

CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 7.00pm

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

Observer: Mr Robert Christie.

A minute's silence was held in memory of our late Queen, Elizabeth II.

- **38. Apologies:** Cllrs A. Jones, L Pace-Avery. Observer Rhys Jones sent apology, read out by Cllr Davies **Action;** Clerk to write to Mr R. Jones.
- **39. Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Davies and Chattaway Point 41.4
- **40. Minutes of July Meeting and matters arising:** Proposed by Cllr Van Rees and Seconded Cllr S. Jones.
- 41. Finance:
 - 41.1: Acceptance of July's Accounts and
 - **41.2: Acceptance of August Accounts.** Proposed by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Van-Rees. Clerk to check Litter pick amount for March is correct.
 - 41.3: Cheques for Authorisation: Listed: Proposed by Cllr Rickard and Seconded by Cllr Van-Rees
 - 41.4: Small Grant Application: (Cllrs Davies and Chattaway left the room)

Cllr S. Jones, Deputy Chair took over meeting – Dolwen Fields Committee to meet in two weeks' time, to discuss information provided by Twinning Assoc. and will be an agenda item for October Meeting.

Action: Clerk to put on Agenda for next month.

Cllrs Davies and Chattaway came back into meeting.

Cllr Davies back in Chair

41.5: **Review of Payment Authorisation**: Cleaners payments to be put onto list. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and Seconded by Cllr James.

42. Councillor Updates

- **Dolwen Fields:** Grant Application has gone in. Carboot 16th October on Dolwen Fileds Plans to extend the path around the field are still ongoing.
- Play Park: Cllr Davies and the Clerk met with the owner of 7Fit.Concerns over use of childrens skate park discussed. Would like to be involved in adult training equipment funding bids. Use of the Dolwen Fields for sporting use be free proposed by Cllr Pigott and seconded by Cllr James. Unanimous.

Action: Clerk to contact business owner for copy of Insurance.

- SMART Towns WiFi: Third hub still not fitted. Cllr Pigott and Clerk to provide form and site visit.
- **Berthllwyd:** Email from Powys received that morning. Further action to be taken proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr James. 7 in favour 1 against.

Action: Clerk to seek advice from OVW over lack of response from Powys and taking matter forward.

- **Library Update:** Cllr Davies read out an update from Cllr Pace-Avery. All issues now resolved. **Action:** Clerk to write to Mr Myatt.
- Victoria House Lighting issue: Bats are still in the area.

Action: Clerk to write to NRW and Powys Ecological Dept to take further.

- Victoria Hall & DAS: Form sent to Ombudsmen, waiting on response.
- **Regeneration Scheme for Llanwrtyd Wells:** Response from Owen Davies with dates for meetings to be responded to. **Action:** Clerk to circulate and arrange a mutually convenient date.
- **43. Planning Applications:** None received this month. Applications received during recess had been circulated and responded to.

Notification had been received with regard to the signage at the Premier shop, take-away unit. Proposal to write to Gwillam Davies/T.R.A./ Cabinet Portfolio Holder of Housing proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr Pigott. Unanimous **Action**: Clerk to write a letter to all listed.

44. Repairs to assets:

Roof repair to Abergwesyn Hall done. Honesty box still not able to open. New toilet roll holders in place.

No response to call for quote for repair to bus stop shed doors. Proposal to accept previous quote from Handyman to carry out repair by Cllr Watkins seconded by Cllr Van-Rees. Unanimous. Dolwen Field Gate Post: Go ahead given by Cllr Davies as post was in dangerous condition and in danger of falling over. Second post was also in a dangerous condition and would be repaired also. Clerk to find out costs of dipping gates prior to repainting. Cllr James to provide a contact number for Paul Carroll.

45. Cost of Living Crisis:

Cllr Rickard wanted to discuss how we are going to help members of the community with the 'Cost of Living Crisis'. Following discussions, it was agreed to try and bring together all the local groups that could help. Cllr Watkins advised that there was already a group in the farming community that could join in helping. Cllr Pace-Avery, although not present at the meeting, had already set up a group to help those in need and that group were going to meet next week in Victoria Hall. Cllr Rickard would let Cllr Pace-Avery know what had been discussed.

- **46. Notice Board for Trade and Tourism-** Cllr Pigott would like a notice board to be put up on the Square to advertise what is happening in the Town. A lockable double fronted notice board had been donated. Proposed by Cllr Pigott, seconded by Cllr Chattaway.
- **47. Robe for Clerk** Cllr Pace-Avery wanted to know if a robe could be bought for the Clerk. Because of the current economic climate, it was thought to not be viable at the moment. In the future we may also look at a smaller chain for the Deputy Chair.
- **48. Flag Pole** Cllr Davies proposed a vertical flag pole be erected on the Square. Not needed at the moment. Maybe in the future, again economic climate not favourable.

Cllr Rickard Left the Meeting.

49. Correspondence received

- Charles Gittens- Update to Woodland Creation Scheme
 Action Clerk to ask for actual plan of scheme.
- Funding Applications available discussed
- Llanwrtyd Wells Community Play Park Scheme **Action** Clerk to arrange meeting with group members.
- Pavo Locality Network meeting Action Clerk to send invite to Cllr Pace-Avery to attend.
- Cost of Living Crisis and Warm Places Discussed as part of the Cost of Living Crisis.
- Rubbish dumping Dolwen Fields **Action –** Clerk to respond to email.
- Stephen Hawkes LWCT **Action** Clerk to acknowledge email update.
- URDD Action Donation to be made. Clerk to raise cheque.
- **50. Future Meetings** After a brief discussion it was proposed that future Council meetings would be held in the Institute. Proposed by Cllr Pigott and seconded by Cllr Chattaway.
- **51. Update on Powys matters**, County Cllr James
 - Consultations are to held on Wales Air Ambulance being taken out of the area and 4 vehicles are to be added.
 - Llanwrtyd Wells Pharmacy Manager has reported that some medicines are becoming increasingly hard to get hols of. This is due to Brexit/Transport/Ukraine situation.
 - Town Refuse Bins (not domestic) are scheduled to be emptied on a Mon/Wed/Fri
 - Dropped Kerbs are to have yellow boxes/lines in front of them to stop cars from parking over them.
 - Recycling Banks are to be removed from 4th October. More household bins for recycling can be requested from Powys C.C.

- Town Investment Plan Need to pursue this as there is money available to help with regeneration schemes. **Action** Clerk to arrange a meeting with Owen Davies as soon as possible.
- 31st Oct to 4th Nov. Ffos Road will be closed.
- **52. Any other business for inclusion on next month's agenda.** Cllr Davies asked Cllr Van Rees for an update on Ty Gwyn for the next meeting.

Date of next meeting - 19/10/2022 – Presentation by Simon Pearson, Deputy Divisional Commander, Northern Division, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

Meeting closed at 21:42 Minutes Amended: No

Verified at meeting on the 19/10/2022

Signed off by Chair: