

YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 10 February 2021
at 7.30pm by videoconferencing using Zoom

Councillors present: Valerie Davies Geoff Watkins
Jane Price Kate Dunning
Rebecca Watkins Dilys Davies
Bob Wood

Also present: Michael Westhorpe (Clerk)
Cllr Iain McIntosh

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 There were no apologies for absence but Cllrs Rebecca Watkins and Iain McIntosh arrived slightly late due to attendance at another meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 There were no declarations of interest

3. To confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 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 item 8 the Clerk reported that he had received a letter of thanks for the donation to Visit Wales from the Mayor of Brecon Town Council

4.2 Under item 17, Cllr Valerie Davies reported that she had received a telephone call from Highways about the excessive water on the Aberyscir Road at the junction with Y Gaer. He said that the problem was so bad that the road would have to be dug up and as such constituted a major works item. He did not know when this would be done.

5. To consider the draft newsletter including the response to the proposed closure of Cradoc School

5.1 Cllr Jane Price thanked the clerk for his work on the newsletter. Cllr Dilys Davies asked if gritting services would continue as far as the school if it was closed. Cllr Jane Price thought that they would but it was a point worth mentioning. Cllr Dilys Davies suggested that it ought to be mentioned that the Aberbran defibrillator was provided by donation. This was agreed. Subject to any final changes after Powys County Council's consultation document is released, the draft newsletter was approved.

5.2 Cllr Rebecca Watkins reported that the school would be prepared to copy the newsletter, subject to agreeing a date and time. Several councillors volunteered to help address and fill envelopes for posting.

6. To consider purchasing litter picking equipment for use by the community (see email)

6.1 It was agreed to purchase 10 litter pickers and hoops as stated in the email from the clerk.

6.2 There was a discussion about the merits of having labelled high visibility jackets. It was agreed that it would be worth the additional cost in order to promote the work of the Council, to encourage others to join litter picks and to help keep track of the jackets when loaning them out. The clerk was given the authority to purchase 10 jackets at a competitive price.

7. To discuss the disruption caused by the recent closure of COO53 Aberbran Road when no work was carried out.

Cllr Geoff Watkins

7.1 Concern was expressed that, despite the road being closed, no work was undertaken by Welsh Water. This caused particular problems for carers being able to reach Aberbran. It was agreed to write to Powys County Council expressing concern about this matter.

7.2 There was also discussion about the road closure planned for 11-13 February. It was hoped that the same problem would not occur.

8). To consider the letter from Brecon and District disABLEd Club (Dial a Ride) asking for a donation and for Trustees

8.1 The Council's policy of not giving donations to charities was reaffirmed.

8.2 Cllr Jane Price spoke positively of the Dial -a - Ride service in helping people in the community. She said that she would be prepared to be a trustee. Cllr Kate Dunning proposed Cllr Jane Price as a trustee. This was seconded by Cllr Bob Wood.

9. To discuss the NHS, social care & frontline workers day 5th July 2021 (see email)

9.1 This item was moved to the next meeting as it was still unsure what would happen with regard to Covid.

10. Planning Application 21/0071/REM: Variation of planning permission P/2014/0936 to allow a variation to the approved plans, to include a garage to function as bat mitigation

10.1 There were no objections to this planning application.

11. Correspondence

a) PCC Local Development Plan: Draft Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Place Plan.**

b) email from Cllr Iain McIntosh regarding take over of Dyfed IT and superfast broadband*

c) email from Lyn Gardenchild about DBS checks

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

* circulated by email,

** received by email but not circulated

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

12.1 There were none.

13. Issues to be raised with Powys County Council

13.1 There was a report back from Cllr Iain McIntosh and Cllr Rebecca Watkins about the proposal to close Cradoc School. There were no further details of when the consultation would take place. Powys County Council had received a lot of complaints about undertaking the reorganisation during the pandemic. There has been a debate about whether there should be an impact assessment for each school that may be closing, rather than just one overall impact assessment. Cllr Iain McIntosh was pressing for the former.

13.2 The Council feared that Powys County Council wanted to close Cradoc School in order to sell the land for housing. There was also concern that the proposed new schools would not be large enough to accommodate all the pupils and that pupils from Cradoc may not receive free transport to the new school.

14. Confirmation of date and times of next meeting: Wednesday 24 March 2021

The meeting closed at 8.20pm