



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid AGM Council Meeting on Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs S. Jones, (Chair), J. Davies, T. Van-Rees, M. Pigott, G. Watkins, R Chattaway and County & Town Councilor P. James M.B.E. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

13. Apologies : Cllrs L. Pace-Avery, C. Rickard, N. Price, A. Jones

14. Carry over of Appointment of Deputy Mayor: This will be held over until next meeting in July when all Councillors will be in attendance.

15. Minutes of the May meeting and Matters arising –

Slight amendment to minutes Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr Chattaway seconded as a true reflection of the May Meeting.

16. Finance :

16.1 Acceptance of all finances for May 2023 – Accounts agreed and proposed by Cllr Pigott and seconded by Cllr Van-Rees.

16.2 Cheques for Authorisation: agreed and signed off

16.3 Draft Asset Register: Sensory Garden, Benches, Artwork and other items added to Asset Register amount agreed. Valuation for Mayors Chain to be sought through Fraterini's. Authorised Signatories for Building Society still unclear.

Action: Clerk to contact Fraterini's for valuation and costs and source authorised signatories for Building Society.

17. Councillor Updates–

- **Dolwen Fields:** Fun day went well. Press release in local paper. Meeting planned where continuation of Committee will be discussed as they have achieved what they had set out to do. There was a lot of paperwork that had been amassed, so space would be needed to store it.
- **Library:** Cllr Pace-Avery on leave. Update at next meeting.
- **Smart Wi-Fi** – Cllr Pigott and the clerk to set a date to speak with Third Hub current host.
- **Victoria Hall** - the Valuation had been carried out. Cheque required for Land Registry Fee agreed and signed off.
- **PCSO** - PCSO Gareth Price will be covering Llanwrtyd Wells over the next few months in place of PCSO Chloe Slocombe. His first meeting ' Cuppa with a Copper' as they are calling it went well with quite a few people turning up. Next meeting will be 12th July between 2pm and 4pm in the Institute again.
- **DAS Legal:** Solicitors now dealing with case. Clerk to update at next meeting. Cllr Van-Rees to help clerk with a letter of complaint be sent to Solicitors dealing with Adverse Possession application.
- **Telephone Box, Abergwesyn** - Powys had been talking to BT about the box remaining due to no mobile signal in this area. Cllr S. Jones to speak to Powys again as the phone is still not working.

18. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells: Cllr P. James

- **14th June** - Nature Event on Dolwen Fields, Private event attended by Chris Jones and Jackie Charlton, Theme of Yes, to climate change and No, to Pylons. Energy Representatives there looking at building Solar Farms on barren land, making energy for local people.
- **V.A. signs** – Trunk Road Agency (TRA) have provided figures for the cost of works associated with the V.A. Signs into the town, £18K. We still do not know who we are sharing the V.A. signs with. Garth, Buith Wells all have permanent V.A. signs where schools are situated.
- **Ysgol Dolafon** – There have been issues that are being worked through with the School Governors.
- **Flooding** – There were issues with flooding along the Dol-Y-Coed Road at the weekend drains were flooded.

19. Planning Applications received and Decisions – Two Planning Applications

1). Tir Gorsaf – Retrospective Planning for extension ref 23/0771/HH – No Objections Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr Davies.

2). Penrhos – Conversion of outbuilding to provide extra accommodation. No Objections apart from comments made by Trunk Road Agency. Proposed by Cllr Pigott and seconded by Cllr Van-Rees. Attention was also brought to the table of an appeal by Irfon Housel with regard to conversion of one house into two.

20. **Pylons-** Irfon Valley – update and correspondence received – Drop in session in the Heritage and Arts Centre on Saturday 17th June was well attended. People were helped to write letters to their County Councillors, MPs, M.S.s. Visitors attended too. Waiting for next step in the process. Still waiting for response from BUTE Energy to the questions raised with them. King Charles owns the shore line over which cables would have to pass if they were to do off-shore Wind Farms. It is hoped that he will waive the fee as he did in Scotland.

21. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW)

Clerk gave a brief outline of the payments that are mandatory for all Town Councillors and how to opt out of the payment. This will be brought back next month to cover any Councillors that have not yet been informed.

22. Final Local Development Plan – Meeting tomorrow night in the Institute. Reminders to out on Facebook and Nextdoor. Names for those new postholders in Powys C.C. to help take this forward to be provided by Cllr James.

23. New Standing Orders - Clerk has distributed to all. Comments required for next meeting in July.

24. Broadband in Administration – Both Broadband and Powys C.C. have issued letters to advise Broadband are in administration and are hoping to find an investor to carry on with the Broadband Scheme. This will not affect those communities that are already at the end of their connection, but it will affect Llanwrtyd Wells and Abergwesyn unfortunately. Details will be on the Town Council website.

25. Correspondence Received:

A)- Copy of Letter from Twining Association. Chair, Bryn Davies provided a copy of the letter that they have sent to Meriel. No response to date.

B) - Email concerning building plot in Erw Haf **Action –** Clerk to respond to email stating the Town Council will write to the owner again and Cllr James will also see if anything can be done by Powys C.C..

C)- Community Orchard request. This will be on the old allotment site, owned by Cllr Van-Rees. It was proposed by Cllr Pigott and seconded by Cllr Davies to support this venture.

Action: - Clerk to respond to request.

D) - Green Flag Award – Judging coming up . Flag ordered **Action:** - Clerk to respond.

E) - Road Signage, email from resident about the new road signs that have placed in the Town. These have been done in readiness for '20's Plenty for Us' campaign which starts in September. Not all roads will be affected by the new 20 miles per hour signs. Clerk has written to both Powys and Trunk Road Agency to ask which roads are being affected and awaiting response.

F) - PAVO- Older People drop in sessions. -First one in Brecon. Information given out via Council Facebook page and Nextdoor. Will be rolling out to other areas to local communities for future events.

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

Update on Meeting with Tillhill owners.

Transport for Wales – invite to next Council meeting.

Letter to Community Transport ref Station Building

Solicitors Invoice for work done

End of subsidy for buses introduced during Covid 19 will come to an end in July.

Volunteer work for litter picking coming to an end. Letter to be written to thank.

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 -19/07/2023

Meeting closed at 21:35

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Verified at meeting on the 21/06/2023

Signed off by Chair :

