cllr Pigott and seconded by Cllr S. Jones.

165. Anti-Social behaviour: Still no news on new PCSO following PCSO Trudy Davies move to Brecon. An expensive plant has been removed from the Sensory Garden on Dolwen Fields. Reported to police.

166. Town Square and Green: Christmas Tree has been taken down. No update from PCC on culvert.

167. Feedback from Councillors.

Cllr Pace-Avery – Local Development Plan, need to start working on this. Local Councils are not down as Consultees.

Action: Clerk to put on agenda for next month.

Cllr Van Rees – There has been a stop put on building in Llangammarch at the moment due to connection to sewers. No response received from Welsh Water with regard to information going forward and access to sewers for current and proposed planning.

With regard to Northampton House, PCC planning have said it would be better to have a bungalow. The Town Council totally support the plans, as they stand, for a house.

Unauthorised development meeting, not able to attend. Transpires that extension of garden was authorised in 2017, but does not confirm whether front or back and does not include the unlawful erection of the shelter. Construction of this does require planning permission. Senior Housing Manager Mr Batt was not aware of the authorisation and therefore not taken into account. Mr William Locke was allowed to comment on this and urged the Town Council to support the tenant in her child-minding business as there was a need for child minding services in the town.

Action – To be discussed further when the new report has been completed by PCC

Cllr A. Jones – Letter had been received from PCC Cemeteries Department regarding the removal of headstones after they had been in place for 25years.

Cllr Van Rees reported that PCC had sent a circular out to say that they were checking tombstones etc to make sure that they were in good repair and those that were not were to be removed.

Action - Clerk to contact Cemeteries Department for more information.

Cllr Pigott – Rights of way Officer for PCC had been working on updating the walk ways at the Woollen Mill, Loftwen and Cefn Gorwydd over the past few months. Not able to do all as there was a limited budget but vast improvement in those three walks.

Cllr Davies - Chapel Events, plans were progressing. Bat Survey, waiting on this to happen.

Cllrs Rickard, Chattaway and S. Jones - nothing to report.

168. Planning: Planning Application –

21/2366/015/DIS: Land at Irfon Forest Abergwesyn, Discharge of condition 4 of permission 21/0436/FUL 21/2207/FUL Loftwen, Conversion and alteration to an existing attached barn into family home

No objections to either one.

Action – Clerk to write to PCC Planning to advise.

169. Twinning – Zoom meeting took place with the Mayor of Meriel. Visit to take place in May. Those going need to make sure they comply with current restrictions and regulations both in Wales and France. Meeting of the Twinning Committee taking place at 7pm on the 24th Feb in the Institute.

170: Moved to end of meeting - Co-Opting of Councillors:

171. Llanwrtyd Wells Pharmacy: Meeting with Mr Dylan Jones to take place on Thursday 17th Feb at 1pm for update. Collection up and running and donation box's around the town. Plaques to be ordered as well as flowers for presentation.

Defibrillator is now up and running outside of the Doctors Surgery and has been registered for use.

Action - Clerk to order plaques and flowers for presentation. Date for presentation to be advised.

172. Broadband Update: 137 people have now signed up but need 40 more. This is 27% of the 30% needed. Cllr Davies and Cllr S. Jones to look at the list of properties again to sort out those that are incorrect. Treflys community will be working alongside Llanwrtyd Wells and surrounding areas but will be looking to join the Broadway scheme at a later date.

173. Services: PCC have given a grant to all Town Councils in Powys for the extra cleaning of the toilets during Covid. Have not received one for Abergwesyn but chasing Powys for this. Llangammarch Wells have received a Toilet Covid Grant of the same amount. Still looking for the signed document that Town Council signed on handover for the toilets.

174. Library Update –

Cllr Pace-Avery updated on the negotiations. The breakdown of costs were very complicated but came down to Llanwrtyd Town Council paying around £198.49 + VAT per year for opening the Library. Need to have Public Liability Insurance, which should be covered by our current insurance. Have suggested that this is run on a review basis. Llangammarch and Treflys Community Councils have been contacted with a view to them contributing £50 per year. Llangammarch will put on their agenda for March meeting. No response from Treflys as yet. Any monies taken for fines are to be given to the clerk for banking and payment made to Powys CC.

Cllr Van-Rees added that we had raised funds in the past for the running of the library and could do so again, but if the running costs were to rise too high then we would have to review.

Proposal to open the library on the 1st April and review again in 6 months. Proposed by Cllr Pigott and seconded by Cllr Chattaway. Unanimous.

Action - Clerk to contact Treflys Community Council again. Insert into the Grapevine 'Use it or Lose it'. Also to contact Insurers with regard to Public Liability.

175. Update on Victoria Hall: Have still not heard for DAS regarding payment of our solicitors' costs.

Action - Clerk to email again and to contact Insurer to advise of the bad service.

