



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Virtual EGM Council Meeting on Wednesday 6th April 2021 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs L. Pace-Avery, A. Edwards, J. Davies, T. Van Rees, A. Jones, S. Jones, R Chattaway.
C. Rickard and Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

1. Apologies: Cllr Martin Pigott sent his apologies. Cllr Watkins did not attend.

2. Declaration of Interests: Cllr T. Van Rees declared an interest.

Cllr Pace Avery welcomed Mr Iwan Price to the meeting.

3. Woodland Creation Scheme in Llanwrtyd Wells

- **Cllr Pace Avery:** Reason for the meeting was due to feelings running high in the Town over the weekend concerning the Llanwrtyd Wells Woodland Creation Scheme.

Comments had been made in an article in the Grapvine. Understand they had been put on without first being authorised and signed, but that had now been rectified.

All correspondence for the Town Council should go through the Clerk. If an individual councillor wanted to make their views known then they would have to be clear that they were the views of the councillor and not the Town Council.

Discussion took place around the Proposed Woodland Creation Scheme in Llanwrtyd.

The main points were:

- Llanwrtyd Wells was built as a tourist Town to encourage people to 'take the water' and to walk in the hills around Llanwrtyd. Our Town motto is 'Peace Amongst Beauty'. Need to focus on bringing back tourism to the area, back to it's purpose.
- There is sufficient tree planting in the area.
- Residents do not want blanket forestation of conifers
- Meeting to be arranged with Mr Jack Griffiths of Tilhill Forestry regarding Tyn-Meas and TyGwyn Farms
- Concern of viability if farms are to be split up.
- Need to be fair about the good points that forestry brings to the area, jobs etc.
- Proposed tree planting is mainly with Conifer and not broad leaf trees.
- Town Council needs to adopt a position of not supporting any future planting trees in Llanwrtyd Wells as well as the surrounding areas.
- Economic Impact Assessment to be completed.

- **Cllr Edwards** Proposed that we adopt a policy of not supporting any future planting of trees in Llanwrtyd Wells as well as the surrounding areas

Proposed by Cllr Edwards seconded by Cllr Chattaway. There were seven votes for and one abstention.

- **Clerk** to write to Members of the Senedd regarding the Woodland Creation Scheme. Also, to NRW, NFU, FUW, OVW, HRH, The Prince of Wales, Local Press, Radio Stations, BBC, Country File. Also to be shared on Facebook, Twitter etc.

Meeting closed at 20.00

Minutes Amended : Yes

Verified at meeting on the 21/04/2021

Signed off by Chair :