

# YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 13 July 2015 at Cradoc Golf Club at 7.30pm

**Councillors Present:** Jane Price  
Roger Price  
Margaret Rees  
Helen Howarth  
Bob Wood

**Also present:** Michael Westhorpe (clerk)  
Cllr Gillian Thomas

**1. Apologies for absence**

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Rees Price (another meeting).

**2. Declarations of Interest**

2.1 There were no declarations of interest

**3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 May 2015**

3.1 It was agreed that the minutes should be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**4. Clerk's Report including information from minutes**

4.1 With regard to 7.3, the Clerk reported that he had a meeting on site with Malcolm Jones and Cllr Rees Price. The position of the noticeboard had been confirmed and marked on the ground. Cllr Rees Price would be erecting the noticeboard shortly.

4.2 Under 11.2, the Clerk reported that the register of individual members' interests did not have to be published so it had been removed from the website. Only declarations made at meetings need to be recorded.

4.3 Under 12.2 the Clerk reported that the response from the auditor had been received. There were no issues arising from the audit. The annual return was approved and accepted by the council. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his diligent work on record keeping. The audit fee of £80 plus vat was approved.

4.4 Under 16 Cllr Gillian Thomas reported that she had raised the state of the Battle Hill road with the Highways department. The Clerk read a response he had received from Lyn Parry stating that the Battle Hill road would be repaired when the forestry work had been completed. Advance warning signs are being considered in relation to Aberyscir Bridge.

4.5 Under 17.1 Cllr Bob Wood reported that the paintings were exhibited in one room only. The intention is to sell the collection and anyone wishing to view them had to make an appointment. It was agreed to monitor the situation. Cllr Gillian Thomas reported that the swimming pool application had not yet been determined.

**5. To determine whether to make a response to the Deposit Powys Local Development Plan**

5.1 The Clerk referred to the email he had circulated previously. He said that he had skim read the plan and had not seen any issues of concern to the Council. It was agreed that no response need to be made.

## **6. Financial Matters**

- 6.1 The clerk's hours (23 hrs), pay (£185.20) and expenses (£25.89) for May and June were approved. The annual insurance renewal had arrived after the agenda was sent out. The price of £265 was the same as in 2014/15, it being the last year of the 3 year agreement, and this payment was also approved.
- 6.2 The Council noted the current financial position as shown in the cash book spreadsheet and budget monitoring spreadsheet. The end of year balance for March 2016 was expected be around £1640.

## **7. To consider a complaint received about dogs barking through the night at Ynys Villa**

- 7.1 Cllr Jane Price reported that she had received a complaint from a Battle resident about dogs keeping her awake at 2 to 3 am. in the morning. The dogs were identified as coming from Ynys Villa. The resident was happy to put the complaint in writing but the problem had ceased. She would write to the Council if the problem reoccurred. Other Councillors and the Clerk reported that they had also heard the dogs.
- 7.2 After discussion it was agreed to write to the property owner and alert him to the re-occurrence of the problem.

## **8. To consider changes to waste collection arrangements**

- 8.1 Cllr Helen Howarth reported her concern that the items for recycling were being reduced (no longer recycling plastic wrappings) and there was a strong rumour ( Facebook- Kirsty Williams' page) that the landfill rubbish collections were going to move to a three weekly collection cycle.
- 8.2 After discussion it was agreed to write to Powys County Council to make the following points:
- a) there needs to be better communication of any changes with notices in the local papers;
  - b) if landfill collections are to move to a three weekly cycle, people need more help with what can be recycled. For example, tetrapaks account for most juice drinks and take up a lot of space. If a tetrapak recycling facility could be included at the Cradoc recycling site, it would save a lot of material going to landfill.

## **9. Cradoc School's Sports Day and the issue of parking in Cradoc**

- 9.1 Cllr Bob Wood reported that on Cradoc Sports day it was very difficult and dangerous to drive through Cradoc. Cars were parked on both sides of the road leading to the golf course. ..It would not have been possible for a large vehicle to get through. This was considered unacceptable and the Clerk was asked to write to the school about this. it was suggested that the school should identify events like this in advance and arrange car parking facilities on a farmer's field for the event.
- 9.2 Car parking at the school was raised again and Cllr Gill Thomas updated members on meetings that had occurred. The Council looked forward to hearing about the proposals from the school.

## **10. Future changes to the website platform for www.yscir.net**

- 10.1 The Clerk explained that Upper Bridge Enterprises had been in touch and informed him that Microsoft were withdrawing the platform on which www.yscir.net was based. They have identified an alternative product and wished to meet to discuss options. Cllr Helen Howarth was unable to attend the meeting so Cllr Bob Wood had agreed to attend.

## **11. Planning Application: Repairs to bridge at Glanyscir BBNPA Ref 15/12379/LBC**

- 11.1 The planning application and the disruption it would cause was discussed. Particular concern was expressed at the proposal to lay heritage kerbs reducing the carriageway width to 3m. This would mean that large agricultural machinery would no longer be able to cross the bridge causing particular difficulties to farms that had land on both sides of the river.

Also it is a very tight turn from the adjacent side road onto the bridge that would be made even more difficult. The Council decided to oppose the planning application on this basis.

**12) To consider any planning applications that arrived after the meeting papers were sent out**

12.1 There were none.

**13) Issues to be raised with Powys County Council**

13.1 There were none.

**14) Correspondence**

- a) PCC consultation on closure of Welsh medium stream at Brecon High School\*
- b) First annual general meeting of the Powys Community Health Council \*
- c) Consultation on the deposit Local Development Plan of PCC\*
- d) Invitation from PCC to attend a reception at the Royal Welsh Show\*
- e) Notice of road closure in Battle from September 9th to 11th to repair a burst water main\*
- f) Changes to recycling arrangements in Brecon\*
- g) Ombudsman Annual Report 2014/15
- h) One Voice Wales Brecon and Radnor Area Committee Meeting 3 July

**15) Confirmation of date and times of next meeting: Wednesday 9 September 2015 (7.30pm) at Cradoc Golf Club**

The meeting closed at 8.34 pm