



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 7.00pm

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

27. Apologies : Cllr A. Jones

Talk by Alex Bryant-Evans from Transport for Wales, Stakeholder Manager (Mid and West Wales)

A series of questions had been sent to Mr Bryant-Evans prior to the meeting, A brief summary of the talk is as follows; The new train stock has been delayed, Training needs to be carried out for all drivers. New recruitment campaign is in situ for drivers and staff. Train Driver training period 12 months. Aware of the problem with replacement buses, trying to remedy and co-ordinated. There will be a re-jig of the timetables as since Covid, use of the trains has changed. Carriages will have space for bikes. Would like the infrastructure of the lines to be passed to Transport for Wales, currently Network rail own and run (UK Government). Timescale for new train stock March 2024.

28. **Carry over of Appointment of Deputy Mayor:** After a brief discussion, Cllr Pace-Avery nominated Cllr Pigott and seconded by Cllr Van-Rees. All in favour.

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

30. a) **Acceptance of June accounts.** Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr Pigott

b) **Yearly accounts.** 2022/23 accounts couldn't be signed off due to a +81p in the accounts. Deadline for return missed. Internal auditor on annual leave. No sign of return of 2018/19 – 2021/22 accounts from Audit Wales.

Swansea Building Society, Authorised signatories now confirmed. Old signatories to sign mandate to change to Clerk, C. Hood, Cllr M.Pigott and Cllr P. James to remain on authorised signatories. **Action-** Clerk to arrange.

c) **Cheques for Authorisation** – Zoom subscription and Handyman's invoice.

d) **Solicitors Invoice.** Defer until September meeting.

31. Councillor Updates

Dolwen Fields – Cllr M. Pigott Green Flag status awarded again. Vegetables given out to the Wednesday Club. Meeting of Committee voted to continue on. (Cllr Pigott to provide) Memorandum of Understanding will need to be updated with the Town Council. Sensory Garden will need a water source over the summer to ensure plants do not die. **Play Park** - Hedges are overgrown

Action: Clerk to ask Contractor to cut back. Also, Agenda for September for hedge cutting to be included in Quote for next year. Cllr N. Price asked to re-instate the monthly checks on the Play Park to highlight any safety issues.

Smart WiFi - Cllr Pigott Visit to be rescheduled with Clerk and Cllr Pigott.

Victoria Hall - Clerk. Deeds are now with Land Registry. Cllr Pigott to report if the guttering has been fixed on the side of the Hall, Surveyors report to be carried out. Clerk to organise Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery.

Twinning – Cllr S. Jones No response to letter sent by Twinning Committee.

Action: Clerk to send letter to both Cesky Krumlov and Meriel to inform of new mayor, to be sent end of August.

End of Volunteer Litter Picking – Cllr J. Davies. Thank you letter to be sent. **Action-** Clerk to arrange before September meeting, 6:30 in front of the Red Kite Statue on the Square.

Builth Wells Community Support Meeting – Cllr Pace-Avery attended. New Committee set up. Employing support workers to help with hospital to home discharges.

Community Transport and Station Building - LWCT are still based in Llandrindod but want to move back to Llanwrtyd. The Station building could be used but contract would mean paying for any repairs to the building in the future. This was not seen as workable financially.

Tillhill Meeting - Leave until September.

Bus Subsidy to end in July – Cllr P. James It was costing 59k per day for school transport. The cost was £40 per year for each child to have a bus pass. There was concern over buses in rural areas.

Library Updates – Cllr Pace-Avery. Annual review on the use of the library was due. More children from the school are starting to come into the library although still low. World Book was set up in the library but no children came into the library, this has been noted. Invoice from Powys/School has still not been received by the Town Council.

Heritage Centre – Cllr S. Jones. Volunteers were needed for the Heritage Centre. There needed to be two people in the Centre to run it. One must be able to use the till. Would welcome anyone who was interested.

32. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells

School Meals – These cost £3.90 per meal and the Welsh Government has decided that they will not be funding these meals during the summer holidays. Powys has agreed to fund these from reserves and will cost £250 per child over this period.

Welsh Water- It has been shown that lead pipes contribute to the phosphates getting into the water.

Road Safety - Looking into having flashing lights and possibly Zebra Crossing for centre of Llanwrtyd for the safety of the children having to cross the A438. Invite Dean Williams to next meeting.

Action; Clerk to invite Mr Dean Williams to next meeting in September.

Brecon are running QR codes for recycling (13.07.23) Maybe rolled out elsewhere.

Powys Leisure Review 2023. Have your say. Closing date 28 August, **Action;** Clerk to circulate.

33. No Planning Applications or Decisions have been notified for this month.

34. Pylons Update – ‘Don’t spoil the Heart of Wales’ campaign running. Bute Energy has employed a local Farmer.

35. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Clerk explained the need for this.

36. Local Development plan - Clerk distributed the ideas that had been received.

Action – Clerk to arrange meeting with Powys LDP co-ordinator.

37. New Standing Orders - Discussed. **Action-** Clerk to bring back amended draft S.O. to September meeting

38. Green Flag Award – unveiling on Dolwen to be arranged. – Bracken Trust – Clerk to respond
Places in Nature – Clerk to send to all Councillors

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 -20/09/2023

Meeting closed at 22.00

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Verified at meeting on the 21/06/2023

Signed off by Chair :

