



## CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in the Council Chambers War Memorial Institute

**Present:** Cllr L Pace-Avery, J Davies, A Edwards, R Hughes, P James, A Jones, S Jones, M Pigott, J Parkinson, T Van Rees.

In Attendance: S Middleton Town Clerk and Jamie Marchant – Service Director for the NHS

Cllr L Pace-Avery spoke to Mr Marchant regarding the concerns of residents about the closure of Llanwrtyd Surgery. Many rumours were talked of due to the absence of the nurse, removal of the receptionist and many clinics now being held at Builth. Cllr P James spoke of complaints regarding residents being forced to use the Builth surgery and of promises made by the Health Board that had not come to fruition. Cllr L Pace-Avery asked for acknowledgment of if a new lease had been signed off.

In reply Mr Marchant gave a brief outline of his role. He explained that the lease was a PFI from 20 years ago and is held in partnership between the Health Board and the Pharmacy. The leases are held with the Welsh Office in Cardiff. It was explained that Llanwrtyd was a sustainable Practise and a Practise Nurse was in the process of being appointed.

Cllr Pace-Avery informed Mr Marchant she had been told the “practise was costing too much money”

Mr Marchant apologised for the choice of phrase used.

Cllr J Davies stated that several meetings and more surgeries had been promised, but they had not happened. Cllr Van Rees spoke of historical surgeries that used to be carried out including changing of dressings, minor surgery etc.

Mr Marchant spoke that the interaction with the GP’s was good and asked how to they communicate with local people.

Cllr Pace-Avery said of was refreshing that Mr Marchant came to the meeting. Cllr A Edwards asked why prescriptions were being sent to Boots in Builth and not to Paul in Llanwrtyd if locals attended Builth surgery. Cllr S Jones thought that Builth surgery was discriminating against Llanwrtyd residents. Cllr A Jones pointed out the aging population and bad transport in town. Why were people being asked “what is wrong with you” by the receptionist.

Mr Marchant pointed out that is was now a triage mechanism in place when calling for appointments.

Rachel Hughes joined the meeting at 7pm.

She stated she was aware that ear care was to be stopped locally, however, on GP referral you could see a nurse in either Brecon or Llanrindod. Cllr A Jones said she believed there was a charge of £50 for micro-suction. Cllr P James stated that under the Disability Act transport services should be available for those requiring appointments in Builth. Cllr A Edwards asked if there could be a specific phone link in Llanwrtyd practise to the Builth practise which older residents could use to make appointments. Cllr L Pace-Avery asked if the surgery could be used for other things.

Mr Marchant stated he would speak to the people concerned and would arrange a meeting with the practise.

Cllr L Pace-Avery thanked Mr Marchant again for attending the meeting and speaking with Council. Mr Marchant left the meeting at 7.15 pm.

Cllr L Pace Avery then thanked everyone for coming early to the meeting so we could start at 6.30 pm. Cllr June Parkinson was welcomed to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence;** Cllr J Rowlands
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Minutes of September Meeting:** Amendment; to include Cllr L Pace-Avery in the Finance Sub-Committee. The Minutes of the September meeting were proposed as an accurate account by Cllr A Edwards and seconded by Cllr T Van Rees.

Matters Arising;

4. Finance: September new layout sheets were perused. The layout was explained by the Clerk and hopefully made the reconciliation clearer. The matter of the amount of work done by Chris Dodds was raised by Cllr P James. It was proposed he should have an order book for jobs to be done which could be signed off. Cllr T Van Rees raised concerns regarding the Swansea Building Account and the low rate of interest being paid. He suggested we move some of the money to a new account offering a higher rate of interest in the first 1-2 years, The Clerk raised the issue of Internet banking being a preferred method of payments. This would greatly reduce the amount of time spent trying to get second signatories on the cheques. Also, there was a presented cheque this month which was issued in April and had not been “brought forward” on the monthly finance records. The Clerk asked about a signed cheque still in the cheque book for Peter Cook for £50. An explanation for the payment was that it was a quarterly payment for the unlocking and locking of the toilets. This was re-looked at and agreed that the finances only allowed a one-off payment. The cheque will be written back. The accounts were agreed by Cllr. A Jones and seconded by Cllr T Van Rees.  
Finance Sub Committee: A meeting to take place on Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
5. Change of Bank: A discussion took place regarding changing the bank account due to Barclays declining the use of the Post Office. It was suggested we could lose the ATM. The Clerk to look at alternative banks offering internet banking with two authorisations.
6. Traffic Calming: Discussion regarding the accident on the Llandovery Road whereby a Police Officer asked the resident to re-direct traffic. There were no signs available with the officer. Cllr J Rowlands has asked for correspondence between Council and Ken Skates AM.
7. Anti-Social behaviour: The vandalism of the Pavilion in Dolwen Fields was discussed. Cllr J Davies stated the damage was done by Talon Gilmore, Keira Stokes and Jack Dixon. These children were apprehended the following day after the initial damage when they returned in the evening. They had broken two windows and had vandalised the first aid box by using the blankets to make a den. Letters of apology were presented to the Council from two of the children, Keira and Talon. A third letter from Jack was presented that had been posted through the letterboxes around the town. All letters were read out. PC Wayne Ballard has spoken to the parents of two of the children regarding restorative justice. Both parents offered to pay for the damage. Due to the confusion of the reporting of the incident to the Police it was suggested a procedure of events should be drawn up between the Council and the Dolwen Fields committee. Cllr J Davies reported that no statements had been taken by the Police to date. Cllr T Van Rees will relay the incident to the School Board of Governors. It was proposed the youths attend the Youth Council. Costing will be obtained regarding the windows, the First Aid box and the cleaning of the premises. Clerk to contact S Amor and Dusters. Proposed a special meeting with the Inspector of Llandrindod station. The Clerk

