



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 7pm

Attending: Cllrs M. Pigott, J. Davies, L. Pace-Avery, G. Watkins, S. Jones, A. Jones, N. Price, County Cllr P. James and Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

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Meeting Started at 19:15 due to overrun on EGM

163. Apologies: Cllrs C. Rickard and T. Van-Rees.

164. Minutes of the February meeting and Matters arising – Cllr S. Jones had received a second quote for repairs for Abergwesyn Toilets. Quote discussed and agreed, proposed by Cllr L. Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr Davies. Minutes agreed as a true reflection of the February Meeting proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery, seconded by Cllr S. Jones

165. Finance:

165.a February balance sheet considered. February accounts were signed off as accurate. Proposed by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery.

165.b Cheques for Authorisation – No cheques at this time, but Credit Card Expenditure was for Welsh Water, SLCC membership. Invoice for River Irfon Project date to start March 2023 to end February 2024, element of electricity used to be added. **Action:** - Clerk to action before end of month.

165. Councillor Updates –

- **Dolwen Fields** – Zoom meeting with Green Powys. They were impressed at what we have done on the Dolwen Fields.
- **Sustainable Powys Meeting** – Another meeting is to take place in April at the Strand Hall in Builth Wells. Date to be provided soon.
- **Play Park Project** - Meeting on the Play Park took place with members of the Town Council and the Play Park Project. Way forward with regard to having a Day of Action planned for the better weather. Community Pay Back scheme has been approached to help with painting and repairs. Hope to apply for grants where we can optimise that amount already in the bank account.
- **Transport for Wales** - Meeting took place on the 20th March in Victoria Hall. There are 4 Stations where you will not be able to take on/off bikes. No response from Transport for Wales to this question.
- **Letters to owners of Ty Gwyn and Ty Maes** – No response as yet.
- **OVW Questionnaire** – Response from Town Council sent off.
- **Flooding Update** -New pipes have been installed by the owners of the houses behind the Neuadd Arms. Assessment not yet completed on the pipework from the Neuadd to the River Irfon. Waiting on update on what is happening about the hole and traffic lights in the centre of town.
- **E-bike scheme** – Launch all set for 12th April on Dolwen Fields. Advert in the Grapevine.

167. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells:

- **Trunk Road Agency** have been contacted regarding the mess left behind on the Llandovery Road.
 - **Traffic Lights** – these could be removed next month but will involve part or full road closure overnight.
- Cllr S. Jones also reported that the Road works had been completed on the Abergwesyn to Beulah Road.

168. Planning Applications received and Decisions – No planning applications decisions had been received. **Planning Applications 1. Ref: 25/0291/HH and 2. 25/0317/HH-** discussed. No objections for either one.

1. Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Price, all in favour and
2. Proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Davies all in favour. **Action:** Clerk to respond to Powys Planning

169. Feedback on Training – Cllr Rickard – Carried over to next month.

170. Finance Policy – Discussed, amended and accepted. Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr James, all agreed. Also, Town Council to adopt banking on line and third signatory, Cllr Pigott. Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr A. Jones, all in agreement. **Action:** Clerk to arrange with the Bank.

171. Twinning Association – Cllr James read out a letter from the Twinning Association. All members have resigned due to lack of numbers interested in joining the Twinning Association. It was agreed to keep the Twinning Association on the monthly Agenda and to take the Twinning Association back into the Town Council remit. A Sub Committee would be formed to deal with any visits. There is an unofficial visit By Meriel, Friends of Twinning planned soon. It was also agreed to keep the association with Cesky Krumlov going.

172. Insurance Response and Play Park - The Insurance response was not helpful and the onus stays with the Town Council to comply with Safety Regulations. The Skate Park was installed around 25 years ago and the regulations have changed dramatically in that time. The main concern is with the landing base at the top of the high ramps. If this was to be rectified, the landing base would have to be bigger, which would then lead to the high ramps having to be moved back to allow space between the high ramps and the low ramps. It was felt that the costs to rectify could not be justified and the cost of replacing the whole Skate Park could not be justified either. It was proposed that the Skate Park be removed and replaced with other equipment such as basket ball hoops and other such equipment to be determined. Proposed by Cllr Watkins and seconded by Cllr Price, all in favour. **Action:** Cllrs Davies and Watkins, along with others would dismantle the Skate Park at a date to be decided.

173. Final Determinations of Constituencies - Copies given to all Councillors present.

174. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Copies given to all councillors present.

175. Draft Memorandum of understanding for Play Park Project - Slight amendment to draft. Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr A. Jones, all in agreement.

Action: Clerk to amend and send to Play Park Project for signing.

176. Correspondence received -

- Response from Eluned Morgan ref. Flooding
- Response from Natural Resources Wales regarding the fallen trees in Abergwesyn
- Open Space Questionnaire on Llanwrtyd. **Action:** Clerk to respond.
- Request to put signage board on Square. **Action:** Clerk to respond.
- Defib Machine at Health Centre. **Action:** Clerk to order new pads.
- Request for Key for gate on Dolwen Fields by Wales in Bloom. **Action:** Clerk to provide
- Complaint on state of Dolwen Fields **Action:** Clerk to respond. Cllr Watkins is involved with creating two ponds at the back of the Pavilion and as part of this they will be checking the composition of the earth on Dolwen Fields. It may be that tines are used to break through the clay layer to allow the water to drain away through the river gravel. This is in hand to do.

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

Feedback on Training. – Cllr Rickard - carried over

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 - 16/04/2025

Meeting closed at 21:55

Verified at meeting on the 16/04/2025

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Signed off by Chair: