

Minutes of a Meeting of LLANIDLOES WITHOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: Wednesday 22nd February, 2017.

Time: 7.30pm

Place: The Schoolroom, Baptist Church, Shortbridge Street, Llanidloes.

Present: Councillors S.E. Evans (Chairman); A.K. Davies, H.G. Jones, G.M. Jones
D.W. Morgan; G. Owen & R.M. Vaughan.

Apologies: Clrs. D.E. Chapman & G. Jones

Declaration of Interests None

The Minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated, were proposed by Clr. G. Owen, seconded by Clr. R.M. Vaughan, and agreed as correct, were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

Questions from Members of the Public - None

Brynposteg Landfill Site Clr. A.K. Davies gave a report of the recent Brynposteg Liaison meeting held on Friday 10th February to Councillors. The meeting had been chaired by Clr. Phyl Davies, Mayor of Llanidloes. David Williams NRW stated that improvements had been made at the site. Clr. Phyl Davies asked if the site meets the conditions of the Permit from the NRW and was informed it didn't, but they were working towards it. Clr. Davies didn't feel that a fine would be the answer, the money should be spent at the tip to make the improvements that are required. The site was not using all the permitted volume of waste. The next Liaison meeting was arranged for the 21st April at 10.30am. Councillor A.K. Davies was concerned that Aled Zacharay in two months had only visited the site once, and felt he should visit more often to make sure they comply with planning conditions.

Llanidloes Library No further information had been received by the Clerk.

Maesywennol Day Centre for the Elderly The clerk read out minutes of a meeting held on Monday 13th February 2017, 6.30pm at the Council Chamber, Llanidloes to discuss the future of the Day Centre in Llanidloes with members from Llanidloes and surrounding Community Councils. It was agreed that following confirmation from PCC as agreed by Dylan Owen and the identification of project officer, a Project group should be set up with at least one Community Councillor from each area. Clr. Graham Jones asked that the council representatives go back to their Councils asking for financial commitment. Councillors proposed to leave this matter to the next meeting.

Local Democracy and Government Boundary Commission Clr. G.M. Jones informed the meeting that Blaenhafren, Newtown and Llanidloes Wards were hoping to be attached to Brecon and Radnor.

Llanidloes CP School The Community Council have been asked to propose a Community Councillor to the governing body after the May Election.

Bryndu Road Clr. G.M. Jones had spoken to the Police Commissioner on the problem of vehicles parked on the B4518 Bryndu Road and had been assured that he would write to Highways on this matter.

Llidiartywaen Road The clerk read out a reply received from Adrian Jervis to Councillors regarding the section of C.2024 Llidiartywaen road. To set the record straight he states be made no assurance that “improvement works would be done as soon as possible”. The request was to carry out what constitutes improvement work by in effect providing passing-places along a section of the route. To address this, a small capital scheme has been included in their future list of works. This by no means should taken that improvement type works will be carried out soon, as such schemes have to be ranked and prioritised to fit within an allocated budget each year. Prioritising of schemes is based on the hierarchy of the road, the relative condition of road, the rate at which it will deteriorate, safety and accident history etc. This road is routinely inspected every 3 months and so anything warranting attention will be dealt with appropriately. The remainder of the section to the junction with B4518 is considered reasonable for the time of year and to be honest in considerably better condition than may other similar class routes. To give a perspective the highways maintenance budget has effectively halved over 4 years, from what was already a very low point, and unfortunately they are in the position where the level of maintenance required to meet local expectation cannot be achieved. They will however endeavour to do what is reasonable required and justifiable and continue to try and help. Clr. G.M. Jones had also spoken to Emlyn Jones and Adrian Jones on this matter.

Russell George AM Advice Surgery Notice would be placed in the Van Notice Board.

One Voice Wales The next meeting of the Montgomeryshire Area Committee will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 24th January, 2017 at the Community Centre, Abermule.

Membership of One Voice Wales 2017-18 The clerk has received renewal membership of One Voice Wales from April 2017 at a cost of £82.00. It was proposed by Clr. G.M. Jones, seconded by Clr. A.K. Davies and passed unanimously to renew the Council’s membership for a further year.

One Voice Wales Invoice The clerk had received an Invoice for 1 Place on Module 16 – Use of IT, Websites & Social Media Training at Trefeglwys Village Memorial Hall on Tuesday 24th January, 2017 of £35.00. Councillors agreed to pay.

