

# YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 24 March 2021  
at 7.30pm by videoconferencing using Zoom

**Councillors present:** Valerie Davies                      Bob Wood  
Jane Price    Dilys Davies

**Also present:** Michael Westhorpe (Clerk)

## **1. Apologies for absence**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rebecca Watkins (another meeting) and Cllr Kate Dunning (unwell).

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

2.1 There were no declarations of interest

## **3. To confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 February 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 6, the Clerk reported that 5 sets of litter picking equipment were being used by members of the community in the Cradoc area. The Council was very pleased to hear this and was very grateful to these community volunteers for tidying up the litter.

## **5. To approve the response to Powys County Council concerning the proposed closure of Cradoc School**

5.1 The latest draft response, which had been informed by the very well attended 'Save Cradoc School' meeting, was approved.

## **6. Risk Assessment Review**

6.1 The Council considered the risk assessment throughout all sections. The Clerk was asked to check whether the Council was covered for theft. (*Subsequent to the meeting, the Council is covered up to £5,000 with a £250 excess.*) The risk assessment was approved.

## **7. Internal Audit Review**

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

## **8. To review the arrangements for the Newsletter and consider responses to the consultation on the defibrillator**

8.1 It was thought that the distribution arrangements had worked well. The Clerk thanked Cllrs Dilys Davies, Jane Price and Kate Dunning for their considerable support.

8.2 The Clerk reported that he had received around 5 responses. Most were positive about siting a defibrillator in Cradoc Telephone box but one was negative. Several suggestions were made for fund raising. The Clerk also learned that the school had a defibrillator but it still had to raise funds for a case so it was not available for use. This raised doubts about whether to proceed with Cradoc Telephone Box as a defibrillator site.

8.3 Cllr Jane Price reported that she had received an offer from a member of the community (who wished to remain anonymous) of £1,000 for a defibrillator. There were no restrictions on where the defibrillator was to be placed so long as it is in Yscir. The Council was very pleased and

grateful to learn about this generous offer. There was a discussion about where to place the defibrillator and how important it is to have the defibrillator case connected to an electric socket. The Clerk was asked to investigate further, to liaise with the person offering to buy a defibrillator and to talk to the school about its plans for its defibrillator.

## **9. Financial Matters**

- 9.1 The Clerk's hours (40) and expenses (£27.59) for January and February and expenses for working from home were approved.
- 9.2 Renewal of membership of One Voice Wales was approved.
- 9.3 The following payments were approved: Information Commissioner (£35), stamps (£141.90), litter picking equipment (£136.99), Clerk's pay (£365.43), expenses (£27.59), working from home (£312), One Voice Wales (£70).
- 9.4 The Clerk reported that the end of year balance would be £2,370. This was lower than predicted when the budget was set due to a large increase in audit fees, the purchase of the litter picking equipment and the increase in home working allowance for the Clerk. The finance remained in a healthy position.

## **10. Planning Application 21/19670/FUL Single storey extension to side elevation of Twyn y Gaer, Aberyscir**

- 10.1 There were no objections to this planning application.

## **11. To discuss the NHS, social care and frontline workers day on 5 July 2021**

- 11.1 It was still unclear what the COVID implications would be. It was decided to refer this to the Sports Committee for consideration.

## **12. Correspondence**

- a) One Voice Wales: Summary of recent legislative changes\*
- b) COVID-19 Vaccination Stakeholder Bulletin\*

## **13. Update on Speedwatch Arrangements and other matters : written report from PCSO Daniels**

- 13.1 There have been 8 suspicious activity calls, this is most likely due to the amount of dog thefts and burglaries occurring. Dog thefts remain low in Powys but everyone is advised to remain vigilant. Cllr Jane Price reported that people posing as scrap merchants have been approaching farms saying they have been referred by a named neighbour. It was agreed to alert people via the Facebook Page.
- 13.2 Speed watch sites have all been set up but not all the DBS forms have been received. The Clerk was asked to chase these up and Cllr Valerie Davies said that she would ask if Tess Birtles wished to be involved.

## **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 Traffic becoming stuck and damaging Aberyscir Bridge was discussed. As the narrow width of the bridge was the main problem, it was thought that imposing a weight limit would not resolve the matter, even if it could be policed.
- 13.2 Due to the right angle bend on Aberbran bridge, Aberyscir bridge was the only access to farms and properties in the area. With vehicles generally becoming bigger it was suggested that the bridge ought to be widened. The Clerk was asked to write to Powys County Council about this.

## **14. Confirmation of date and times of next meeting: Wednesday 12 March 2021**

The meeting closed at 8.19 pm