



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs M. Pigott, J.Davies, T. Van Rees, County Cllr P. James and Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

By Zoom Cllrs L.Pace-Avery, C. Rickards, S. Jones.

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90. Apologies: Cllrs A.. Jones, G. Watkins and N.Price.

Chair brought forward item No.108 Bacud Housing Residents: email received from resident concerning issues of concern, namely Slashed tyres, broken windows and 2 cases of attempted arson.

Residents attending, Aleksander Klyashitsky, David Cain and Robert Greenough.

Issues of concern discussed, which affect not just the tenants of Barcud but residents living in the neighbouring properties. There was an agreement with the previous social housing provider, before Barcud took over, that local people would be housed in these properties, but it seems Barcud are not honouring this agreement. The police are now involved and ongoing forensics are being carried out. Cllr Pigott expressed his deepest apologies for what has happened and we will be taking this further will Barcud. **Action:** Clerk to contact Barcud again.

Mr's Klyashitsky, Cain and Greenough left the meeting

91. Minutes of the October meeting and Matters arising – C.Cllr James proposed and seconded by Cllr Davies as a true reflection of the October Meeting.

92. Finance:

92.1 October balance sheet considered. October accounts were signed off as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Van-Rees.

92.2 Interest rates for Building Society Account – Clerk reported that the interest rates were very much the same as current account. **Action:** £10K to be moved from Current account to Swansea Building Society. **Clerk to action.**

92.3 Cheques for signing – Travelling Expences for Clerk, Handy Man Invoice, Welsh Water for Pavilion.

93. Audit Report for 2022/23 and 2023/24 Reports were both qualified and action points noted. Cllr Pace-Avery proposed that the audit was checked off and verified by another Councillor before being sent to Welsh Audit for 2024/25 All agreed.

94. Councillor Updates –

- **Dolwen Fields** – Working party had been out on Dolwen Fields. Dolwen Fields Committee will be doing a presentation at the Climate and Nature on the 7th December in Llandrindod Wells. There will be a piece in the Grapevine asking for people to come forward to design a sculptor with a cash prize for the winner. There was concern raised regarding the ruts on the field. This is mainly due to the adverse rain we have had this year. The grass cutting contract was also discussed and agreed to extend. **Action:** Clerk to contact Contractor.
- **DAS Legal** – Letter sent to Solicitor, awaiting his response.
- **Openreach Broadband** – Some residents have received a letter from Openreach saying their voucher is about to expire, but there has been an extension on the expiry date. The upgrade is going ahead and there is still time for those that have not yet applied to do so.
- **Twining-** Christmas dinner organised. Nothing else to report
- **Training-** list sent to all councillors.
- **Finance Policy-** to be brought back for the January meeting half an hour before the main meeting.
- **Cost of Flag pole-** Clerk to source a wall fitting to go on side of Pavilion. **Action:** Clerk to source wall fitting.
- **Dolwen Play Park Application-** Application has been sent. Waiting on response now. Clerk to contact L.Ball for contact point at
- **Insitute Feed back** - Cllr Van-Rees has been speaking to PAVO regarding funding. Town Council would like response concerning the questions about the Institute before proceeding any further.

- **Walkers are welcome visit:** Cllr Pigott gave an update on the visit in October. There was an estimated £6,600 was brought into the Town over this weekend. Walkers were impressed with what the town had to offer to walkers. All reviews had been positive. Victoria Hall, Heritage Centre, Dolwen Field Pavilion and the Neuadd Arms had all been involved in hosting some sort of event that weekend.
- **Sewer on Dolwen Field** - Cllr Price met with Daniel Humphreys. River Quality Liaison Officer, South East and Herefordshire, with Dwr Cymru and a report was sent through and forwarded to all Councillors. There were still concerns of the overflow and we are currently waiting on the environment report. Request to invite Dan to the February meeting. Hopefully the Environmental report would be ready by then. **Action:** - Clerk to request meeting for February.
- **Electric Bike Scheme** - Cllr Pigott reported that the bike scheme was going ahead. The Trade and Tourism Group had managed to get funding from PAVO for £41k. The scheme is hoped to be up and running from March. There would be 6 electric bikes and 2 Trikes for hire and hoped to have a bike mechanic joining the Trade and Tourism Group. The scheme would be running from the Neuadd Arms with appointed volunteers to help run it.

95. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells:

- **Leisure Services, Freedom Pass** - There has been a lot of discussion around wet and dry Leisure Services in Powys and the proposal has gone back to be scrutinised as it has not been thought through properly. There is also the issue of swimming being part of the curriculum in schools and the cost of time and fuel in children have to travel further to have swimming lessons.
- **Regeneration Funding** - Funding is not being made easily available to smaller town and community councils but there is Levelling up funding available.
- **County Council engagement with Powys Council** - Meeting tomorrow in County Hall.
- **Climate and Nature**- 7th December at the Metropole Hotel.

96. Planning Applications received and Decisions – No planning applications received. Erw Haf planning application has been approved **24/1176/FUL**

97. Cost for installation and removal of Christmas lighting - Quote for this year £970.67 plus £115 for the bunting licence. Llanwrtyd Festival Committee are paying half. **Action:** Clerk to pay and raise invoice. This year there will be a few events taking place, Carols around the Christmas Tree, Tractor run, Santa giving out presents to children. As well as the Christmas Tree festival in St James Church.

98. Abergwesyn Toilets - There is a lot of maintenance to be carried out on the toilets. The roof also needs looking at. **Action-** Clerk to ask John Bolton for a quote for any repairs including the roof.

99. ROSPA Report on Dolwen Fields playpark and skate park - Skate Park will need coning off. Notices to go up. Cllr James has red and white tape for this, also notice in Grapevine. **Action-** Clerk to provide notice to Grapevine and notices around skate park.

100. Six month review of Library - Now have 7 volunteers. Powys is changing the system they are using. volunteers had not been informed of the need to access training on a scheduled basis, Safeguarding training in progress. Children's area has been revamped for more room. People are using the library and reserving books on-line. It is hoped that story time and World Book day will be introduced in the future.

101. Agreement of rent for Pavilion by River Irfon Project - Hold over to next month.

102. Draft M.o.U for School - Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by C Cllr James. **Action:** Clerk to send to Ysgol Dolafon for agreement.

103. Funding Fair- Unfortunately this was cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions and a date in January to be announced.

104. Car Parking charges for Powys owned carparks in Llanwrtyd – As far as the Town Council is aware, there has been no notification of car parking charges for Powys owned car parks in Llanwrtyd. The Town Council will strongly oppose any decisions made on this.

105. Grass cutting contract April 2025 - Discussion took place surrounding the contract, to extend for one year. Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by C Cllr James. All in favour. **Action:** Clerk to contact current contractor.

106. General Flooding in Llanwrtyd - Discussion around present day and previous history of flooding in the town. James Evans MS, is going to visit to see the problem first hand. It is hoped that Ken Skates, Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales will be attending also but yet to be confirmed.

107. Town Council Christmas Dinner - Date set as 10th January. **Action-** Clerk to speak to venues to discuss further and send to all Cllrs.

108. Correspondence Received – Bacud Housing, no response to Town Council email. Issue also discussed at beginning of meeting. **Dolwen Fields**, discussed at point 94 under Dolwen Fields.

Christmas Turkey Trot, Sam Cuthbertson - Saturday 21st December, Fancy dress on Dolwen Field to raise funds for Ysgol Dolafon. Town Council fully supports.

109. Any other business for inclusion on next month's Agenda.

Follow up with Planning on the Section 126 of Local Planning Act.

Heritage Centre AGM 27th Nov 6pm in Heritage Centre.

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 a week before the next meeting.

Date of next meeting - 18/12/2024

Meeting closed at 21:51

Minutes Amended: Yes

Verified at meeting on the 18/12/2024

Signed off by Chair:

