



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2019 in the Council Chambers War Memorial Institute

Present: Cllrs. L Pace-Avery, J Davies, A Jones, A Edwards, T Van Rees, M Piggott

In attendance: 7 Residents from Tai Cae Mawr

Cllr L Pace-Avery opened the meeting at 7.00pm and thanked everyone for their attendance. She welcomed the residents from Tai Cae Mawr. The funeral arrangements were given out regarding Sarah's mother for the following Wednesday.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Rachel Hughes, Peter James, John Rowlands and Sarah Jones.
2. **Declaration of Interest.** None declared.
3. **Minutes of the July meeting:** The minutes of the July meeting were proposed as an accurate account, by Cllr J Davies and seconded by Cllr A Edwards.
Matters Arising: The agenda was moved straight to Item 11 to cover the planning of Maes-y Dre for those attending from Tai Cae Mawr.
Cllr Van Rees gave an explanation from the Planning office regarding the 48 dwelling proposal as outlined at the last meeting. The Welsh Office Guidance re Public Building Programme stipulated a number of houses to be built but this was over several years. The Planning meeting of 21st Aug did not take place
Cllr Pace-Avery read out a letter sent to Kirsty Williams stating our concerns. We have had no reply as yet.
Cllr A Edwards stated we should been seeking council with the welsh Government direct and suggested a meeting with the Assembly to get all planning proposals
It was acknowledged that a number of 75 homes should be built over the next 15 years.
A letter was proposed to Julie James (cc Kirsty Williams) at the Welsh Assembly
At this point the visitors left the meeting.
4. **Finance:** July and August finance sheets were perused and accepted as an accurate record. This was proposed by Cllr J Davies and seconded by Cllr A Jones.
4.1 It was agreed to adopt the Financial Regulations for 2019.
5. **Powys Letter.** A letter was proposed to Rosemary Harris regarding the deadlines being too tight. Cllr Van Rees stated the Council Tax was to be increased by 5% in the next Financial Year. Also smaller schools, with under 30 pupils were looking at closure and amalgamation. It was outlined that not all eligible families were taking up the free meals available to them. Regarding the survey sent by Rosemary Harris. It was agreed to circulate to all councillors and for them to complete and return to Clerk who would collate findings.
5.1 It was proposed and agreed to form a Sub-Committee due to the pressure of cut-backs and with proposed planned spending. It was agreed that Deputy Mayor Cllr A Edwards, Cllr J Davies, Cllr A Jones and the Clerk would form the committee. This would meet quarterly and report back to the Council.
6. **Co-Option of Councillor:** With only 1 response from Ms June Parkinson. It was proposed by Cllr Van Rees to co-opt Ms Parkinson and this was seconded by Cllr J Davies.
7. **Traffic Calming;** No report

8. **Feedback from Councillors:** Cllr A Edwards reported that she would now be based at Llanwrtyd surgery for her employment. This would help the future of keeping the surgery open. She reported that the Doctors would be using the back room for surgery rather than the front room due to the problems with the sound proofing.
Cllr L Pace-Avery reported that she had received emails from Jack Townhill stating of his retirement together with Len Phelps and Geoff Strickland. There would be no replacement. A letter will be sent thanking them for their contribution.
9. **Anti-Social Behaviour:** It was noted that the situation in the Square had improved. There was complaints regarding dogs being on the playing fields. It was agreed to look at better signage being placed at both entrances to the field. The Rugby boys using the pitch had asked for keys to store kit etc. in the Pavilion. The whereabouts of the keys was unknown. It was agreed to hold a Public Meeting regarding the CCTV. This would be on Wednesday 6th November and the Police Crime Commissioner and the Inspector from Llandrindod Wells would be invited. It was proposed to hold the meeting in the Victoria Hall.
10. **Website:** Cllr Piggott reported that local events had been reported on the website including the Llanwrtyd Wells Show, the bog-snorkelling. The visits to the site were still increasing helping the site to be upgraded in the search engines. Views on the front page photograph were discussed. Cllr Piggott mentioned that the site would need more money soon for the upkeep and it was suggested that this may be found by advertising.
11. **Planning:** It was noted that permission had been granted to the erection of two dwellings on land adjacent to the railway station but an amendment to planning at Pentwyn, Abergwesyn has been refused. The planning application for Plas Y Cadno had also been approved.
Cllr Van Rees declared an interest.
Jenny Walsby had brought to the attention of Cllr Pace-Avery the planned proposals of a wind turbine to be placed on the Epynt. The application was for a 75' turbine.
Cllr Van Rees declared an interest.
Maps of the area concerned were distributed and a discussion took place. It was agreed to wait and see the reaction of the MOD.
12. **Twinning:** Cllr Pace Avery showed a slate plaque to be presented to the village of Cesky Krumlov the forthcoming visit of 21 residents from Llanwrtyd. Cllr J Davies informed Council that 6 people from Meriel were staying in Llanwrtyd for the 4 day walks.
13. **Councillor Training:** One Voice Wales gave mandatory training for Councillors. The are bursaries available but Cllr Pace Avery believed these had all been allocated.
14. **Services:**
- **Library** – Reported that Powys again were looking at library closures. There was a suggestion of moving premises. They had agreed not to move the children's section. It was looking at a rental charge of between £1000 and £1200 p.a.
Richard Myatt and Val Hope had prepared a document which was handed around the table, which outlined future options for the Library.
A discussion continued regarding the costs of the library and Cllr Van Rees stated that we had the lowest footfall recorded. Cllr Van Rees would review the situation and confirm if County Council will be asking local Council for the rent.
 - **Public Toilets** – It was reported that the lock on the Gents toilets had been broken and sent for repair. This caused the toilet to be closed for a short period. The heating of the toilets was an issue as condensation was becoming a problem. A question of the heaters being on a timer was raised. Also there was a leak to be looked at. Cllr J Davies would look into these issues. It was recorded that the toilets

were still not as clean as they should be and the bins were not regularly being emptied. A new checklist would be put in place for the caretaker.

- **Surgery** – It was suggested to invite James Marchant to the next meeting to discuss future of the Surgery.
- **Dolwen Fields** – planning permission had been granted. The field was to be ploughed over but due to the climate the sowing season had been missed. This operation would now take place in the Spring. Llanwrtyd Bulls still using the field. A lease agreement was needed between the Council and Dolwen Fields Committee. A quote of £600 to carry out this work has been received. Cllr Van Rees to resolve this matter and look to instruct solicitors. The Town Council would still have overall control. The Committee would oversee improvement and increased use of the field areas. The point was again raised regarding the Llanwrtyd Bulls asking for a key. It was noted that this may help future grant applications. Minutes of the leasing of the Dolwen fields to be forwarded to Cllr Van Rees.
Cllr Rowlands has received the ROPSA report and all was ok.

16. **Correspondence:**

- An email from Ty –Twt. Cllr Van Rees declared an interest. The issue raised was an environmental problem and the writer would be advised to contact that department.
- Email from Julie Goodridge re a meeting in Builth Wells regarding local adult support. This would be forwarded to Cllr Pace Avery.
- Czech School – a feature of Abernant School was proposed to be included in the QR code plaques. It was suggested on the benched of the town square. It was agreed a good idea but there was to be no mention of the Abernant location itself as this may cause problems.
- Funding for the Victoria Hall. It was suggested they could register with the Powys Lottery. Up to £1000 could be given. It was reported that there was no funding from County Council for the Victoria Hall or the Bromsgrove Hall.
Suggest asking a representative from Powys Lottery to the next meeting.
- Erw Haf. An email regarding the waste ground at Erw Haf. This issue is between residents and is not an issue for the Council. A reply to this effect will be sent.

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

Signed.....

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Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th October at 7.00pm