



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 19th June 2024 at 7.00pm

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

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32. Apologies: Cllr Price and Rickard. Cllr A. Jones joined later by Zoom

38. Item brought forward by Chair;

Funding Application for Llanwrtyd Wells Playpark Project - Amber Graham and Lucy Arnold

Three quotes had been obtained by the group for play equipment and they were applying for a grant from the Lottery Fund. This will cover all ages and abilities. Looking to extend the play area up to the recently created path by the skate park. Will need to apply for funding in Town Council name and support. This was proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr James. All in agreement.

Action: Clerk to provide Memorandum of Understanding between the Town Council and Llanwrtyd Play Park Project.

33. Minutes of the May meeting and Matters arising –

Cllr Davies proposed and Cllr James seconded as a true reflection of the May Meeting.

Also Minutes of EGM for Budget setting on the 10th January 2024 Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr Davis.

34. Finance :

34.1 Following the sign-off by Internal Auditor, Sue Lilley, Acceptance of all finances for year ending 31st March 2024 – Accounts agreed and proposed by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery. All in agreement. **Action;** Clerk to take complete accounts to Audit Wales in Cardiff, mileage to be claimed.

34.2 - May balance sheet considered. May accounts were signed off as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Davis and seconded by Cllr S. Jones.

14.3 Cheques for signing - The following invoices were presented for authorisation; Welsh Audit 2019/20, Victoria Hall Hire, Hygiene Service. All Agreed.

34.4 Renewal of Electric Account – Defer until July meeting

Noted: Smart meter Uk and MOU for Use of Pavilion by G. Watkins, River Project

Barclays No. 2 Account, Dormancy Claim in place. Hub in Builth to talk to Barclays – Swansea Building Society, all information with SBS, activate with deposit.

35. Councillor Updates –

- **Dolwen Fields** – Vandalism reported to Police. Olympic Day on Dolwen Fields 20th July, posters going out shortly. Grass cutting on Dolwen Fields has started but need time to catch up. Three quotes had been received and the one for best value and reliability had been chosen. The quotes were all above what had been budgeted for.
- **Green Flag Award** - Green Flag visit taken place on Dolwen Field. Very pleased with what we have achieved.
- **Smart Wi-Fi** - Cllrs Pigott, Pace-Avery and Rickard attended a meeting. We now have the three hubs up and running. Data can now be collected and will help Towns to promote what is happening and improve footfall. Information has come in for the Man v's Horse weekend. Platform can be used for Volunteers, stories to engage people. Cllr Pace-Avery will be networking. By September we will have the Splashpage up and running. Opportunities for business space.
- **D Day 80** - Cllr Rickard not able to attend tonight but would like to discuss possibility for having an event. Cllr Pace-Avery would like the V.E. Day (8th May 2025) put onto next month's agenda.
- **DAS Legal** - Victoria Hall – Draft letter received from Solicitor. Cllr Van-Rees to meet with Clerk to draw up any amendments to draft letter. Proposed by Cllr Davis and seconded by Cllr James. **Action:** Cllr Van-Rees to arrange meeting with Clerk to draw up response.
- **Sewer on Dolwen Field** - Cllr Davies. Contact currently on maternity until end of October contact again once returned to work. **Action:** Clerk to invite to November meeting

- **Open Reach Broadband** – Cllr S. Jones – Have been informed that the build is more expensive than first thought and we are still 30-40 pledges short of being able to build for the whole of Llanwrtyd and surrounding areas. Cllr S. Jones asked that if anyone has not pledged their voucher for this to do so as soon as possible.
- **Twinning** - Cllr James - School children from Meriel will be coming over in August to stay at Manor Adventures. Twinning have had a letter from Meriel confirming their commitment to the twinning between Meriel and Llanwrtyd Wells.
- **School Update** – Cllr Pace-Avery - Jan Campbell will be retiring shortly and there will be a new Head Teacher starting in September.
- **Pylon Meeting called by Fay Jones in Llandrindod Wells** - Several members of the Town Council attended the meeting along with many residents. The Planning Inspector is due to be announced soon. The official consultation is due to start and that is when we will know what the stance will be of the M.O.D. and RAF, as they have made no comment on the situation so far.

36. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells:

- **Post Office Mail box** - Post box has still not been replaced. **Action:** Clerk to contact Royal Mail.
- **It has also been noted that the phone box outside of the Barclays Bank has been removed without any notification.**
- **Repair to drains on Beulah Road** - These have still not been repaired. However, there is a meeting taking place between landowners and TRA to discuss further.

37. Planning Applications received and Decisions - None received.

38. Play Park – already dealt with at beginning of meeting.

39. Planning Training – with Planning Aid Wales

Emails had now been provided to Planning Aid Wales and the licences to be paid for.

Action: Clerk to action payment.

40. Training through One Voice Wales – Hard Copy of training available given to all Councillors. Councillors to advise any training that they like to book and notify the clerk.

41. Draft Finance Policy – Hard copy given to all Councillors for comment at next meeting.

42. Credit Union Bank – Cllr Pigott and Clerk had a short meeting with Andrew Davies, Smart Money Cymru following the PAVO meeting last month. **Action:** Invite Andrew Davies, Smart Money Cymru to July or September meeting.

43. Volunteer Award - Cllr Van-Rees. Proposal to introduce a Volunteer Award for all those people in the Community that are so giving of their free time. Time for them to be recognised. Possible coffee morning to present an award.

44. Ombudsman Resignation - Cllr Van-Rees. **Action:** Agenda for next month as an update.

45. Correspondence Received –

a) Antisocial Behaviour - Passed to Police. Also look at agreement with Wales and West on housing

b) Pentre Farm CIC August 19th- 10am-1pm – Agree for event to happen Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr S. Jones. **Action:** Clerk to contact organiser.

c) Jen Walsby - Concern over state of Town Flower boxes. **Action:** Clerk to respond

d) Clare Dunbard- Pollard - Email noted.

e) Email Sima Khan - Carving at St Davids Church.- **Action:** Clerk to respond

f) Paint for benches - **Action:** Clerk to respond

46. Any other business for inclusion on next month's Agenda. None at this time apart from what is noted on the Agenda.

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 - 17/07/2024

Meeting closed at 21:46

Verified at meeting on the 17/07/2024

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Signed off by Chair :