



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 19th February 2025 at 7pm

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

Mrs Lynn Ball & Mrs Georgie Perrett – Wales in Bloom, Gardening Club Irfon Valley Group

Member of the Public via Zoom: Mr Max Knight

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144. Apologies: Cllr A. Jones.

148. Brought forward by Chair. Wales in Bloom - Mrs Ball and Perrett

Last year saw Llanwrtyd Wells being 4 points off a Gold standard. The feedback was that some areas of Llanwrtyd were letting us down, The Memorial Garden frontage by Institute, Wooden bridge over River Irfon (owned by Powys C.C.). County Councillor James would contact Powys CC on this. Two big containers had been purchased and were in process of being filled. Town Square, moss growing between paving slabs. Cllr Van-Rees advised that there was some funding from a local charity that could be applied for. It was requested that the bus shelter and the signs could be cleaned before the next W.in B. visit. Signposts do not belong to Town Council. A questionnaire is being sent to all residents concerning Wales in Bloom. Also speak to PAVO about volunteering groups and also Police Payback Scheme.

145. Minutes of the January meeting and Matters arising – Cllr Pace-Avery informed the Council that the children of Ysgol Dolafon were now using the Library. County Cllr James proposed that this was a true reflection of the Town Council meeting and Cllr Pace-Avery seconded.

146. Finance:

146.a January balance sheet considered. January accounts were signed off as accurate. Proposed by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery.

146.b Cheques for Authorisation – SLCC Membership.

146.c. Town Council Assets. Council Mayoral Chain to be donated to Heritage Centre if the Town Council were to be dismissed in the future. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees seconded by Cllr Davies. **Action:** Clerk to ask Dolwen Fields Recreation for all Committee for list of machinery to be added to Insurance.

147. Councillor Updates –

- **Dolwen Fields** – only have a small committee now of 5 people. Need to get some more volunteers to help out. It was noted that the Committee has fulfilled its remit, but also noted that there was still work to be done on the Dolwen Fields. The field has a lot of standing water on it and the field condition was not good due to all the rain we have had recently. It was decided to leave the field until the weather was better and to reassess the field then.
- **Victoria Hall** - Clerk to write to Solicitor. Fire Exit gate at side is being kept locked, Clerk to write to resident. Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery seconded by Cllr Van-Rees.
- **Openreach Broadband** – Quota has been reached and Broadband is being rolled out to all those that had pledged. Vodafone now onboard as well.
- **Cost of Flag attachment to side of Pavilion** - Clerk and Cllr Davies attended site and side of Pavilion is not tall enough to take the size of flag. Cllr Davies will buy a pole for the flag **Action:** Cllr Davies authorised to buy pole and attachments. This was proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr Van-Rees, all in favour.
- **Meeting with Llangammarch/Trefflys/Tirabad and others.** Meeting took place 12th February at Tirabad Village Hall. Presentation by Gwilym Davies, Head of Planning & Regulatory Services, Powys County Council. There will another meeting inviting more Town and Community Councils in the near future. This will be held in Builth Wells and is being arranged by County Councillor Jeremy Pugh.
- **Barcud Meeting** – Meeting held on the 12th February with Sian Hopwood and Jaz Pugh, Barcud Housing Association. Good Meeting, they are taking action with regard to fire safety and liaising with the residents of both houses on Irfon Crescent. Miss Pugh is attending every two weeks at present to meet with residents and take onboard any concerns they may have.

- **Play Park meeting** – Meeting on the 5th February. Following the rejection of the Lottery Fund Application, it was felt that match funding would be a better way to go at the moment. Cheryl Hood was voted in as the new Chair of the group. There are a lot of maintenance issues and also needed to take on board the feedback from the Lottery fund application. Site meeting took place to discuss further with the Play Park Committee. Day of Action proposed for the better weather.
- **Transport for Wales** - meeting on the 20th March in Victoria Hall.
- **The Institute** - Accounts are being finalised and an updated costs for conversion have been requested.

148. Already dealt with at beginning.

149. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells:

- **Local bus services consultation** - Closed on the 13th February. Waiting now on feedback
- **Sustainable Resource** ends 4th April.
- **Meeting 7th May 10:30am** Ken Skates, Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales coming to Llanwrtyd to look at drainage system outside of Woolen Mill.

150. Planning Applications received and Decisions – No planning applications or decisions received for Llanwrtyd Wells.

151. Missed

152. Abergwesyn Toilets - Cllr S. Jones wanted to clarify that the toilets at Abergwesyn were not part of the Abergwesyn Hall remit, but had been taken on by a team of volunteers to clean and open/close the toilets. Abergwesyn Hall Committee paid the electricity bill and there was a donation box for people to pay for the use of the toilets during the open season. Any repairs are down to the Town Council to pay for, although Abergwesyn did pay for the water supply to be repaired, as it was linked to the Abergwesyn Hall supply. More quotes for the necessary remedial work would be needed.

153. Woodlands, Ty Gwyn and Ty Maes – Cllr S. Jones would like to send a letter to Natural Resources Wales to ask why they are not clearing areas of trees that had been affected by the recent storms. The Park Society were already clearing their areas, while NRW had not even begun clearing fallen trees. Letter to be sent to Chief Executive and Deputy First Minister to ask why this is not happening. This is affecting bridle paths and maybe the Man v's Horse event route. N.R.W. needed to plan resilience against the storms and to make sure that power and telephone lines are not impacted when these storms arrive. The meeting with the Owners of Ty Gwyn and Ty Maes did not happen through Tlhill. The owners had promised cycle routes as well as other features when they first bought the land. Letters should be sent to remind them they are now part of our community and maybe they should set up an annual fund. This could happen for the other Woodland developments too. **Action:** Clerk to write to owners, in conjunction with Cllr S. Jones.

154. One Voice Wales Questionnaire - Cllrs Pace-Avery and Rickard are the Town Councils representatives for OVW. A questionnaire had been distributed to all Councillors to give feed back on the questions to the Clerk and Cllrs Pace-Avery and Rickard. **Action:** Clerk to remind all Councillors next week.

155. Consultation of Fire Brigade Services in Llanwrtyd Wells - Cllr Price urged all Councillors to complete the survey. There is a meeting on Thursday 20th February in Builth Wells Fire Station 3pm to 7pm.

156. Open Meeting on Flooding in Town - Cllrs Pigott and Davies attended the meeting and residents met with representatives of the Trunk Road Agency and Powys Council. They will be looking at flood scheme alleviation. The pump will stay in place at this present time. Powys Council have applied for a grant from the Welsh Government to help with the costs of altering the culvert. The pipework at the time they were laid, around 1846, was adequate for the flow of water but it is no longer large enough to cope with the current flow. This is an ongoing issue.

We also had a meeting with Welsh Water, due to the overflow of sewage during the last storm, but their assets do not come into contact with the pipe work we are having issue with. More meetings are planned to ensure this issue is being dealt with.

157. Victory in Europe Celebrations - It is still planned for an outdoor picnic to happen on the weekend following the day on the 8th May. Cllr Van-Rees will liaise with St James's Church to have a Church Service on the Sunday followed by a picnic on Dolwen Fields, with refreshments in the Pavilion. Advert to go in Next month's Grapevine. **Victory in Europe Flag to be purchased: Action:** Cllr Van-Rees to liaise with the Clerk on whether Church will have service and Clerk to put advert in Grapevine.

158. Doctors Surgery - Following Concerns raised by residents the Town Council are in contact with the Doctors Surgery in Builth Wells for a meeting to take place as soon as possible. **Action:** Clerk to keep in

contact with Doctors Surgery to arrange a meeting.

159. Correspondence received -

- **Tree down in Dolwen Fields** - Cllr Davies and Price and the clerk went to see where the tree was. Further information is needed before a decision is made. Bring back to Council next month. **Action;** Clerk to inform resident.
- **Filming in Llanwrtyd** - Clerk to ask for more information.
- **Electric Charging points behind the Neuadd Arms** – People are requested not to park cars in these spaces. These are for charging electrical cars only.
- **Location of Wind Farms and Pylons-** Carry over to next month and make an agenda item.
- **PCSO Gareth Price** – Has been successful in his application to become a Police Constable. There is no one in line to take his place at this time.
- **Janet Price and Gareth Morris** – It is with sadness that we have to report the deaths of two residents of Llanwrtyd in the last month. **Action:** Clerk to send condolence cards on behalf of the Town Council.
- **Invoice required for River Irfon Trust use of Pavilion Action:** Clerk to action.

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

Feedback on Training. – Cllr Rickard

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 - 19/03/2025

Meeting closed at 21:55

Verified at meeting on the 19/03/2025

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Signed off by Chair: