



Yscir Community Council

Clerk

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There will be a meeting of Yscir Community Council on:

Wednesday 23 January 2019 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 14 November 2018
- 4) Information from Minutes - Clerk's Report
- 5) To determine whether to provide financial support to the Sports Committee for the replacement of the marquee roof
- 6) To consider whether to have a war memorial for Yscir and Trallong
- 7) Councillors to return forms indicating whether they will be claiming the £150 member allowance or not and to determine a travel expenses policy.
- 8) Financial Matters
 - 8.1 To approve the clerk's hours and expenses for November and December
 - 8.2 To authorise the following payments:

Cheque	Payee	Description	£ exVAT	VAT	Total
241	Brecon Town Council	Grant for tourism support	100		100
242	Mr M Westhorpe (Upper Bridge Enterprises)	Website Hosting	162.5	32.5	195
243	Cradoc Golf Club	Refreshments (Litter Pick)	20	0	20
	Information Commissioner	Data Registration	35		
244	HMRC	PAYE for October to December	71	0	71
246	Mr M Westhorpe	Clerk's Pay for November and December	233.81	0	233.81
247	Mr M Westhorpe	Clerk's expenses for November and December	39.95	0	39.95

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

8.4 To receive the analysis of the Clerk's hours for 2018 (paper enclosed)

8.5 To set the budget and the precept for 2018 -19 (paper enclosed)

8.6 To confirm the appointment of Mr Paul Arthur as internal auditor

- 9) To determine arrangements for the Spring Newsletter
- 10) To determine if a response should be made to PCC consultation on Supplementary Planning Guidance on Landscape and Renewable Energy
- 11) Correspondence
- a) BBNPA consultation on Rights of Way**
 - b) Welsh government response to reform of community and town councils**

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

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- 12) To consider pot holes in Fennifach (Cllr Tess Birtles)
- 13) To consider the lack of broadband in Aberyscir
- 14) Consideration of any planning applications received after the agenda was circulated
- 15) Issues to be raised with Powys County Council
- 14) Confirmation of date and times of next meeting: Wednesday 27 March 2019 (7.30pm) at Cradoc Golf Club



Michael Westhorpe
Clerk to Yscir Community Council

YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 21 November 2018,
at 7.30pm at Cradoc Golf Club

Councillors present: Valerie Davies
Geoff Watkins
Bob Wood
Dilys Davies
Kate Dunning
Jane Price (arrived part way through meeting)

Also present: Michael Westhorpe (Clerk)
Cllr Iain McIntosh

Cllr Bob Wood chaired the meeting. The Council was very sorry that Gillian Thomas had recently passed away. She had served the local community and the county for many years and would be sadly missed. Cllrs Dilys Davies and Jane Price would represent Yscir Community Council at the funeral

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 There were apologies for absence from Cllr Tess Birtles

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 There were none.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 August 2018

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

4. Information from Minutes - Clerk's Report

4.1 Under 5.1 the Clerk reported that the Highways Authority had asked for the Wigwam signs to be removed as they are non-standard and contravene the Highway Act.

4.2 No suggestions had been made by the local community for taking up the offer of a donation for a community asset in the Aberbran/Aberyscir area. It was wondered whether a memorial to those that died in the wars might be appropriate. Discussion of this was left for a later agenda item.

5. To confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 10 October 2018

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

6. To consider the nuisance caused by uncontrolled dogs at the Sports Day

6.1 Cllr Dilys Davies reported that some parents with young children had had their time at the Sports Day spoiled by a small number of uncontrolled dogs, one of which urinated on a child's coat. The parent asked if in future dogs could be kept on leads or even banned.

6.2 The Clerk was asked to pass this information to the Sports Committee for their consideration of future events. He was also asked to thank the Sports Committee for their excellent work in organising the memorial beacon on Aberyscir Common. The Council was keen to emphasise that it fully supported and appreciated the work of the Sports Committee.

7. To consider the response received concerning the dogs barking in Aberyscir

7.1 Council members had previously seen the reply about what was being done to try and stop the dogs barking excessively. The Council was pleased that the matter was being taken

seriously and it was noted that the problem had been better of late.

8. To consider the lack of roadsweeping in Yscir

8.1 Cllr Geoff Watkins reported that this issue had been raised by a local resident. Powys County Council had undertaken a lot of other road maintenance work but not roadsweeping. As a consequence water was being diverted into Angorfa. Cllr Iain McIntosh agreed to pursue this with Highways.

