



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs S. Jones, M. Pigott, A. Jones, T. Van-Rees, C. Rickard, G. Watkins and County & Town Councillor P. James M.B.E. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk). Cllr J. Davies via Zoom

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12. Apologies: Cllr Pace-Avery and Price

13. Minutes of the April meeting and Matters arising –

Cllr Van-Rees proposed and Cllr Watkins seconded as a true reflection of the April Meeting.

14. Finance :

14.1 Acceptance of all finances for year ending 31st March 2024 – Accounts agreed and proposed by Cllr A, Jones and seconded by Cllr S. Jones.

14.2 - April balance sheet considered. April accounts were signed off as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Rickard and seconded by Cllr James.

14.3 Cheques for signing - The following invoices were presented for authorisation; Annual payments to Victoria Hall Centenary Committee, Abergwesyn Hall Committee and Rent for War Memorial Institute, Council Chamber. All Agreed.

15. Councillor Updates –

- **Dolwen Fields –** Site visit reference siting of wildlife ponds. Plans amended for a smaller pond, Botanist to attend to assess. Test pit to be dug to ascertain the water level and type of ground. Wildlife ponds to be fenced off. Possibility of having a fence building workshop. Cllr Watkins to meet with members of Dolwen Fields Committee next week. Too many restrictions to build wildlife pond next to the Station as would be no public access to the site. Possible wildlife camera to be installed on Dolwen Fields to see what animals are visiting. Proposal for ponds to be built by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr S. Jones. Vandalism down on Dolwen Fields, five fruit trees were pulled up, three have disappeared and two were left on the ground. Please report any suspicious activity. **Action:** Clerk to report vandalism to PCSO Price.
- **Smart Wi-Fi -** Cllr Rickard attended a meeting in the morning in Llandrindod Wells. We now have the three hubs up and running. Data not gathering at the moment but Splash Page and Stickers available from next week. Payments to be made to Hub Hosts to be discussed next month.
- **Regeneration Event-** Tuesday 21st May 6-8pm in Victoria Hall. PAVO, Red Kite Credit Union, Rhys Howell, Town Centre Liaison Officer for Powys will be in attendance and a talk by Cllr Rickard on the Smart WiFi system in the town. All welcome Businesses as well as Community Groups and Charities. **Action:** Clerk to contact as many people as possible and put up posters advertising the event.
- **DAS Legal -** Both Cllr Van-Rees had been in contact with Solicitor to ascertain the progress of our claim, This has been delayed due to illness of Solicitor. **Action:** Clerk to contact to gauge progress.
- **Openreach Broadband for Llanwrtyd Wells -** Still trying to get the numbers up, but it looks like it will be going ahead. If you haven't yet pledged, please do so as soon as possible.

16. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells:

- **Pot Holes -** There will be a small team in Powys that will be carrying out repairs to pot holes and they will be using hot tar. It has been reported that Wales will need £6.3 Million to deal with potholes on Wales's road network.
- **Proportionate Representation. -** This is ongoing and still being discussed.
- **Flower bed outside Premier shop. -** Who does it belong to? This is sited on what was the actual road, therefore if repair is needed should be directed to Powys County Council as they installed it.
- **Red Post box by St Davids -** This was removed when the telephone pole was replaced. Post is now back in place but post box has not been replaced yet. **Action:** Clerk to contact Post Office to find out when it is being reinstated.

17. Planning Applications received and Decisions - None received.

18. **Pylons-** Irfon Valley – The Clerk has received 39 responses by email and letter, all commenting on opposing either the Pylons/Turbines and wind farms. Also noted was the application for a Met Mast Application No. 24/0522/FUL. This has been sent to the Town Council as a Consultee.
19. **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW)**
Yearly payments to Councillors reviewed surrounding the mandatory payment for Councillors. If Councillors did not want to claim then they had to submit a form each year to do so, otherwise the payment would be made automatically. Payments would happen at the end of the financial year. Forms were provided for Councillor use but notification could be received by email or letter.
Action: Clerk to action forms received and to ensure that all Councillors not at the meeting were made aware of the payments.
20. **Ombudsmen’s resignation** – Cllr Van-Rees. To be brought back next month.
21. **Heart of Wales Line** – Cllr Pigott attended a meeting by Heart of Wales Line. Network Rail did not turn up to answer questions regarding the cutting of trains on the line. Questions on How to Improve, Cuts and timings, Drivers lost to Valley lines, New Trains, training specifically for HOW line. Ongoing discussions around proposed train times and frequency.
22. **Sewer on Dolwen Field** – Update needed from Jenny Grub. Carry over to next month.
23. **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. To be discussed further at next months meeting
24. **Communication – A way Forward** - Cllr Rickard brought to the table a notice to go into the Grapevine to highlight what the Town Council were doing and this was to become a regular feature. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr A. Jones. **Action:** Cllr Rickard to amend and update and copy put into Grapevine.
25. **Nature And Climate change Roadshow** - Cllr Watkins – To be held in the Pavilion in Llandrindod Well on 13th September. Dolwen Fields Committee will be having a 10 minute slot to talk about work on the Dolwen Fields along with Freshwater Group and D.I.G.S.
26. **Grass Cutting Tender** – Proposal to have Cllr Davies, Cllr Price and the clerk to meet and discuss and decide on new contractor, proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr James. **Action:** Clerk to arrange meeting as soon as possible.
27. **1.8 Million Funding Chicken Farms** – **Cllr Watkins** This is something that is happening in England. Chicken Farms can apply for funding to burn the chicken dirt and to use the ash as a fertiliser.
28. **Funding Application for Play Park** - Hold over to next month – Amber Graham and Lynn Ball to attend.
29. **Planning Training** - Training bursary to apply for help with training costs. Planning Aid Wales contacted for information on courses offered. Costs discussed and Cllr Rickard proposed to go ahead with training and Cllr A. Jones seconded. **Action:** Clerk to arrange training and apply for Bursary from OVW.
30. **D Day 80** - Discussed having a ‘Tommy’ statue for the Town Square and for it to be removed to the Memorial Garden after the event. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and Seconded by Cllr Rickard. **Action:** Clerk to order a ‘Tommy’ Statue.
31. **Correspondence** –
Play Radnor - May 29th in the morning on Dolwen Fields. Free use of the Pavilion proposed by Cllr James and Seconded by Cllr Rickard.
Green Events - Free use of the toilets during Man v’s Horse Event, Donation required proposed by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Rickard, **Action:** Clerk to respond to Green Events.
Flower boxes around town - This will hopefully be dealt with at the Regeneration Meeting on the 21st May in the Victoria Hall 6 – 8pm **Action:** Clerk to respond.
State of Skate Park - Refurbishment of the Play Park is ongoing and we have no control of the Dol Y Coed Park area
32. **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 - 19/06/2023

Meeting closed at 21:50

Verified at meeting on the 19/06/2023

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Signed off by Chair :