



## CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 6.30pm

Attending: Cllrs M. Pigott, S. Jones, C. Rickard, G. Watkins, N. Price, County Cllr P. James and Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

By Zoom Cllr L. Pace-Avery.

### MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

**110. Draft Financial Policy-** Discussed and agreed to be brought back next month to be signed off

**111. Apologies:** Cllrs J. Davies, A. Jones, T. Van-Rees.

**112. Minutes of the November meeting and Matters arising –** Comment from R. Myatt regarding information on Library update discussed and agreed proposed by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Rickard. Agreed as a true reflection of the meeting.

#### **113. Finance:**

**113.a November balance sheet considered.** Clerk had found the cheque issued to Abergwesyn Committee had not been posted, now with Cllr S. Jones. November accounts were signed off as accurate. Proposed by Cllr S. Jones and seconded by Cllr Watkins. Clarity over which Dwr Cymru was for Pavilion or Toilets.

**113.b Cheques for signing –** Swansea Building Society and Cleaners invoice for end of year. Agreed to carry on with the litter picking on Dolwen Fields.

#### **114. Councillor Updates –**

- **Dolwen Fields –** The Climate and Nature Meeting had been postponed due to the bad weather so not able to carry out the planned presentation at the meeting. The paths around the field had been cleared.
- **DAS Legal –** Waiting on photographic evidence to be produced.
- **Openreach Broadband –** The upgrade is going ahead and there is still time for those that have not yet applied to do so. Gavin Jones of Openreach will be attending the rescheduled PAVO Funding Fair on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 10:30 to 12:30. **Action;** Clerk to send contact details to Cllr Watkins
- **Twinning-** Report next month
- **Training-** list sent to all councillors. Councillors to advise clerk of training they would like to go on. Two Councillors have already booked/attended courses on-line.
- **Cost of Flag attachment to side of Pavilion -** Clerk advised on attachments available but felt a more robust would be needed. **Action:** Cllr James to provide clerk with name of company.
- **Dolwen Play Park Application-** Application has not been successful. Request meeting in New Year with members of the Playpark Committee.
- **Insitute Feedback -** Carry over to next month.
- **Survey of Victoria Hall -** this has been postponed. Waiting to hear back from Surveyor or Land Registry Office.
- **Grass Cutting Contract –** to be renewed. Meeting to be arranged with Contractor in March.

#### **115. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells:**

- **Meeting Sustainable Powys 21<sup>st</sup> November –** Looking at amalgamating Town/Community Councils but not signed off yet, just looking at. On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm, there will be a meeting for all Town/Community councils to input what their needs are for the future.
- **Budget pressures -** There is a 13.5 million gap in Powys finances for this coming year. There will be a 13.5% increase in the Council Tax for this coming year.
- **Powys Schools –** It is estimated that Powys schools will need an extra £7.4 million for next year.
- **Email received with reference to the Czech Children who were vacated here during the war -** Information will be going out shortly to ask the Community for information.
- **Irfon Bridleway -** This will be closed for about 6 months to repair damage and stabilise the bridleway.
- **Beulah Road to Abergwesyn -** Planned maintenance to the telephone poles.

- **Meeting to be arranged - Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council, Llangammarch Community Council and Tirabad Community Council** with regard to possible amalgamation of the Councils by Powys Council. To be arranged in the new Year.

**116. Planning Applications received and Decisions** – No planning applications or decisions received.

**117. Abergwesyn Toilet Quote** - To be brought back for next month.

**118. Agreement of rent for Pavilion by River Project** – Start date required. Also quote for Wi Fi Letter needed for 10-year agreement on pond development on Dolwen Field. **Action-** Clerk to provide letter, Wi-Fi quote.

**119. Draft M.O.U. for School** - Draft provided and school find it acceptable. Now need to sign off.

**Action** Clerk to provide M.O.U. for signing.

**120. Funding Fair** already dealt with earlier.

**121. Siting of Soldier** – Cllr Price to look at soldier and see if a bracket can be made to keep the Soldier in the porch of the Institute and display him when memorial days come round on the Town Centre green.

**122. Barcud reponse** - Meeting requested also would like to see a copy of the Risk Assessment and Safety checks for the building concerned.

**123. Declaration of Interests Forms for 2025** - Clerk handed out D.o.I. Forms to all Councillors present. To be returned by January meeting. **Action:** Clerk to send to all those Councillors not present.

**124. Section 126 and 106 of the planning Act** - Response received from Powys Planning. Need to keep chasing this.

**125. Councillor Vacancy** - To be advertised with open end date until at least one application received.

**Action:** Clerk to place advert in January Grapevine.

**126. Town Council Christmas Dinner** - Date and venue to be advised. **Action;** Clerk to send menus and advise of dates to all Councillors.

**127. Correspondence received** - Email from R Myatt already dealt with at point 112.

Letter from SSE with regard to Smart meter for Public Toilets, discussed and agreed Proposed by Cllr Rickard and seconded by Cllr Price all in agreement. **Action;** Clerk to arrange appointment with SSE.

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

Christmas Lighting Costs; Heart of Wales Line; Diane Reynolds

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 - 15/01/2025**

Meeting closed at 20:32

Verified at meeting on the 15/01/2025

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Signed off by Chair: