



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2019 in the Council Chambers f the War Memorial institute

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

In Attendance : Outgoing Clerk and RFO LEBall and incoming Clerk Mrs S. Middleton

Cllr Pace-Avery opened the meeting at 7.03 pm welcoming the new Clerk , who is duly to start officially in September , to the meeting as an observer. She thanked everyone for their attendance and informed members that Mr M Davies, builder , would be attending to discuss the development of the Tae Cai Mawr site and beyond.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** There were no apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of interest-** there were no declarations of interest.
3. **Minutes of the June meeting:** The minutes of the June meeting were duly considered and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr A. Jones and seconded by Cllr T. Van Rees.
Matters arising – the Clerk informed members that letters had been written to Mr Marchant and to Ms Fay Smith but no replies to date had been received.
4. **Finance -**The Clerk presented the balance sheet for June outlining income and expenditure. After due consideration the June balance sheet was proposed as an accurate record by Cllr T. Van Rees and seconded by Cllr P. James.
5. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor-** volunteers for the role of Deputy Mayor was called for but no one put themselves forward. Nominations were then called for and Mrs A. Edwards was nominated by Cllr Van Rees. Mrs Edwards accepted the nomination and after a show of hands was unanimously appointed as Deputy Mayor.
6. **New Clerk and Co-option of new Councillor-**Cllr Pace-Avery thanked the outgoing Clerk for all the support given to her throughout her time as Mayor and welcomed the incoming Clerk to the Council. Cllr James welcomed Mrs Middleton to the table.
Co-option of Councillor – the clerk outline the timescale for co-option.
Co-option notice went out on the 2nd July
If no election is called for by the public applications can be invited on the 23rd July
Deadline for applications of interest Friday 2nd August
Letters of application and questionnaire to be returned by 16th August.
Informal chat with prospective Cllrs to be done in September.
7. **Traffic Calming-** Cllr Rowlands enquired as to whether we had received a reply from Ken Skates but the Clerk informed him that since the letter had only been written last month we had not received a reply as yet. Cllr Rowlands informed members that the Speed watch team were still operating efficiently and he volunteered to take over the file and the letter writing to Mr Skates while the new Clerk was "finding her feet".
8. **Feedback from Councillors**
Cllr T. Van Rees informed members

- that there had been a formal offer of a grant to renovate the War Memorial Institute .alternative accommodation would be need for the caretaker whilst works were being carried out.
- that Mr P. Griffiths, of the Abernant , had been appointed as a third trustee to the Institute.
- that the carpentry on the footbridge had been carried out and that the painting of the bridge would be completed within the next few months.

that some reparation work had been done along the Abergwesyn Road.

However Cllr S. Jones reported that the telephone line was still draped along the hedge , that the tree had still not been removed and that drains that had been broken were not yet replaced or repaired.

- that the secretary of the show committee had been in touch regarding the letter of apology sent by the Council and requested that a donation to the Strawberry tea be made .

A discussion ensued regarding the importance of supporting the farmers and that Cllrs should make every effort to attend the show.

Cllr Davies formally proposed that a donation of £25.00 be made to the show Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Van Rees and after a show of hands the motion was unanimously carried.

Action: Clerk to raise a cheque for £25.00 .

Cllr Pigott offered to do an article about the show and put it onto the website and would invite the Committee to submit a more permanent article to be included in the website.

Mr M Davies arrived at the meeting at approx. 7:20pm the Agenda was halted and Cllr Pace-Avery welcomed Mr Davies to the meeting. Mr Davies outlined the development which could possibly take place on the land from Tae Cae Mawr leading down to the station. The original development was envisaged as being in keeping with the buildings already in place but the plans put to the table were for 47 dwellings on the site of semi-detached houses and affordable housing. The planning officer he was dealing with at Powys was Mrs G Bufton . This was felt to be urban planning in a rural setting and came as a surprise to the Town Council who were unaware of this large scale development in the recent Local Development Plan It was felt to be wholly inappropriate for Llanwrtyd Wells and would alter the dynamics of the Town

Cllr James questioned as to whether there was any consultation with the community about this development and if not why not?

Councillors felt this would alter the demographics of Llanwrtyd Wells completely and several questions were raised as to who would buy/occupy them? where would these people work? Would there be adequate infrastructure to support such an expansion?

Cllr Van Rees requested a copy of the plans and Mr Davies agreed that he would send Cllr Van Rees copies.

It was felt that urgent action needed to be taken and that letters needed to be written to invite the portfolio holder for planning in Powys to a special meeting of the Council in August. Copies of any letters to be sent to Kirsty Williams and Mr K. Skates and an invite for a representative of the Welsh government to attend the aforementioned meeting.

Action: Clerk to write to portfolio holder and representative of Welsh Government . copies of letters to Kirsty Williams , Julie James, housing Minister, Mr K Skates.

Cllr Pace-Avery thanked Mr Davies for his attendance and the whole Council were grateful that he had brought the matter to the attention of the Council.

Cllr Edwards informed members

- that she had spoken Mr Marchant outlining our concerns and the Council would be hearing from him soon.

Cllr Rowlands reported

- That the Wales in Bloom visit on the 5th July had gone well with the adjudicator having done an hour and a half long tour of the Town speaking to a variety of people who had been responsible for helping to maintain the Town and its displays. He commented that the assessor was impressed by the commitment of all concerned in sustaining the Towns wellbeing and sense of Community. We would not know the outcome until September.
- that as a result of the Wales in bloom competition there had been a vast improvement in the “look” of the Town and he hoped that the Town Council would continue to support the event in the future.
- that he would write an article for the grapevine thanking everyone who was involved.

The comment was made that Powys are still using glyphosphate as a weed killer.

Cllr Pace-Avery reminded everyone

- of the Picnic in the park event for Mrs Gill Lloyd who is retiring after 36 years at Ysgol Dolafon

she informed members

- that she had received an e-mail from a resident regarding the mess at Pont Wen and she has requested they write a letter directly to the Town Council .
- that Bryn Irfon had won the “Learning Disability and Autism Award” which is a National Award . She felt that the Council should write a letter of congratulations .

Action: Clerk to write above letter.

- that she would like to set up a small planning committee to look at expenditure through out the next year with a view to having a clear strategy for prioritisation of spending .

9. Anti-Social Behaviour-Cllr Pace-Avery reported that there had been no response to the the request in the Grapevine for contributions towards installing CCTV. Although there have been no incidents involving the police recently there is still low level anti-social behaviour happening as a result of excessive drinking. On one occasion visitors to the Town were put of staying due to the behaviour of certain individuals who were worse for wear through drink.

Cllr Pace Avery said that she would contact PCSO Kelham for an update of the serving of PCNs .She reported that the Festival committee were still debating whether to put up a Christmas tree this year.

The funding of CCTV was discussed with the possibility of using Section 137 monies but it was felt that the council wait the outcome of issuing the PCNs for certain individuals.

The Clerk outlined two quotes with the cost of installing CCTV in the region of £3000.00-£4000.00. Dyfed Alarms gave a very comprehensive quote and is used by the police and the ambulance service.

Cllr A. Jones offered to speak to people in person about the issue and feedback at the nest meeting.

It was suggested that a follow up meeting be arranged with those who attended the original meeting to keep them informed of developments and it was suggested that residents be kept informed. It was suggested that £500.00 be set aside from the Town Council budget for CCTV and this would perhaps set the ball rolling for further funds. This was not formally proposed and needs to be formally agreed at the next Council meeting. The divisional Manager should be invited to the next meeting with PCSO Kelham.

Cllr Rowlands felt that the Memorial Gardens were a vulnerable site and requested that the police monitor that area when they do their routine rounds.

Cllr Hughes brought to the attention of members the notice on the telephone box which stated that the box would be removed due to lack of usage. There is a number to ring. Cllr Van Rees to write to the police regarding this issue.

- 10. Website**-Cllr Piggot reported on the use of the website and informed members that most visitors had come from France followed by China and Spain. The women's cycling tour had been put onto the site . He encouraged everyone to keep spreading the word about the site,

Cllr Rowlands requested that the annual fee of £150.00 for the site be paid by the Town Council. Cllr Hughes suggested offering advertising on the site for local /services and that would generate income to help with the cost.

