



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7.00pm

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

Presentation to Jason Lambe-Baker : Town Councillors, Fellow Cadets and Cambrian Archers gathered before the Red Kite statue on Llanwrtyd Square to present Jason with a scroll thanking him for the contribution he made in litter picking on Dolwen Fields as well as other areas around Llanwrtyd. This was to contribute towards his Duke of Edinburgh Award. The scroll was presented by The Mayor and Chair of Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council, Sarah Jones.

40. Apologies : Cllr A. Jones and L. Pace-Avery.

41. Minutes of July Meeting. Nominated as a true reflection of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Pigott and seconded by Cllr Van-Rees.

42. a) Acceptance of July accounts. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr Davies

b) Yearly accounts. Update by Clerk.

Action: Clerk to send 22/23 accounts to Cllr Pigott for investigation.

c) Cheques for Authorisation – Invoice for Library, Xmas electricity. **Action:** Clerk to query water aspect of library invoice.

d) Solicitors Invoice. To be calculated as part of claim. **Action:** Clerk provided email address of claim solicitor to Solicitor.

e) Movement of Money into Swansea Building Society. Proposed by Cllr Pigott and seconded by Cllr Van-Rees **Action:** Clerk to put in place.

43. Councillor Updates

Dolwen Fields – Cllr M. Pigott – Wales in Bloom, Good Neighbour Award – Outstanding. Cllr Davies reported that the Himalayan Balsam had been removed as much as possible from around the field and that it was being stored on site while it rotted away.

Cllr N. Price attended a meeting with the Play Park Group. Has asked them to concentrate on the Toddlers area of the Play Park. They are still looking to fundraise and apply for grants. Hedges are still overgrown.

Action: Cllr N. Price and G. Watkins to liaise on hedge cutting. Cllr N. Price and J. Davies to re-instate the monthly checks on the Play Park to highlight any safety issues.

Camping on Dolwen Fields. Pavilion will be closed Nov to end of March. **Action:** Clerk to respond

Smart WiFi - Clerk attended site and third hub to be removed. **Action:** Clerk to contact installer to remove and re-instate at alternative venue.

DAS Legal – Clerk updated on current status of claim. It was decided to seek advice from Claim solicitor as soon as he is back from leave. **Action:** Clerk to contact Solicitor once he is returns.

Twining – Cllr J. Davies reported that it was a successful visit to Meriel. Jerome now has an assistant who will handle any queries. Reported there to be a lot of interest in the Twining to continue. There is to be a trip to Manor Adventure by the school in Meriel and it is hoped to set up a connection between the two schools.

Library Update - Cllr Pace-Avery on leave, carry over to October meeting.

Pat Drydens Funeral - Cllr L. Pace-Avery had sent in a report of the day. Pat was a former Clerk to Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council.

Anti-Social Behaviour – It had been reported that a male had damaged one of the benches in the Play Park. PCSO Price had been informed and will be checking the area. Handyman reported that the bench was beyond repair. **Action:** Clerk to ask Handyman to remove the bench for disposal.

44. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells

Bus Service and connections – Timetable seems to have been changed so that children are not stranded in Builth Wells for connecting bus to Llanwrtyd.

Electric Charging points – Llanwrtyd Wells had not been mentioned in the last list of notifications. However, it has been confirmed that Llanwrtyd Wells will get 4 charging points in the Powys owned carpark in Zion Street. Date to be confirmed.

Brecon Recycling Centre – This will be closed for refurbishment for three months from the 16th November 2023.

Powys County Council Officers - There seems to be a large number of officers leaving the council and nothing in place to replace them.

Land Transfer - The small piece of land near St David's Church has not been finalised. Cllr P. James to take forward at Planning meeting.

Office For National Statistics - Anyone can go onto this site and see the figures that the Government has issued on all sorts of information.

Help Needed - Powys Older Adults are looking to set up a Group with the aim of ensuring the views and lived experiences is at the heart of the project. For more information on this contact

Rachel.roberts2@powys.gov.uk or hannah.offord@powys.gov.uk

Dead Sheep – Powys have outlined how to dispose of dead sheep following a farmer being fined 1.3k for not doing so. <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4497/Animal-Welfares>

Sustainable Services - There is shortfall of 8million in the budget for next year and it is expected to double the following year. Cutbacks are to be expected.

Child Services – There are to be three new Child Care Homes built Brecon, Ystradgynlais and Newtown. This follows Powys having to fund the outsourcing of children, out of Powys to other areas.

Heart of Wales Line - Cllr J. Davies reported that the H.O.W. Line had been voted the most unreliable train line, with Llandovery being in first place and Llanwrtyd in second.

45. Planning Application – Ref 23/1438/DIS – Chapel Irfon, Discharge of Conditions 8 & 9 of listed building consent 22/1806/LBC. No decisions have been notified for this month.

46. Standards Committee Report – Cllr T. Van-Rees left the meeting. Town Council discussed the Standards Committee Report. Cllr T. Van Rees returned to the meeting. **Action:** Clerk to chase letter to Fire Brigade and to write to Powys Standards Committee

47. Local Places for Nature - Report had been circulated to all Councillors and Lynn Ball. **Action:** Cllr M. Pigott to bring to the attention of Dolwen Fields Committee at their next meeting.

48. Shared Prosperity Fund and Regeneration – Meeting still to be arranged. Dates had been received from Funding team. PCC Town Centre Liaison Officer is Rhys Howells. Cllr P James advised that the Regeneration Team were waiting on a signed acceptance of the Town Regeneration Plan.

Action – Clerk to arrange meeting with Powys TCLO and Funding co-ordinator. Also, to check emails regarding Signed acceptance Forms

49. New Standing Orders – Discussed and agreed Proposed by Cllr M. Pigott and seconded by Cllr C. Rickard. To be reviewed every three years.

50. Correspondence received – Lynn Ball (Not Dolwen Fields Committee)– **Action** – Clerk to respond **Welsh Water**, Emergency access to Dolwen Field. **Action:** Clerk to respond.

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, in writing, a week before the date of the next meeting.

Date of next meeting -18/10/2023

Meeting closed at 21:40

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Verified at meeting on the 18/10/2023

Signed off by Chair :