9 Financial Matters

9.1 The clerk's hours (16.3), pay (£142.54) and expenses (£9.00) for August to September were approved.

9.2 Payment to HMRC (£42.60) for PAYE for July to September was approved.

9.3 The Clerk reported that the external auditor had issued Yscir Community Council with a qualified report. The Notice of Appointment of date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights had commenced prior to the Council approving the accounting statements, rather than after this date, which is required by the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014. The Clerk had thought that people should have had the chance to raise any issues before the Council met but he said that he would make sure this was done correctly in future.

9.4 The external auditor also pointed out that the precept had been wrongly recorded by £316 due to Powys County Council netting off the election expenses against the final precept payment. 'Other expenditure' was accordingly £316 too low. The figures were amended and approved.

9.5 The Council noted that the cashbook showed a balance of £3115 after the above expenditure in 9.1 and 9.2 is accounted for. The budget monitoring statement predicted an end of year balance of around £2,720.

10. To determine whether to sell the Santander shares

10.1 The Clerk reported that the shares (100 in total) were currently trading at £4.13, having been as high as £5.29 and as low as £2.81 over the last eighteen months. 3 to 4% was being earned from dividend interest. After a brief discussion it was decided to leave things as they are but to keep an eye on the situation.

11. To determine whether to provide Brecon Town Council with financial support for its Tourist Information Service

11.1 Brecon Town Council has requested financial support from neighbouring Councils for this service which had received over 10,000 visits in 4 months. As this is a service that benefits local businesses, it was decided to donate £100 to support this work.

12. To receive an update on the Dyfed IT broadband project

12.1 Cllr Iain McIntosh provided an update. The mast in Aberyscir is working and the first properties have now been connected. Work was now proceeding in the Aberyscir/Aberbran area, amongst others. The site of a further mast is being considered

13. To receive an update on Speedwatch and to consider whether a speed limit could be introduced for Aberyscir bridge

13.1 Cllr Iain McIntosh reported that he had had difficulties finding a suitable date for everyone for the training needed. It was agreed to identify further possible dates after the meeting. The training was likely to take place in Cradoc School car park.

13.2 Cllr Valerie Davies reported that 4 cars had grazed the bridge due to travelling too quickly. There was a discussion about the unsatisfactory situation of no 30 mph limit in Aberyscir and Pont Faen. It was agreed to ask if a 20mph speed limit could be applied to Aberyscir bridge and to ask what the criteria are for having a 30mph speed limit in hamlets and small villages. It was also intended to operate the speedwatch initiative near Aberyscir bridge.

14. To consider whether to volunteer for the Healthy, Active and Outdoors Project and to consider the response received about the Green Lane

14.1 The Council was surprised to learn from Powys County Council that a gate could not be installed as a way of stopping speeding mountain bikes. It was pointed out that there is a gate lower down on the Green Lane and that many cycle routes have gates that are not due to keeping animals enclosed. The Clerk was asked to question this response.

Cllr Jane Price arrived at this point.

14.2 Powys County Council is asking for expressions of interest from Community Councils to improve and publicise their local public rights of way network. Cllr Geoff Watkins and the Clerk expressed an interest in this project and it was thought that Cllr Tess Birtles might be interested. It was agreed to apply to be part of this project.

15. To make arrangements for an autumn community litter pick

15.1 It was agreed to hold another litter pick in the next few weeks along the same lines as before. The Clerk was asked to circulate possible weekend dates including Sundays and to pick the most convenient date.

16. Correspondence

- a) Powys Citizens Advice Bureau: request for funding
- b) Clerks' newsletter**
- c) Annual report of the Police and Crime Commissioner**
- d) Fire Service - Draft Corporate Plan **
- e) Powys Samaritans - request for moral support
- f) One Voice Wales News Bulletin

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17. To consider whether to have a war memorial for those who died in Yscir and Trallong

17.1 Some surprise was expressed that there was not a memorial in the church. Cllr Bob Wood agreed to check this and Cllr Geoff Watkins said that he would check Trallong Church. It was agreed to leave this item to the next agenda.

18. To consider Planning Application 18/16635/FUL - Angorfa

18.1 After a brief discussion there were no objections to this application.

19. Consideration of any planning applications received after the agenda was circulated

19.1 There were none.

20. Issues to be raised with Powys County Council

20.1 There were none.

21. To review the Clerk's salary

21.1. (The Clerk left the meeting for this item). It was agreed that the Clerk should continue on the same pay grade.

22. Dates of future meetings (all at 7.30pm):

22.1 The following Wednesday dates were confirmed

23 January 2019	27 March 2019	8 May 2019	3 July 2019
21 August 2019	6 November 2019	15 January 2020	25 March 2020

The meeting closed at 8.40pm