

## CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in Club House, Foxen Manor at 7.30 p.m

**Present:** Chairman Cllr C M Jenner, Cllrs Frances Buckingham, Cllrs E A Jones, D M Foulkes Mrs V Holloway ,D M E Lloyd, Mrs D Kendall, N H Savage and W J Lee plus 7 members of the public.

**Apologies** were accepted from Cllr D C Harris 2023/287

#### **Members of the Public were invited to speak:-**

2023/288 Resident complained about the continued use of the pods at Laburnum House. Planning Department have confirmed that a retrospective application has been lodged but yet to be verified. Concern was expressed that the Planning Officer dealing with the complaint is leaving the Department. They also felt that the use of a Planning Consultant (to be discussed later in the Agenda) would not only benefit the residents of Bryn Mawr but would also benefit the wider community and would help reinforce the correct planning processes.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 had been circulated. The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. 2023/289

#### **Matters arising from meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

2023/290 (2023/242) Llandysilio School Eco-Committee have approved the bench to celebrate King Charles III Coronation – it has been ordered and Invoice to follow.

2023/291 (2023/243) Clerk checking with the Revenue Dept of Powys County Council to see how the Golden Lion or Ty Llew is classified. No evidence as to when the cottages became permanent lets. Clerk will check whether these are rated separately.

2023/292 (2023/245) Clerk reminded Powys County Council again for an update as to when start will commence to repair the bus shelters

2023/293 (2023/246) Suggestions for microphones which could help during zoom calls.- it was agreed to try one which was approx. £20

2023/294 (2023/177) Reply received from Matt Perry Head of Powys County Council Highways Transport in response to the issues raised which had been circulated to Councillors. Concern was expressed that no timescale had been given in his reply – Clerk to ask for some indication. It was disappointing to note that verges have not been cut in the Village and that some of these had only been done as a goodwill gesture by Malcolm Davies and Mark Foulkes.

2023/295 (2023/285) Powys County Council have responded to the Freedom of Information request to confirm that the cost of implementing the proposed 20mph speed limits is approx. 1.6m.

2023/296 (2023/102) NRW reminded re; porous embankment opposite Rhandregwyn and have replied to say they are upgrading the river model

#### **Sports & Recreation**

2023/297 Thanks to Cllr Bill for completing the Maintenance log for June which had highlighted the need for a repair of the gable end of the Garage. There was also concern that the pile of grass cuttings was getting quite high. A large tyre has re-appeared and it was agreed to offer it for re-use on the Community Council Facebook Page. If no interest Clerk will dispose of at Potters Welshpool.

2023/298 Clerk had rung Scottish Power again and threatened to contact the Energy Ombudsman – they have now accepted the meter readings and will update the account

2023/299 Llanfechain Football Club have now paid the balance of the fee owed of £80

2023/300 Thanks were given to Graham Astley, Treasurer of Four Crosses Football Club, who circulated a full Balance sheet and explained that the Club organize Events to try to raise money and also look for sponsorship. It was agreed that a decision will be made at next meeting

2023/301 Invoice received from Clira Ltd for £72.00

2023/302 Many thanks to Chris Gilliard and staff for helping with the Tennis nets

2023/303 Severn Trent have confirmed that they have laid flat the fence surrounding the pumping station and organized the repairs

2023/304 Complaint received that urinals are leaking in the Clubhouse. These had been sealed last year as an experiment to see whether they would be missed. As there is now a toilet in each of the changing rooms it was agreed to get estimate to remove them and repaint if necessary.

### **County Cllr Arwel update**

2023/305 List of activities/events for May/June had been circulated

2023/306 Cllr Arwel had attended the Climate and Nature Event organized at Llandrindod Wells where they emphasized that Community Councils can work at a local level to help them realise their goal of net zero carbon by 2030. This can be done by leaving a strip of grass grow longer on the fringes or by cutting a path through. Whilst Councillors were supportive of the net zero carbon target they felt that other actions are needed to achieve this i.e organize their own services better – recent work on the A483 had involved 2 teams and traffic lights on 2 separate days and could easily have been combined . They was also concern that if the verges are left longer that when they are cut the grass is so long that it blocks the gulleys and creates more problems.