reported that he would be attending at CCTV Meeting. It was reported that Denise Thorpe from the Carlton said that there was a bag placed in the foliage near the statue of the kite. A half hour later the bag was removed by a different person. The Police were made aware.

8. Feedback from Councillors;

Cllr A Jones: The Dolecoed Road sign has still not been replaced and then light on the side of the Victoria Hall not repaired. These are the responsibility of Powys County Council.

Cllr J Parkinson: Declared her position on the Community Transport and brought the letter regarding the non-profit making Transport v Powys Bus Transport to the table. There will be a meeting at 10.30am at the station on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr L Pace-Avery stated she would be attending. Cllr J Parkinson stated that Dave Brown would come to the Town Council meeting if required to answer any questions.

Cllr T Van Rees: Promoted the local Gala Concert and that the Library user's numbers were down. Apparently 200 books were removed from the Library, but now known to where. Cllr M Pigott to be a notice in the Grapevine pointing out the decline of use and urging locals to support the Library.

\*Cllr A Edwards-Jones reported that specific books could be ordered via email and sent to the Library. Locals could be made aware and Cllr M Pigott agreed to include this in his notice.

Cllr R Hughes: No feedback

Cllr P James: No feedback

Cllr A Edwards: The notice board at the Doctors surgery was a little outdated and asked the Clerk to take a look. Clerk to re-new Councillor's details list and tidy up what was there.

Cllr M Pigott: No feedback

Cllr J Davies: No feedback

Cllr L Pace-Avery: Suggested poppies around the Town Square with the names of local soldiers. Phil Brown to provide at a cost of £3.50 each. Council in agreeance.

9. Website; No update

10. Planning: The Clerk reported there was no reply to the correspondence to Kirsty Williams or Julie James as yet.

11. Twinning: Reports of the recent trip to Czechy-Krumlov were given by several Councillors. A letter of thanks has been sent. The slate was presented and well received.

12. Councillor training. One Voice Wales programmes to be circulated to all.

13. Services;

a) Library – No further update

b) Public Toilets – Cllr J Davies stated a meeting was held with Howell regarding the heating systems. They will come on when temperature reaches freezing. The walls are now dry and the lock fixed and replaced.

c) Surgery- No further update

d) Dolwen Fields – A draft lease document has been drawn up by the DF Committee and presented by Cllr M Pigott. Cllr T Van Rees stated that the lease needed to be with individuals not a Committee. This would be with a peppercorn rent and over a specified time. If over seven years it would need to be registered with the Land Registry. It would be preferential to have a licence not a lease with the Town Council outlining permission for certain activities to be allowed. Cllr T Van Rees to look into this matter. Cllr M Pigott stated that quotes for the road building, track building were required and a lease was needed to apply for grants that were available.

The rugby club which currently use the fields have asked if they could have a set of keys. It was agreed that Cllr P James would give his set of keys to the Clerk. A discussion took place regarding the changing of the locks being done when the repairs were carried out. This was unanimously agreed.

e) Town Square- The Clerk reported, having spoken to the electrician regarding the work for the Christmas lights. He wants to know what will be out up this year. Cllr L Pace-Avery to pass to the Festival Committee.

14. Correspondance:

Another reminder about the budget savings from Rosemary Harris.

An email regarding the details of the buying of the public telephone box on the Square.

This was declined.

A Letter from Lyn Cadwallader

OVW – VE day 75 to be circulated

A email from Cllr T Van Rees regarding the erection of a small statue on the graves of Llangammach victims.

Erw Haf. – A reply email regarding the waste ground at Erw Haf

A reminder was put out by Cllr L Pace-Avery regarding the CCTV/Anti Social Behaviour meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup> in Victoria Hall.

Cllr Pace-Avery thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

Date of next meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.0pm