



## CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 in the Council Chambers, War Memorial Institute at 6.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs L Pace-Avery, A Edwards, J Davies, J Parkinson, A Jones, J Rowlands, S Jones and T Van Rees

**Visiting** – Kirsty Williams AM

**In Attendance** – S Middleton –Town Clerk

Cllr Pace-Avery opened the meeting at 6.30pm and welcomed Ms Williams for attending the meeting.

A question and answer session took place with Ms Williams regarding several issues raised by residents and Councillors regarding the LDP and support in the community for future planning. It was suggested a Housing needs Survey could be conducted and this was agreed as a good way forward.

Cllr Van Rees and S Jones joined the meeting at 6.45pm

The Mayor thanked Ms Williams for listening and answering our concerns and she left the meeting 7.10pm .

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs P James, M Pigott and R Hughes
2. **Declaration of Interest:** New declaration of Interest forms had been circulated and many were returned. Cllr A Jones and S Jones did not think they had received the email. Clerk to re-send email to Cllr A Jones and gave a printed copy to Cllr S Jones. **Action Clerk**  
Copies of form to be sent to Cllr Edwards for inclusion on the website. **Action Clerk.**
3. **Minutes** of the December meeting were acknowledged as a true record and the matters arising read through.  
Item 4 – Grants for the toilets. We had notification we could claim £3000 from PCC. Forms arrived at L Ball's address. Clerk to invoice as soon as the forms are with her. **Action Clerk**  
Item 4.1 – Bank changes. New PinSentry card reader received but no authorisation card. Clerk to chase up. **Action Clerk**  
Item 6 Traffic calming. Following letter from the Welsh Office, Cllr Rowlands asked if Clerk could chase update at end of February when assessment finished. **Action Clerk**  
All other items had been completed/resolved. Proposed Cllr Parkinson and seconded Cllr Davies
4. **Finance:** The Precept for 2020/21 was talked through and voting approval. The Precept requires sending a.s.a.p. as deadline Friday 24<sup>th</sup>. **Action Clerk**  
The expenditure for December was perused and incoming Invoices for January were approved for payment. Proposed as correct record by Cllr Edwards and seconded by Cllr Van Rees.  
The Clerk asked for permission to apply for a debit card for the bank account as this would simplify smaller and internet payments. This was agreed by the Council.  
Clerk to look at interest rates online for reserve. **Action Clerk**
5. **VE Day Celebrations:** A proposal for a street party to be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May in Irfon Terrace as the road can be closed. Fancy dress was also proposed. The Clerk read out the suggestions from the VE75 Committee regarding celebrating the people back home working to support the war effort, especially women. A sub-committee to forward the street party arrangements was formed – being Cllr J Parkinson and the Clerk at present. Meeting to be arranged. **Action Clerk.**

