

# YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 25 March 2020

at 7.30pm by videoconferencing

**Councillors present:** Valerie Davies  
Geoff Watkins  
Jane Price  
Kate Dunning

**Also present:** Michael Westhorpe (Clerk)  
Cllr Iain McIntosh

**1. Apologies for absence**

1.1 Cllr Jane Price thanked everyone for taking part in the first video conferencing meeting. There were apologies for absence from Cllr Bob Wood and Cllr Dilys Davies

**2. Declarations of Interest**

2.1 There were none.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 January 2020**

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 4.2 the Clerk reported that he had a reply from the Defence Infrastructure Organisation stating that ' I can confirm that the MOD are in consultation with the Welsh Government and are working with them to build measures into the National Development Framework to protect the integrity of the Defence Estate'.

4.2 Regarding 5.1, the Clerk reported that the VE day celebrations had been cancelled.

4.3 Cllr Valerie Davies reported that Powys County Council had failed to clear the drains along the Aberyscir road despite numerous and lengthy attempts. A surveillance camera may have to be used and it may be necessary to dig the road up.

4.4 Cllr Kate Dunning queried progress on 16.4 (damaged hydrant covers). Cllr Iain McIntosh said that he would contact the Water Authority again.

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**5. Report from Anti-Theft meeting.**

5.1 Cllr Jane Price had circulated her report by email for comment.

**6. Risk Assessment Review**

6.1 The Council considered the risk assessment throughout all sections and agreed that all necessary measures were in place. The risk assessment was approved.

**7. Internal Audit Review and appointment of internal auditor**

7.1 A letter of appointment to Mr Paul Arthur, the internal auditor, was approved.

7.2 The Council considered and approved the audit plan and question/action list.

**8. To approve the draft newsletter and determine distribution arrangements**

8.1 The Clerk reported that with printing firms closed, it would not be possible to print the newsletter.

It was agreed to publish the newsletter on the website and Cllr Valerie Davies said she would put articles on the Facebook Page. A caveat would be included to alert people that some of the events listed may not take place due to the coronavirus.

**9. To note the arrangements for supporting people who are self-isolating due to Covid 19**

9.1 Cllr Iain McIntosh reported that, as a result of his leaflet drop, 3 shopping and one vehicle collection trip had taken place so far. It was difficult to judge what the demand for the service would be but more volunteers were available if needed and a lot of people were helping their neighbours.

**10. Financial Matters**

- 10.1 The clerk's hours (17), pay (£152.06) and expenses (£8.85) for January and February were approved. The clerk's annual expense allowance for working from home (£208) was approved.
- 10.2 Membership of One Voice Wales (£68), the Clerk's Manual (£52.30) and the external auditor's fee (£313.75) were approved.
- 10.3 The Council noted that the cashbook showed an end of year balance of £2,927 after the above expenditure. This was just over £100 more than the balance at the beginning of the year and higher than expected due mainly to an underspend on the clerk's salary.

**11 Correspondence**

- a) PCC consultation on LDP draft supplementary guidance\*
- b) BBNPA consultation on Brecon Town Plan
- c) Children's Wales Air Ambulance Appeal\*\*
- d) Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod\*\*
- e) Play for Wales Magazine

PCC = Powys County Council; BBNPA = Brecon Beacons National Park Authority  
\* circulated by email                      \*\* received by email but not circulated

**13 To note the application for a butterfly garden at Cradoc school**

13.1 The clerk reported that he submitted this application in time for the first round of grant awards. It had been hoped to plant the garden in May but he had not heard anything, probably due to the virus lockdown.

**14 Consideration of any planning applications received after the agenda was circulated**

14.1 There were none.

**15 Issues to be raised with Powys County Council**

- 15.1 The clerk had reported that the retaining wall opposite the Old Smithy was in need of repair as two of the stones had fallen and others were very loose. It was unclear whether Highways or the landowner were responsible.
- 16.2 Cllr Geoff Watkins reported that he had picked up empty plastic meat and fish packets from the roadside. These are likely to have come from the recycling lorry. Cllr Jane Price said that she had seen a vehicle travelling with the sides open. It was agreed to ask Powys County Council to ask staff to make sure that their recycling vehicles were secure to avoid waste falling out.

**19. Confirmation of date of next meeting: Wednesday 6 May 2020 (7.30pm)**

**It is likely that this meeting will need to be held by videoconferencing**

The meeting closed at 8.27pm