2023/307 Chairman & Clerk had met with an Engineer from North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency to discuss the pitch of noise from the Road surface noise on Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Engineer was keen to learn why and agreed to the request for the pitch to be monitored in 2 sections of the A483 so that a comparison can be made. He has subsequently rung to say that they have approval for this and it will be paid for by the supplier of the materials used for the road surfaces.

### **Planning**

2023/308 Update re: construction of pods at Laburnum House – planning application now lodged but has not been validated. Clerk had circulated approximate costs of Manby Bowdler which was over £2000 following discussion at the last meeting and had now sought other quotes. Planning Consultant from Berry's has confirmed that to carry out a review of the Planning Application with guidelines as to the appropriate planning legislation and also advice re; Enforcement would take approximately 8 hours @ £135 = £1080.00. They were also prepared to join a zoom meeting if necessary to talk through their report and it was noted that this would be additional fee. It was proposed by Cllr Frances Buckingham and seconded by Cllr Mark Foulkes that the Berry's be appointed based on this estimate. This was agreed unanimously.

Cllr Arwel was asked if he could please call the application in to be determined by the planning committee once it has been verified.

2023/309 Planning permission requested for 23/0898/FUL – Erection of four detached dwellings with double garages, formation of site access and associated works as previously approved under 21/0414/OUT at Maes Offa, The Street. Clerk had circulated details together with a plan showing how this entrance relates to the development already given permission opposite. It was agreed to raise concern over the conflict of entrances, seek confirmation as to where the traffic calming is going to be relocated to and also that extra car parking should be allocated. It was also noted that 2 of the properties also had a pedestrian gate onto The Street and it was considered that this was not necessary. Clerk to also add that the frontage of this property is currently now so overgrown that it is blocking the footpath.

2023/310 23/0858/FUL Conversion of existing outbuilding to form a residential dwelling at The Elms, Domgay Road. Cllr Arwel declared an interest and left the meeting. Cllr Cliff explained that he was a previous Employee of the applicant and asked if Councillors and residents felt this did present a conflict of interest. Councillors agreed that as this was several years ago that there was no conflict and Mr Aubrey Kirkham confirmed that he no objection to the Chairman staying. Mr Kirkham outlined the plans for the conversion and confirmed that there will be no need for an extra entrance and that the Business will continue as usual. Councillors had no Objections to the application and thanked Mr Kirkham for coming to explain their plans.

2023/310a Cllr Bill Lee had noticed that an application was on the Plannign Portal at Powys County Council seeking to extend the time limit for the development at the Four crosses Inn. No notification has yet been sent to Clerk or Cllr Arwel but it was agreed that this site was an eyesore, a danger to pedestrians with loose slates and a potential fire hazard and that an objection would be made to any extension. Cllr Arwel was

asked to call into the Planning Committee.

### **Correspondence**

2023/311 Consultation on proposals to extend the term of Office for the Older People's Commissioner from 4 to 7 years

2023/312 Leaflets received from Llais previously known as Community Health Council

2023/313 Russell George M.S has been reminded about the re-commencement of the Severn Catchment Liaison Group

2023/314 Update from the EMRTS Service Review to say that consultations in respect of Phase I are now complete and will be evaluated

2023/315 Confirmation received that Little Tysilio's Pre-school will be opening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – any queries please contact Mrs V Holloway

2023/316 Confirmation that the Infrastructure (Wales) Bill 2023 was introduced into Senedd Cymru – proposing a new unified consenting process for Wales.

2023/317 Minutes also received of a meeting held with representatives of Bute Energy re: plans for wind farms and pylons in South Powys

2023/318 Update received from Powys County Council to Town & Community Council meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> April explaining that the LDP consultation is delayed from May 2023 until early 2024. Criteria also circulated with regard to the categorization of Tiers for gritting purposes over the Winter months. Also that Powys will be asking Town & Community Councils to assist in service delivery.

2023/319 Summary of work completed under the Canals Communities and Wellbeing Project – Clerk has reported the overgrown towpath and the dead fish. Canal & River Trust have replied to say that the dead fish are due to the dry weather and the lack of oxygen and also to say that no giant hogweed exists on our section of the Canal. Clerk has asked if they would come and clear and then they check this at the same time. CRT will be asked to come to the meeting in September for an update.

2023/320 Revised Standing Orders and Press & Media Policy had been circulated and were unanimously agreed for adoption.