176: Dolwen Fields Update: Cllr Pace-Avery read out a letter from The Dolwen Fields Committee. Clerk had not received a copy, Cllr Pace-Avery to forward. Letter detailing what the Dolwen Fields Committee had set out to do and had achieved during it's time and what the Town Council had in mind for the future of the Playing Fields. Discussion took place around the Play Park, ROSPA Report, Shelter, Disabled access, Funding and applications for funding. Cllr Pigott advised there was an open meeting planned on the 6th March in the Pavilion to discuss the future of Dolwen Fields. It was agreed that maintenance of the Dolwen Fields need to be built into any future budgets. Cllr Davie reported that Bear was still in the process of being repaired. The person doing this work was going to donate his time for free but there were costs to restore amounting to £250.

Action: - Clerk to write to Dolwen Fields Committee.

177. AJR Celebrations update – A small planting ceremony took place on the 2nd February 2022 here two trees were planted. There will be a full Dedication Celebration on the 28th April. A budget had been set and the numbers for catering had been confirmed, no further people could attend other than those that had received an invite.

178. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Meeting took place on the 4th Feb 22. It was well attended with most of the groups represented. Cllr Pace-Avery would be leading on this and Cllr Rickard would be assisting. There were many suggestions discussed and these would be pursued. The next meeting would be on the 28th February at 6pm in the Pavilion.

Action: - Cllr Pace-Avery to report back at next meeting.

179. Smart Towns Hub: Cllr Pigott reported that a meeting would be taking place shortly to look at the Town and where to site the Smart Hub. Cllr Pigott also had the opportunity to attend a meeting in Newtown, whose council were supporting on-line marketing, on the 3rd March to look at training on how to operate the Smart Hub. There was to be a meeting on Weds night with the Regeneration Team from Powys Council, Rosemary Harris. Hoped to have a better idea of how we can use these services.

Action: - Cllr Chattaway to attend the meeting with Cllr Pigott on the 3rd of March and report back. Clerk to contact Mike Entwistle with regard to Smart Towns and being paired with Builth Wells.

180. Update on Institute. Cllr Van-Rees was still waiting on access to funding. Plans were in place but needing funding to complete. Use of the Pavilion for Town Council meetings was a temporary one due to covid. There was a need to have disabled access into the Institute. Space would be needed for Council Chamber, Clerks Office, Digital Hub and the Food Bank.

181. Town Council Post Christmas Dinner. Menu selection had been given to the Neuadd and all confirmed.

182, Correspondence received:

1 - Email from Tourism and Trade Group ref Bus Parking. Response Bus Parking is available in School Road by the entrance to Dolwen Fields.

2 - Email From Tourism and Trade Group ref Electric Bike Scheme in Llanwrtyd. Full support proposed by Cllr S Jones, seconded by Cllr Chattaway.

3 - Email Speed Indication Devices – Poles have now gone up to house the speed indicators. Should be in place in the next few days.

4 – Defibrillator for Pavilion. Clauses attached to having this; must provide box to house in, must be registered and must have 2 ‘Guardians’ and trained persons to operate.

5 - Email From Mr Lyons ref Tyn-Y-Maes – wanted to know about the Forestry and how it is going to affect his property and copies of the minutes of any meetings we have had concerning this development. Response given to Mr Lyons including notes from meeting x 2 and offer to voice any questions for him at the next meeting.

6 – Email from Mr Gittens ref Llwyn Derw Farm Development - Looking to plant with Broadleaf trees. Ask Mr Gittens to next T.C. Meeting.

7 – Email NRW with reference to Survey – Developing Natural Resources Wales’ next Corporate Plan – Well Being Objectives Survey.

Action – 1. PCC asked to provide bigger and more signage to direct busses to parking space. **2.** Clerk to write to Tourism and Trade Group supporting the electric Bike Scheme. **4.** Clerk to source prices for defib boxes and to ask for more information regarding Guardians. **6.** Clerk to invite Mr Gittens to next Town Council Meeting. **7.** Clerk to send NRW survey to all Councillors.

183 - A. O. B.:

Cllr Davies. If the Twinings’ Meriel visit goes ahead, may not be back for May elections, as will be staying on for a short holiday.

Cllr Van-Rees Fire Brigade receiving training on burns. New Vicar is in place. Church attendance has increased by 20%

Cllr Watkins. With regard to the River Scheme, Children are taking more trips out into the countryside and walkers groups are taking part in the water taking scheme. Neil Davies is talking about taking more children out for nature walks as these have been sadly missing during Covid Lockdowns.

Mr Locke left the meeting.

170. Co-Option of Councillor The application was discussed and it was decided to hold an interview now that Covid rules had been lifted. An interview panel would be appointed and an interview date and time arranged.

Action - Clerk to arrange interview date and time.

Meeting closed at 21:54

Minutes Amended: No

Verified at meeting on the 16/03/2022

Signed off by Chair :