- 11. Planning**-The Clerk read a letter received from Boyers acting on behalf of the developers of the Maes y Dre site on Beulah Road. The letter indicated that there would be financial remuneration for an off site green space . This planning application was originally objected to by the Town and County Council but was subsequently granted after an appeal by the developers. The revised planning application requested amendments to the original. Cllr Davies proposed that the Town Council reject any remuneration, and this was seconded by Cllr Edwards. After a show of hands, the proposal was unanimously carried. The issue of Maes yr Dre would be included in the proposed extra-ordinary meeting in August .

- 12. Twinning** -Cllr Davies felt there was nothing to report for the twinning other than all arrangements had now been finalised for the Cesky Krumlov visit in September.

- 13. Councillor training**- Cllr Pace-Avery reported that she and Cllr Pigott had attended recent training in Builth Wells on the role of the Councillor. Cllr Pigott felt it was worthwhile training. Cllr Pace Avery informed members that One Voice Wales provide bespoke training that could be opened to other local Councils. She also informed members that CICLA training was available in Builth Wells in September and felt this could be of interest to the incoming Clerk.

- 14. Services**

a) Library-Cllr Van Rees informed members that he had spoken to Mr M. Weale regarding the library and that he would speak to Mrs V Hope to gather information from her as to the proposed way forward. He would report back at the next meeting.

b) Surgery- The Council awaits communication with Mr Marchant who has been invited to attend the next Council meeting. Cllr James was concerned that the revenue for the pharmacy is reducing as those who have appointments in Builth tend to go to Builth for their prescription to be made up. The nurse is only in Builth on a Tuesday and Friday. It was suggested that the public should be made aware of the situation.

- c) Public Toilets - Cllr Pace-Avery called for volunteers to take responsibility for the public toilets, to hold the keys and to be line manager for the cleaner. Cllr Davies volunteered to take on the role. Cllr Pace-Avery thanked him and accepted his offer.
- d) Dolwen Field- Cllr Pigott informed meeting that Mr Fulford had offered a contribution to the project of £150.00.
Cllr Pace-Avery informed members that the pavilion was booked for one night for a birthday party. Cllr Davies informed members that a rugby team had been invited from Meriel to play a friendly match with team from Llanwrtyd but are concerned that the field is uneven. There has been a request to plough , flatten and reseed the field but there were concerns that the size of the pitch needed would not fit into the space when the running track was in situ. Cllr Pace-Avery and Cllr Davies had met with Lucas Evans the organiser to measure the size of the field. It was requested that a meeting with the architect be set up to know the exact dimensions of the incoming road and width of the track and where the incoming road would be placed.
Cllr Van Rees informed members that a brass band from south Wales comes to the Abernant each year. They will put on a concert in September in aid of the Institute with the actual dates still to be fixed. He requested leave of meeting at 9:15pm due to other commitments.
The Clerk informed members that the ROSPA reports for the skatepark and the play areas on the Dolwen Field had been received .Cllr Rowlands offered to take them to read and report back at the meeting in September .
The Clerk reported that the DofE assessors had a good stay in the pavilion and all monies had been collected together with and extra £10.00 for electricity for their electric car.
- e) Town Square and Green- It was reported that extra Christmas decorations had been acquired from Brecon Town Council.
Cllr Pace Avery requested that now the judging for Wales in Bloom had happened that Mr Evans be contacted with a view to getting the electrical work done.
Action Clerk to contact Mr Evans.

15. Correspondence

<u>Item Speaker</u>	e-mail from Mr Capener giving his apologies for not attending.
<u>Item 14c on Agenda</u>	Directive from Welsh government regarding Non-Domestic Rate relief on Public toilets

Item15 Correspondence

- Email from Mr Ian Pryce regarding the waste Ground on Erw Haf
- E-mail from Missouri regarding the BEAR
- Communication form Citizens Advice regarding removal of waste . Powys say that she will have to have a private collection at cost of £600.00 wants to know if Town Council can help in some way.

Cllr A. Jones informed members that the One Voice Wales meeting was due to take place on Friday evening and requested support from Councillors to provide refreshments. Cllr Edwards offered to make sandwiches and Cllr Pace-Avery offered to officiate.

Cllr Pace-Avery thanked the Clerk for her support during her time in office and wished her well for the future.

Cllr Pace- Avery thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:45pm.

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Date of next Meeting: **Wednesday 18th September**