2023/321 Donation request Powys Citizen Advice Bureau – it was proposed by Cllr Frances Buckingham and seconded by Cllr Bill Lee that a Grant of £100 be given. This was unanimously agreed.

2023/322 Consultation on the Local Housing Market Assessment for Powys had been completed by the Clerk.

2023/323 Donation request Kids Cancer Charity - noted

2023/324 Register of Interests had been circulated for updating if needed.

### **Accounts**

2023/325 Bank Accounts at 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023;-

Current Account                   £ 368.11

Sports & Recreation Acc       £ 2473.16

Deposit Account                 £30815.34

Parc Hafod                         £27801.26

Bank statements were checked and initialed by Chairman Cllr Cliff Jenner.

2023/326 Permission granted to pay;-

i) Mrs C E Davies Salary + expenses 01.04 – 30.06.2023 £1175.91 under 1972 Act s112

ii) H M Revenue & Customs (P.A.Y.E) £281.20 under L.G.A 1972 s112

iii) Clira Ltd £72.00 under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976

iii) One Voice Wales £38.00 (Training) under 1972 Act s112

iv) Mrs C E Davies reimbursement Viking £108.45 under L.G.A 1972 s112

2023/327 Following the completion of the Internal Audit the Annual Return was approved and signed.

2023/328 Confirmation that Councillors had confirmed that no payments were made in respect of any Expenses for the Year 2022/2023 and Clerk had submitted the Return to the Independent Remuneration Board.

### **Complaints**

2023/329 (2023/273) Severn Trent have confirmed that the sewer survey at Canal Road is now complete and they are in the process of engaging consultants to carry out any remedial work this summer.

2023/330 (2023/275) Highways have replied to say that the Amenity weight limit does not apply to agricultural vehicles and that any excessive speed should be reported to the Police – it was noted that HGV weight limits on bridges does apply to agricultural vehicles so Clerk to ask if the same wording could be used for the Amenity weight limit.

2023/331 (2023/278) North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency reminded re; road safety report on the Pedestrian crossing. Clerk to report that the button is not working nearest the Village and also to request a copy of the Report via a freedom of Information request.

2023/332 (2023/282) Highways Dept have confirmed that funding has been allocated to repair the culvert by Vyrnwy Caravans

2023/333 (2023/283) Deteriorating road surface along the B4393 between Courthouse Lane and Bryn Mawr junction has been reported and repairs now carried out. Cllrs felt it was disappointing that the road surface had started to deteriorate after only being re-surfaced in Feb 2022. Clerk to ask why surface is not lasting longer and also to report sunken drains along this road.

2023/334 Complaint received of missed bin collection at Llys Rhysnant – Cllr Frances felt that although she received an acknowledgement to her report of a missed collection that more feedback from Powys would be useful i.e if they are unable to collect due to staff shortage that extra bins will be taken if the bin is full.

2023/335 Proposed speed limit changes for Four Crosses received – it was noted that a 30mph will be in force from the entrance to Llys Rhysnant to the junction of Courthouse Lane from September 2023. This section of the B4393 will remain 30mph whereas the section from the roundabout through the village will be reduced to 20mph. Cllrs felt this would only be effective it was enforced.

2023/336 Clerk has sent photograph of blocked footpath by Maes Offa to Powys County Council

2023/337 Clerk had forwarded to Highways photo taken by Cllr Mrs Holloway of a collapsed solar panel by the roundabout – this has now been repaired.

2023/338 Clerk had also forwarded a photograph of the tarmac on the pavement having been lifted opposite Oaklands – this was as a result of the recent rain and the gulleys being blocked.

2023/339 It was noted that an article had appeared in the County Times complaining about flooding at Breidden Court – Cllr Arwel explained that the road was private and was not the responsibility of Powys County Council.

2023/340 Clerk to notify highways Dept of one loose drain and 2 potholes between the Creamery entrance and the bus layby.

2023/341 Clerk to ask Highways to clear tree debris at the junction of the B4393 with Newbridge

#### **Any other business**

2023/342 Clerk will find the names of all the businesses currently at the Village Workshops and update the sign at the entrance to Foxen Manor.

2023/343 Request had been received for a defibrillator to go into the phone kiosk at Llys Rhysnant – it was agreed that this would be a good idea. Clerk to ask NIB's if they have any surplus equipment.

Meeting closed 9.35 p.m

**Next Meeting:- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July Old School House**