6. **Anti-Social behaviour:** Nothing new to report as all matters concerning the Pavillion resolved earlier in the month.
7. **Website:** The Town Council new website now published but Cllr Edwards still awaiting some details from Cllrs. A discussion took place over the renewal of the Llanwrtyd Wells website hosting. After much deliberation it was agreed the Council would pay this year's hosting with a proviso that the Website must be self-funding by the time next year's invoice is due. This was voted on and agreed.
8. **Planning:** Re Abernant Lakeside Cottages. Cllr Van Rees gave a brief outline of where planning was at this time and the Clerk confirmed that an appeal had been lodged with Powys Planning Office. It was agreed the Council agreed with the decision to refuse planning made by the Planning department and a letter of such would be sent to the Planning office.  
**Action Clerk.**
9. **Environmental Act Report:** A discussion took place regarding the report and the Clerk outlined the changes made to the original. Cllr Edwards raised the issue of monitoring the actions listed. Report to be re-circulated to Councillors for suggestions. **Action Clerk**
10. **Feedback from Councillors;**
  - Cllr A Jones** – Abandoned car still in situ. Spoken to Police and Highways but no action taken. Details to be passed on to Cllr Van Rees. **Action Cllr Van Rees.**
  - Cllr J Parkinson:** Nothing to report
  - Cllr Van Rees:** He attended a meeting at the Library with Librarian, Kay Thomas and volunteers. A proposal of £850 to be paid as a contribution from the Council was put forward by the Library. This was rejected and a further proposal £550 was suggested. This would be discussed at a later time.
  - The Deeds of the War Memorial Institute were required to include the new Trustees. The Clerk had copies of the deeds but the original was required. Clerk to forward Deeds to Cllr Van Rees. **Action Clerk.**
  - Cllr has spoken to the Police at Llandrindod Wells with reference to them to use the room in the War Memorial Institute as a drop-in centre, maybe once a week, as soon as it is ready. An official opening was requested. **Action Cllr Van Rees**
  - Cllr Edwards:** A proposal was put forward to include a period of maternity and paternity leave be included in our Standing Orders. A period of 1 year was agreed in line with current employment regulations. **Action Clerk**
  - Cllr S Jones:** Commented on concerns regarding the Library volunteers were unable to re-new the lending time on books. If people were encouraged to do so electronically it would have an impact on the footfall to the Library which would be counter-productive to keeping it open.
  - Cllr J Rowlands:** Reporting the new water pipe to be laid the property, Chapel House, adjoining the Heritage Centre. This was resulting in the road being closed for 3 days from the junction of the A483 and the Medical Centre up Ffos Road. The Clerk reported this was confirmed with Highways and notices had been placed in the Surgery and at the War Memorial Institute.
  - Cllr J Davies:** Reported the amount of dog poo bags hung on trees leading up Station Road. A dog poo bin was suggested to be placed on Station Road. **Action Clerk.**
  - Cllr R Hughes:** Raised the same issue as Cllr Davies via email`
  - Cllr Pace-Avery:** Reported the Llanwrtyd Bears has sought permission to erect the Rugby Posts on Dolwen Fields. She had confirmed the Council's consent. Cllr Van Rees asked for the Insurers to be notified of their activity and also a Disclaimer to be placed at the Pavillion regarding liability at own risk. **Action Clerk.**
  - A rugby match between the Llanwrtyd Bears and Meriel was confirmed for the 22<sup>nd</sup> February followed by hog roast, auction and disco at the Victoria Hall.
11. Services:

- Storage of Christmas Lights: Email from Nigel Price stating there was little storage left in the shed currently being used. Cllr A Jones suggested using the basement of the Institute as it was dry. Also the garden club could move their equipment from the bus shelter shed to another shed in the Memorial Garden behind the Institute. **Action Cllr A Jones to contact John Boulton.**
- Public Toilets: Ladies locks have been repaired. With the cleaner currently in hospital, Cllrs Pace-Avery and Davies are cleaning the toilets. Concerns raised over when cleaner can return to work.
- Dolwen Fields: Cllr Davies gave report from the Dolwen Fields Committee regarding funding being refused from the national Lottery. They were looking to re-apply for a smaller grant for just the access road. Many ideas for developing the activities but access is still an issue. Clerk also reported the Fire extinguishers were due to be checked and a replacement First Aid Kit was required . **Action Clerk**
- Cemetery Shed: Cllr Van Rees reported on the poor condition of the shed and that Nia Hughes had been advised to its dismantling and removal. She also suggested putting a bench in the same spot once the shed had gone. These points were agreed and Clerk to contact Ms Hughes for her to commence the work.

12. Correspondence:

Email from Julie Goodridge of Dementia Community. Meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> in Builth Wells.

The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) Regulations – updated error to Guidance.

Planning Directorate regarding consultation on proposed changes to planning fees. To be forwarded to Cllr Edwards for inclusion on Website. **Action Clerk**

Brecknock and Radnor Sports Partnership: Contribution to funding

One Voice Wales: Nominations for Innovative Practice and National Awards.

Bala Town Council: Seeking advice on working with 5 – 18 year olds on local projects.

Ken Skates AM: Support for EU, EEA and Swiss Nationals working in Wales after Brexit.

One Voice Wales: Consultation on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

Police Crime Commissioner: Invitation to closing Ceremony of Knife Angel in Newtown

PAVO: Notice of Careers Festival to be held in Royal Welsh Showground on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Heart of Wales Line: Notice of temporary closure of the line between Llandovery and Llanwrtyd and the Temporary closure of the Sugar Loaf Station for re-furbishment.

Welsh Government: Proposed amendment to Sustainable Drainage Systems Enforcement Order.

13. AOB: None

14. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 6.30pm  
Visitor Dave Brown from community Transport.

Signed .....

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