



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th December 2019 in the Council Chambers War Memorial Institute at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. L Pace-Avery, J Rowlands, J Parkinson, P James, M Pigott

In Attendance: S Middleton Town Clerk

Cllr L Pace-Avery opened the meeting at 7.05pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

1. Apologies: Cllrs R Hughes, A Jones, S Jones, A Edwards, J Davies, T Van Rees.
2. **Declaration of Interest.** None declared.
3. **Minutes of the October meeting:** The minutes of the October meeting were acknowledged as a true record. Proposed by Cllr J Rowlands and Seconded by Cllr M Pigott

Matters Arising:

4. **Finance:** November's financial reports circulated together with a completed Budget proposal for the next financial year. Discussions took place regarding the toilet maintenance, contractors and caretakers remuneration. The forthcoming Budget was perused by Councillors and it is expected to put £1 per household increase to next year's Council Tax. Discussions took place regarding the different Committees requests for funding, the proposed income for Dolwen Fields and the Toilet expenditure. Grants for the Toilets would be looked into. **Action Clerk.**

4.1 **Precept:** The Budget was voted on at this stage. Proposed by Cllr J Parkinson and seconded by Cllr M Pigott. The monthly report was also proposed by Cllr J Parkinson and seconded by Cllr M Pigott as a true record of current expenditure. The Police Precept was circulated to Council.

5. **Bank Changes:** The Clerk reported the Internet Banking procedures were being implemented and Cllr J Davies needed to contact the bank to request PinSentry appliance.
6. **Traffic Calming:** Cllr J Rowlands reported communications between himself and Mr R Morgan regarding recent reports on speed surveys carried out through town. A further request was made for the installation of VA systems.
7. **Anti-Social Behaviour:** Reports of the tree lights not being on was due to weather conditions and nothing else. A sum of £180 was accepted as remuneration of the damage caused to the Pavillion. Complaint regarding the length of time taken to resolve this issue will be chased up. **Action Clerk.**

a. Drop-in Surgery: Cllr Pace-Avery suggested a safe location whereby residents could speak on a one-to-one with Councillors regarding general issues. The surgery was one suggestion of venue. A discussion took place regarding this proposal and who and when/where it should be held. To be re-discussed at the next meeting:

8. **Feedback from Councillors:**

Cllr Parkinson requested that representatives from the Community Transport met with the Council to outline the work they are involved in. February meeting was suggested. **Action Clerk** to correspond and request attendance.

Cllr Parkinson also requested that any plans for the VE day anniversary in May 2020 could be collaborated with other community groups.

Cllr James - none

Cllr Pigott – none

Cllr Rowlands reported that the Heritage Centre was in its' 4th year and prospering.

Cllr Pace Avery reported the Cllr Hughes and baby were doing fine and that she would be taking a sabbatical from Council duties for the forthcoming months.

Clerk reported that the issue raised by Cllr A Jones regarding Dolecoed signage was still ongoing and Highways needed to speak with the owner of the corner property.

9. **Website Update:** Cllr Pigott reported increased numbers visiting the Website and the “blogs” were invaluable.

10. **Planning:** One notice of refusal for Planning at Abernant Lakeside Cottage. The Clerk reported that due to Julie James AM not being able to attend meeting, the offer of Kirsty Williams AM had been requested. However she will not be able to attend a Wednesday meeting due to commitments in Cardiff but was able to attend a Thursday meeting. **Action Clerk** ; to re-request Ms Williams attendance to January meeting to be held on Thursday 16th January 2020 at 6.30pm

11. **Twining:** Cllr Pace Avery reported a few new faces at the meeting held the previous week. A trip to Meriel was planned for next year. An independent rugby match between Llanwryd Bears and Meriel has also been scheduled for next year.

12. **Training:** Request from Clerk for payment for ILCA training and purchase of new Clerks Manual which now includes Welsh Law. Request granted.

13. Services ;

A) Library . A cheque was received from Cllr Van Rees to be assigned for the Library.

B) Public Toilets: No reports

C) Surgery ; No reports

D) Dolwen Fields: Still awaiting Licence to be drawn up from Council. An application had been applied for from the Lottery Fund. The Pavillion has now been cleaned and the locks are being changed. **Action Clerk.** To Check if the works have been completed.

E) Town Square and Green: Tree and lights erected.

14. Correspondence:

Notice of WIMD meeting. Notification was very short for anyone to attend. **Action Clerk;** to reply asking for more information.

A Million Trees for the Brecon Beacons – informative email outlining plans was read out.

Llandrindod Wells notification of events in June 2020 supporting Powys Pride.

Citizens Advice – request for financial funding

National Eisteddfod Wales - request for funding

Transport for Wales – Poster for renewal of Bus Passes reminder. **Action Clerk** ;To be displayed where possible.

The Knife Angel - Information regarding the erection of the Knife Angel in January 2020 in Newtown. An invitation to the launch on January 4th 2020 outside Oriel Davies Gallery.

CTA Connecting Communities – circulated to Council prior to meeting.

Report under the Environment (Wales) Act - Clerk will circulate the document for comments.

Action Clerk.

Cllr Pace Avery thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.35 and wished a Happy Christmas to those not attending the meal on Friday.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Date of next meeting - 16th January 2020 at 6.30pm