Upper Bridge Enterprises The clerk has received the Annual Licence Fee for our website and UK domain name from Upper Bridge Enterprises of £176.16 and was instructed to pay.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P2017/0093 Erection of a dwellinghouse, formation of vehicular access and all associated works. Plot 1 Land adj. Van terrace, Y Fan, Llanidloes, Powys. Mr Luke Jones.

P2017/0094 Erection of a dwellinghouse, formation of vehicular access and all associated works. Plot 2 Land adj. Van Terrace, Y Fan, Llanidloes, Powys. Mr & Mrs Martyn & Kimberley Lewis.

After a long discussion with reference to the above planning applications and considering problems that have arisen with contamination issues to two properties “Drimnin” and “Bronant” which are situated in close proximity Councillors deferred making a decision until assurances are received from Powys County Council that there is no contamination in this area. Powys County Council have stated “That if a young female under of the age of six goes to reside at one of the above properties, then it will have to be reviewed” As these are going to be family homes with young children living there it is very important that we don’t have a similar situation arising in future years with these two proposed applications. Any application within 100 yards of a contaminated site should require a Contamination Report, why hadn’t this been picked up.

P2016/1197 in respect of Section 73 application to remove planning condition 5 which requires the development of a bund along a section of the site along Tylwch Road which is attached to planning permission P2000/0224 at Land at Bryn Posteg Landfill Site, Tylwch, Powys.

Councillors agreed unanimously not to support this application for the removal of planning condition 5 at the present time due to the problems at the site which does not meet conditions relating to the permit issued. These condition were excepted to get the original application and should remain at the present time.

Powys County Council is currently undertaking the first decennial review of its Rights of Way improvement Plan. The requirement to produce the statutory Rights of Way Improvement Plan arose from the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and with it a duty to review the plan on a 10 year basis. The statutory guidance document for producing a ROWIP can be found at <http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/consmanagement/rights-of-way-and-wider-access/rights-of-way/?lang=en>

Powys County Council News Release A large-scale census test will be carried out in North Powys as part of preparations for the 2021 Census, the County Council has confirmed. The Office of National Statistics will be conducting the large-scale test in April which will cover 100,000 households across seven local authorities and England and Wales. Montgomeryshire is one of the areas that has been chosen for the test. Householders to receive a letter in the spring are urged to complete the questionnaire.

Powys War Memorial Project The project will provide funding to repair, restore and maintain war memorials in our area. More information is available from the clerk.

Kidney Wales Walk for Life is organised for Sunday 23rd April 2017 and more information is available from the clerk.

Draft Powys Well-being Assessment 2017 This is now out for final consultation through a number of channels including local events across 13 Powys localities. You can access the assessment via the following link <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/corporate/find-out-about-consultations-in-powys.well-being-assessment-survey/>

Financial Management and Governance in Community and Town Councils The 2016/17 audit review recently published by the Wales Audit Office found that there remained scope for community and town councils in Wales to develop and improve financial management and governance particularly in relation to the quality of the financial reporting, financial management and internal audit arrangements. A webinar will be held on Monday 27th February 2017 at 6.30pm and is aimed at officers (e.g. Clerks/RFOs) and members of community and town councils in Wales.

Welsh Government Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales has three Vacancies to Appoint of Commissioners. More information is available from the clerk.

Passing places A470 and A489 between Newtown and Llanidloes. The clerk read out a Ken Skates AC/AM. They are currently carrying out a wide-ranging investigation to identify locations on the trunk road network in Mid Wales where it may be feasible to modify the road corridor and introduce safe overtaking opportunities. Investigations are in the early stages. Clr. R.M. Vaughan proposed arranging a site meeting with the Police Commissioner and Clr. G.M. Jones would email him and ask to meet with Councillors to discuss how improvements could be made to the road.

Old Hall Road Clr. S.E. Evans informed Councillors that the edge of the road has fallen away by Foel Llwyd and it is now dangerous. The clerk was asked to write to Adrian Jervis and Clr. G.M. Jones would also take this matter up.

Parking by Hafrenydd, Llanidloes Clr. S.E. Evans reported that vehicles are parking on the side of the road by Hafrenydd back to the corner of the bridge, narrowing up the road and could prove problematic to the Services getting through. The number of vehicles parking here are increasing.

Junction Van to Trefeglwys road by Glangwden Clr. H.G. Jones reported that the hedge has grown out making the junction dangerous, and there was no sign there to slow down. A recent accident had occurred where the car had been written off and many other near misses. The clerk to report this and Clr. G.M. Jones would also look into it.

Cheques to be signed

One Voice Wales	£ 82.00
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Upper Bridge Enterprises	£176.16
Clerks salary & expenses	£220.00

There was no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.