



Yscir Community Council

Clerk

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There will be a meeting of Yscir Community Council on:

Wednesday 6 September 2017 at 7.30pm at Cradoc Golf Club

Planning applications (if any) on view from 7:15 p.m. together with applications received after issue of the agenda

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Declarations of Interest
- 3) To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 July 2017
- 4) Information from Minutes - Clerk's Report
- 5) To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16 August 2017
- 6) To receive feedback on increasing fibre broadband access in Yscir
- 7) To determine how to respond to the damaged wall opposite the bridge at Aberbran (also damage , again, to Aberyscir Bridge
- 8) To note the Community Council will be the contact point for anything relating to Battle Common
- 9) To discuss correspondence received relating to problems of noise, trespass and dog fouling by guests at holiday properties in Aberyscir and to determine what action to take, if any.
- 10) Financial Matters
 - 10.1 To approve the clerk's hours and expenses for July and August
 - 10.2 To note the response from the external auditor and complete the satisfaction survey
 - 10.3 To authorise the following payments:

Cheque	Payee	Description	£ exVAT	VAT	Total
207	Mr M Westhorpe	Printer and ink cartridges	£279.17	£55.83	£335.00
209	Mr M Westhorpe	Clerk's Pay for July and August	£262.73	£0.00	£262.73
208	Mr M Westhorpe	Clerk's expenses for July and August	£33.95	£0.00	£33.95

10.4 To note the financial position of the Council as contained in the cashbook and budget monitoring spreadsheet (enclosed)

10.5 To request the reissue of 2 recent cheques from Santander and have funds paid directly into the Yscir Community Council bank account in future

- 11) To discuss the possible movement of the telephone box in Cradoc to an alternative site to allow it to be used as a mini library.
- 12) To compile a list of local businesses for Powys County Council
- 13) Invitation from Chris Davies MP to visit the Palace of Westminster
- 14) Correspondence
 - a) BBNPA Community Newsletter*
 - b) draft vision for Powys for 2040 and well-being objectives
 - c) Review of BBNPA Rights of Way*
 - d) Powys Household Waste Recycling Centres to increase opening hours*
 - e) Consultation on Electoral Reform by the Welsh Assembly Government*
 - f) Mid and West Wales Fire Service - Summer Bulletin*
 - g) PCC July Newslines*
 - h) One Voice Wales Training programme*
 - i) Bronllys Well-being Park Newsletter*
 - j) Brecon Advice Centre Annual Report
 - k) Tree Charter Legacy Trees*

PCC = Powys County Council; BBNPA = Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

* circulated by email

** received by email but not circulated

- 14) Change of January meeting date from 17 January to 10 January
- 15) Consideration of any planning applications received after the agenda was circulated
- 16) Issues to be raised with Powys County Council
- 17) Confirmation of date and times of next meeting: Wednesday 15 November 2016 (7.30pm)
at Cradoc Golf Club



Michael Westhorpe

Clerk to Yscir Community Council

YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 12 July 2017, at 7.30pm at Cradoc Golf Club

Councillors Present: Jane Price
Tess Birtles
Bob Wood
Dilys Davies
Geoff Watkins
Valerie Davies

Also present: Michael Westhorpe (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Kate Dunning and County Councillor Iain McIntosh who had a prior commitment. Cllr Jane Price said that Iain McIntosh was very sorry to have missed the meeting but would be attending the next meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 May 2017

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

4. Clerk's report including information from minutes

4.1 The Clerk reported that he was getting no response from BT Openreach about broadband provision in Yscir. He referred to an email he had circulated to members from a constituent who had wondered whether the community should pursue satellite based provision. A discussion followed; the main points were:

a) The Welsh Government has funded 'Fibre optics to the Property' (FTTP) and BT Openreach then has to make a final connection to the property.

b) The FTTP work has been done but BT are not completing the final stage of the installation. However, some properties have been connected to fibre optic broadband.

c) It was agreed to seek the support of Chris Davies MP, Kirsty Williams AM and Cllr Iain McIntosh.

4.2 The Clerk reported that following the intervention of Cllr Iain McIntosh a reply had now been received from the Highways department to outstanding matters:

a) Dangerous road edge near junction with Battle Hill; *repair to be made when resource becomes available*

b) Large pothole beyond Cradoc School; *potholes repaired even though not Highways responsibility*

c) Standing water near Cae Crwyn; *drainage system jetted and clearer*

d) Muddy road outside Cradoc school; *will look during Summer holiday when fewer cars parked in area*

4.3 With regard to 19.1 (2 Maes yr Awel) the Clerk reported that Highways had been instructed to remove the car and new tenants were being sought for the property.

5) Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 21 June 2017

5.1 The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

- 6) To consider what can be done to deter speeding through Cradoc and Aberyscir**
- 6.1 Cllr Tess Birtled read out comments made by Cllr Kate Dunning about improving traffic safety in Cradoc. There was a discussion about speeding through Aberyscir and people travelling too fast on the narrow roads throughout the community. Whilst the Council would like a 30mph speed limit along the length of the road between Cradoc and Aberbran it was believed that this would not be possible. Aberyscir is the only hamlet without a 30 mph speed limit and it was agreed to ask Highways for a meeting to discuss the siting of 30mph signs in Aberyscir. It was also suggested that there should be 'Pedestrians in Road' signs due to the increased number of people walking along the roads and the reduced visibility caused by hedgerow growth.
- 6.2 After discussion it was agreed that a 20mph zone ahead warning sign was needed to slow down traffic on the approach to Cradoc from Brecon on Cradoc Road. The suggestion of a mirror on the telegraph pole opposite the Forge was rejected on the grounds of distraction and confusion.
- 6.3 It was agreed to ask for a meeting with Highways to discuss the above traffic calming measures in Cradoc and Aberyscir.
- 7) To receive a verbal report from Councillors of training attended**
- 7.1 There were a number of complaints about the training on planning:
- a) the venue was far too hot making it very uncomfortable. this was made worse by a lack of water;
 - b) the meeting started 25 minutes late;
 - c) Some individuals dominated the groupwork, wanting to deal with their particular planning issues.
- 7.2 Cllr Tess Birtled reported that she had found the training very useful. In particular she mentioned an interactive guide on the planning portal.
- 7.3 It was agreed to feed these points back to the training provider.
- 7.4 The induction training provided by One Voice Wales had been very good.
- 8) Financial Matters**
- 8.1 The clerk's hours (31 hrs), pay (£355.53) and expenses (£66.25) for May and June were approved. It was decided that the Clerk should no longer use his printer for the Council's work. He was asked to purchase a good printer suitable for the Council's use. The Clerk said that he would look into this and circulate possible options to members before making a purchase.
- 8.2 Payments to HMRC for PAYE, to One Voice Wales for training, and to the Society of Local Council Clerks for the Clerk's membership were approved.
- 8.3 Renewal of the Council's insurance was approved. The Council is in the second year of a three year agreement and the renewal premium of £168 was thought to be good value.
- 8.4 The Clerk reported that a VAT refund of £139.92 had been received. He said that he had been completely these returns sporadically but that he would now be doing it on a yearly basis.
- 8.5 The cashbook indicated that after the expenditure approved at the meeting there would be around £2,700 in the bank. The budget monitoring statement predicted an end of year balance of around £2,500. The Clerk reported a variance of £105 on his expenditure at the moment but he thought that this would come down as the year progressed.
- 9) Application Ref: P/2017/0685 for building to house domestic swimming pool and associated works at Siloam Shalom, Aberyscir, Brecon, Powys**
- 9.1 The revised building was lower and out of sight of the road and other properties. Different views were expressed about the possible level of noise. Environmental Health had raised concerns about contamination of the ground. After discussion and consideration against the planning portal, the Council decided it had no objections to this application, subject to taking on board the comments from Environmental Health..

10) To determine whether to vote for the appointment of a Town/Community Councillor to the PCC Standards Community Sub-Committee; candidates:

10.1 As the members did not know the candidates it was decided not to vote for either candidate.

11) Planning Application TREE/2017/0024, Consent for works to trees subject to a TPO, namely the felling of 7 Norway Spruce trees and 2 Lelandi trees at Cradoc Golf Club,

11.1 There were no objections to this application.

12) Any planning applications that have arisen after the agenda was sent out

12.1 There were none.

13) Determination of the Council's response to applications from Charities for financial assistance

13.1 The email circulated by the Clerk was considered. It was pointed out that the Council's funds should be used for the local community only. There were no charities that were primarily serving the Yscir community. Whilst councillors themselves gave money to charity, as individuals they did not wish to see Council money spent for this purpose. It was decided to retain the existing policy of providing no support from Council funds for charity causes.

14) Condition of the footpaths and bridleways in Yscir (email from Richard Field)

14.1 The footpath from the Gaer to Brecon was discussed. It was reported that stiles on this path had been repaired recently and that the path was very well used at the moment. It was thought that nothing could be done about the bogginess. It was agreed to ask the National Parks to inspect this route and report back to the Council.

14.2 It was reported that a tree had been cleared from the path between Glanrhyd to Aberyscir Bridge.

15) Correspondence

a) Powys Newslines*

b) One Voice Wales Annual Meeting 7.00pm 14 July Talgarth Town Hall

c) Focus on play: briefing for councils

d) Objection report for Welsh medium education at Brecon High School

e) One Voice Wales Newsletter*

f) Invitation to Annual General Meeting of Powys Teaching Health Board*

g) Invitation to PCC reception at Royal Welsh Show*

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16) Issues to report to Powys County Council

16.1 There were none.

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2. Declarations of interest.

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3. Planning Application P/2017/0835 : Alterations and extension to existing dwelling to provide replacement garage annexe with new bedroom accommodation as well as replacement roof cladding and external joinery to existing dwelling. at Nonsuch Battle Brecon Powys

3.1 The planning application was discussed. There were no objections.

4. To determine which printer to purchase (see email)

4.1 It was agreed to purchase the Epson Workforce Pro 5620 with ink cartridges for £335 including VAT. As VAT can be reclaimed and with a £130 cashback promotion from Epson, the final cost would be £149.17.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Agenda item 10.4
 September 2017
 Opening Balance

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	Expenditure to date	Profiled expenditure to date	Variance	Budget 2017-18	Expenditure 2016-17
Insurance	£168	£164	£4	£164	£164
Audit fee	£0	£0	£0	£200	£186
Clerk's salary	£1,109	£1,026	£83	£1,900	£1,418
Clerk's expenses	£426	£270	£156	£500	£459
Newsletter	£0	£0	£0	£200	£303
SLCC and One Voice	£55	£65	-£10	£130	£124
Contingency	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Website	£0	£0	£0	£170	£153
C C election (uncont)	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
C C election (contes)	£0	£0	£0	£1,600	£0
Training Courses	£70	£60	£10	£60	£35
Data Controller Regi	£0	£0	£0	£35	£35
Projects	£0	£0	£0	£0	£126
VAT to reclaim	£59	£0	£59	£40	£60
Total expenditure	£1,887	£1,585	£302	£4,999	£3,063

Predicted overall expenditure for year **£5,301**

Income :precept **£3,884**

Income Santander **£7**

Income -vat refund **£140**

other income

Total Income **£4,031**

Projected closing balance at 31.3.17 £1,263 plus £1000?

(There will be a saving of £1000? from not having an election)