



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs M. Pigott, J. Davies, L. Pace-Avery, C. Rickard, N. Price, County Cllr P. James and Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

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60. Apologies: Cllrs A. Jones, S. Jones

Chair brought forward Point 68

68. Play Park Funding Application - Lynn Ball gave a brief history of the funding application.

The following was agreed

A Sub-Committee needs to be set up

Cllrs Pigott, Davies, Price and Rickard to be on Sub-Committee along with Members of the Play Park Town Council will need to see the budget and manage the project.

Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Van-Rees All in favour.

Chair thanked Mrs Ball for her time and completion of the application.

Action: Lynn Ball to send updated application to clerk for dispersal to all Councillors.

61. Minutes of the July meeting and Matters arising –

Cllr Price proposed and Cllr Pace-Avery seconded as a true reflection of the July Meeting.

62. Finance:

62.1 July and August balance sheet considered. July/August accounts were signed off as accurate.

Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr Rickard.

62.2 Barclays No. 2 Account – As per emailed copy of the accounts confirmed that all toilet revenue is going into No2 account.

62.3 Cheques for signing - The following invoices were presented for authorisation; Welsh Audit 2021/22, Fattorini Invoice, (Cllr Rickard wished it to go on record that she did not agree with the money being spent on the Mayoral chain during this time). Mileage amount confirmed for travelling expenses. Clerk to present again in October. **Action:** Clerk to raise cheques.

63. Councillor Updates –

- **Dolwen Fields** – Not much to report – New lock needed for gate. Cllr Davies to donate one. Bigger 'No Dogs' sign as people are still taking their dogs onto the Dolwen Fields **Action:** Clerk to order bigger signs
- **Green Flag Award** – Flags have been received, one large on e small. Large one will need flag pole. **Action:** Clerk to provide prices for flag poles and report back.
- **Smart Towns** – Cllr Pace-Avery had attended an online course and was concerned about how much the licence would cost after it ran out in three years. Further clarity needed going forward.
- **VE Day 80** – Only one verbal response had been received following the advert in the Grapevine. Further discussion needed.
- **DAS Legal** - Victoria Hall – Letter received and distributed to all Councillors. **Action:** Response to be repaired.
- **Sewer on Dolwen Field** – No response received from work colleague. Wait until Mrs Grubb returns from Maternity leave at end of November. **Action:** Clerk to invite Mrs Grubb to November meeting.
- **Open Reach Broadband** – Cllr Davies on behalf of Cllr S. Jones – Still need a few more people in the Town and surrounding areas who have not pledged to do so. There may be some areas that lose out because of this.
- **Twinning** - Cllr Davies - School children came over from Meriel. There were about 48 children altogether and all had a really good time at the fun day on Dolwen Fields followed by a BBQ at Manor Adventures. A short meeting was held with the Mayor of Meriel, Jerome Francois, who is committed to continuing the friendship between Meriel and Llanwrtyd, but was finding it difficult

to enrol members for this. **Action:** Clerk to write to Manor Adventures thanking them for their hospitality.

- **Training for Councillors** - Clerk to send to an update to all Councillors to look through and contact Clerk with choices. Planning Aid Wales sent out all joining information to Councillors on the 29th August. Please check emails and advise clerk if not received.
- **Finance Policy** – Carried over to next month.
- **Ombudsmen Resignation** – Cllr Van-Rees is pursuing this.
- **Public Toilets** – Safe toilets for third world countries. Cllr Van-Rees will be making a donation for this. Cllr Rickard to pass on details.
- **Storage Shed** – Cllrs Davies and Price met with member of Festival Committee to agree a place where a container could be sited for the storage of the Christmas lights for the Town. Site agreed and Memorandum of Understanding to be drawn up. This will be the last container to be sited onto the Dolwen Fields. **Action:** Clerk to draw up M.o.U.
- **Also noted - New Head Teacher now in place at Ysgol Dolafon. - Cllr Davies carried out a talk with the 1st year children – Cllr Van-Rees was presented with gifts and a handmade card from the children, following his retirement from the School Governors Committee – School is now starting to use the library.**

64. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells:

- **20 Mile and hour sign Beulah Road** - Now working again with 20mph flashing on sign. Consideration as to whether communities want to keep the 20mph. PCSO Price is available to carry out hand held traffic speed checks. **Action: Clerk to contact PCSO Price to carry out speed checks in Llanwrtyd Wells.**
- **List of funding available** - Cllr James to send copy to Clerk for distribution.
- **Local Development Plan** - 9 Hubs are going to be created for Powys. Llanwrtyd will be part of the Builth and Rhayader Hub. Concern on how residents are going to get to Hubs. There will be 4 sections and within these 4 sections there will be 9 Hubs. This will not happen until the Local Development Plan is adopted by Powys.
- **Age Concern** - There is a new report out for Older People Care in Powys.
- **Warm Wales** - Going to be using the Health Centre to help residents with heating queries.
- **Levelling up – EC and Regeneration** - It was felt that smaller Communities cannot compete in the Levelling up grants as they do not have the capacity to raise 30% of the capital required for these grants. 5 businesses are needed to apply and to provide 30% of funding, this is not achievable for smaller Towns and Villages.
- **Disabled parking spaces have been missed behind the Neuadd since the charging points have been put in.** Cllr James is still pursuing these concerns with Powys.
- **Powys Teaching Health Board** - PTHB are proposing to drop the hours that Llandrindod Wells Minor Injuries Unit operate, down from 8-12am to 8-8pm and the same for Brecon down to 8-8pm. You can have your say at www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/temporary

65. Planning Applications received and Decisions – One received concerning Plot 6, adjacent to 19 Erw Haf, Llanwrtyd Wells. Single storey dwelling with garage and new access. Ref: 24/1176/Full. Council voted in favour of the development. Proposed by Cllr Price, seconded by Cllr Van-Rees and all in favour. **Action:** Clerk to respond to Powys Planning Department.

66. Councillor Vacancy – The end date for any comments by residents regarding the vacancy ends on the 19th September. **Action:** Clerk to contact Powys Monitoring Officer to see if any comments had been received. If none Clerk to arrange Co-Option Vacancy Notice with interviews carried out on the 16.10.24.

67. Notice Boards, The Institute - The Town Council and the Twinning Committee have reported problems with the Notice boards outside the Institute. **Action:** The Institute will repair or replace the notice boards.

68. Dealt with at beginning of meeting.

69. Report from Cllr Van-Rees regarding meeting with PAVO - Meeting was favourable and a committee would need to be set up to form a Management Committee for the Institute. A plan is to be put together to alter the Institute and look at funding to achieve this. It is on hand to transfer the Institute to the Town Council.

70. Portrait of the King - Clerk has not been able to locate the Portrait on the Wales.gov website. **Action:** Clerk to contact other Clerks.

71. Correspondence Received –

a) Play Radnor Tuesday October 29th - Yes.

b) Job Centre Outreach Enquiry – No space, unless use Health Centre **Action:** Clerk to respond.

c) Warm Wales – Dealt with under Powys Matters.

d) Christmas Decorations – Yes, we will be having Christmas Lights this year. Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr Van-Rees All in favour **Action:** Clerk to send new form from Trunk Road Agency to Cllr Price.

e) Remembrance Wreath – Yes, report back to Cllr A. Jones.

72. Any other business for inclusion on next month's Agenda. Payment - Section 126 of the Housing and Planning Act regarding Tir Gorsaf.

Councillors are reminded that if there is anything they would like on the agenda for next month needs to be submitted to the Clerk a week before the next meeting.

Date of next meeting - 16/10/2024

Meeting closed at 21:56

Verified at meeting on the 16/10/2024

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Signed off by Chair: