

YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 7 September 2016, at Cradoc Golf Club at 7.30pm

Councillors Present: Jane Price
Rees Price
Bob Wood
Tess Birtles
Roger Price

Also present: Michael Westhorpe (clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence**

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Dilys Davies and Cllr Margaret Rees. Cllr Jane Price mentioned the recent bereavement in Cllr Margaret Rees' family; it was agreed to send a card expressing the Council's condolences to Margaret's family.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

2.1 Cllr Rees Price declared an interest in item 11 as one of the planning applications related to his property. As this was a prejudicial interest, it was agreed to rearrange the agenda and take this item last.

3. **To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 July 2016**

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

4. **Information from Minutes - Clerk's Report**

4.1 With regard to item 7, the Clerk reported that the insurance premium was £164.25 and not £156.04. This was due to an error by the Insurers. The additional premium of £8.21 had been paid. The Council agreed that this still represented good value and approved the payment.

4.2 Under 10.1 the Clerk reported that Powys County Council said it would place a warning sign about the narrow bridge at Aberbran by the A40 junction and it had cleared the warning sign at Cradoc of overgrown vegetation.

5. **To review the Council's financial regulations**

5.1 The model regulations had been circulated by email with proposed revisions to take account of the size and level of business of Yscir Community Council. The major changes were:
a) expenditure of more than £100 to be determined by the Council;
b) three estimates to be obtained if possible for expenditure greater than £250;
c) budgeting to be on an annual basis; three year projections were not required;
The changes were approved.

6. **To put forward suggested priorities for the Police and Crime Commissioner's Plan**

6.1 The view was expressed that the post of Police and Crime Commissioner was a waste of time and it diverted resources away from the Police Service. It was agreed to send a response re-iterating the need to maintain close working relations with the Police Force.

7. To receive an update on the proposed conversion of Cradoc Telephone Box to a library (

7.1 The Clerk read a response he had received from Steve Jones from Highway Development Control which stated that he agreed with the previous officer's comments that the location would be too dangerous. The Council expressed its disappointment but decided there was nothing further it could do.

8. Financial Matters

- 8.1 The clerk's hours, pay (£138.67) and expenses (£70.35) for July and August were approved.
- 8.2 The Clerk read the response he had received from the external auditor. Although the Council had received an unqualified report with no issues of financial concern, attention was drawn to the lack of a letter of appointment of an internal auditor. It was recommended that a letter of appointment be drawn up for the next internal audit. This was agreed. The Clerk was unsure whether the existing internal auditor would wish to continue. Members agreed to think about a possible replacement before January when the Clerk would know if Mr Arthur wished to continue as internal auditor.
- 8.3 The Council was disappointed by the large increase in price for the external audit and the poor communication from the auditors. It was agreed to send a negative satisfaction survey.
- 8.4 The Council noted the current financial position as shown in the cash book spreadsheet and budget monitoring spreadsheet. Cllr Tess Birtles reported that she had reconciled the cashbook with the bank statements. The Clerk reported that expenditure was within budget and the balance after the most recent expenditure would be £2754.

9) Correspondence

- a) BBBNPA Community Newsletter*
- b) Secondary School consultation report*

10) Application Ref: P/2016/0889

Demolition of attached garage. Extension to existing dwelling and all associated works. Erection of detached garage and the creation of new vehicular access. at Faircroft Battle

10.1 Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction at the difficulty of accessing the plans on the Powys County Council website. The Clerk had only been able to print a poor quality version of the plans. On the basis of what could be seen there were no objections.

11) Cradoc Recycling Centre (Cllr Tess Birtles)

- 11.1 Cllr Tess Birtles reported that with her husband she kept an eye on the Cradoc recycling centre and reported to Powys County Council when the bins needed emptying. They had noticed an increase in the amount of flytipping and were concerned that the facility might be withdrawn. Cllr Tess Birtles had examined the rubbish left there, most of which could have been recycled and had found a child's exercise book with a name on it. No-one on the Council knew the family concerned.
- 11.2 There was a discussion about the unwillingness of Powys County Council to tackle this problem. It was suggested that a skip should be placed there if Powys County Council were unwilling to prosecute offenders. It was agreed that Cllr Tess Birtles would continue her efforts to find out the address of the flytipper.

12) Issues to be raised with Powys County Council

12.1 Cllr Jane Price reported that Cllr Margaret Rees had mentioned that trees on Cradoc Road were overhanging the road and branches were being caught by lorries. It was thought that this would be the responsibility of Gludy Lodge and Cllr Jane Price agreed to check this with Cllr Margaret Rees.

13). To consider any planning applications that arrived after the meeting papers were sent out

- 13.1 Change of use and conversion of an existing barn to holiday let including erection of a single storey extension at Barn off Cradoc Road LD3 9LH.
This barn is on the south side of Cradoc Road opposite Pen Crug farm. After discussion it was agreed there were no objections to the application.

Cllr Rees Price left the meeting at this point.

- 13.2 Application Ref: **P/2016/0913** for reserved matters in respect of outline application P/2014/0063 for the demolition of stable block and erection of dwelling at Land at Penbryn Battle Brecon Powys
After discussion it was agreed there were no objections to the application.

- 14) **Confirmation of date and times of next meeting: Wednesday 2 November 2016 (7.30pm) at Cradoc Golf Club**

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm