

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
on THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2023 at 19:30
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(Held at Berriew Community Centre and by Zoom)

PRESENT

Cllr. P.J. Bettley	Cllr. S. Upton	Cllr. T. Jones
Cllr. E.B. Thomas	Cllr. A. Roberts	Cllr. R. Morris (by Zoom)
Cllr. M. Davis	Cllr. J. Skelding	Cllr. D. Kent

APOLOGIES

Cllr. D.G. James Cllr. J Morgan

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Gwilym Rippon (Clerk)

County Councillor A. Jones offered his apologies for being unable to attend.

**Agenda
item**

- 105-22** 1. **OPENING**
Cllr. Bettley opened the meeting and thanked everyone present.
- 106-22** 2. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**
As listed above
- 107-22** 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
No declarations were made
- 108-22** 4. **MINUTES**
Following review, it was **resolved** that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 12th January 2023 were a true and accurate record.
- 109-22** 5. **ACTIONS OUTSTANDING**
- i. The hedge hasn't been brushed on the B4385 just north of the Junction with the Cil by Llwyn-Derw. The Clerk will write to D. James, to ask if they will have the work done.
 - ii. The Clerk was requested to invite our PSCO to attend a meeting in the near future.

110-22 6. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chairman reported the following:

- a) The Chair, Cllr. A. Jones and Cllr. B. Thomas held a meeting with Danny Jarman of PCC Highways on 16th January at Cae Celyn along with several residents. Mr Jarman noted that the hedge bordering Cae Celyn did not obstruct the view for drivers travelling from Berriew and turning into the B4385 if driven correctly. He observed that shrubbery was overhanging the council verge and recommended some pruning.
- b) The Chair wrote to Chris Lloyd at Powys Highways as a member of the public had noted that there was no warning sign on the B4390 from Manafon indicating that the junction with the B4385 was ahead. Mr. Lloyd responded that "Advance junction warning signage is not normally considered to be necessary within towns and villages on low-speed roads which are lightly trafficked, and there is no available verge width to site such a sign on the Manafon approach to this junction."
- c) As agreed, the Chair wrote to Paul and Lindsey Phillips to recognise their donation of the Community Christmas Tree for the village

111-22 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) County Councillor Report by Cllr. A. Jones given in his absence
 - i. Budget discussions are still ongoing at Powys County Council
 - ii. Roadside salt supplies can be replenished on request by visiting the PCC website.
- b) PCSO contact – The PCSO representative was not present. The Clerk will make contact to ask them to attend a Community Council meeting in the spring.
- c) Public comments
There were no members of the public present.

112-22 8. COMMUNITY COUNCIL GOALS

a) Transport and Highways

To update the Highways Log

- i. Potholes were reported on Brithdir, U2443, as it descends to The Horseshoes.
- ii. Bettws to Brooks road has severe potholes a mile before New House.
- iii. A serious accident on the A483 near Glansevern a few weeks ago was discussed. This seems to be an accident blackspot and the Chair offered to write to MS Russell George regarding safety improvements.
- iv. A culvert below The Pandy on Ladywell Road is blocked.
- v. The impact of the impending water main work in Montgomery was discussed. This will also be raised with Russell George.

b) Housing and infrastructure

- i. A multi-agency meeting regarding Broadband has been arranged for the 24th February 2023 with representatives from Ofcom, OpenReach, Powys County Council and our MS's office present. The objective is to ascertain the present status of Broadband rollout plans

- ii. The Chair is seeking quotations for the refurbishment of the toilets in the village. Four local builders have been approached and two are preparing quotes. It was agreed that the Council needs to appoint a solicitor regarding the transfer of the asset from Powys County Council.

c) Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism

There will be an online meeting on 15th February 2023 with Wendy Abel from PCC and Jill Kibble in connection with the Canals, Communities and Wellbeing Project and with specific reference to the proposed PROW improvements within the Berriew community area. Cllrs. T. Jones, Upton and Bettley will attend.

d) Business and Retail

- i. The prospect of using the 'Next Door' web portal to promote local businesses was discussed.
- ii. The Business Survey is live, with a closing date of 1st April. The QR code below can be used to access the survey.



e) Environment and Sustainability

The Council is obliged to produce a short report on Biodiversity in the community. Cllr. Kent agreed to be our nominated officer.

f) Community Support

- i. Council representatives attended a regular Berriew Recreation Association meeting. It was reported that consideration was being given to installing electric charging points.
- ii. Council representatives attended a regular Community Centre Committee meeting. The role of Trustees is under review, and the refurbishment of the building remains under discussion.
- iii. Cllr. Skelding agreed to be the nominated officer to liaise with the Berriew Community Web Site sub group of the Council.
- iv. Cllr. Skelding reported on his role as Minor Authority representative on the school Board of Governors.

g) Aspirations of the Council

- i. A meeting of the Vale of Montgomery Rural Cluster took place on 23rd January 2023. Playground maintenance and biodiversity reporting were among the issues discussed. The efficacy of the recent Quarterly PCC & Town & Community Council Meeting was debated.
- ii. Cllr. Upton agreed to be the nominated officer for Training for the Council.
- iii. The Clerk reported that the Council has a duty to produce an Annual Report, a training plan and a Biodiversity Report. It is also necessary to have processes in place with regard to our employment obligations.

113-22 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. 23/0074/HH

Application for the demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of a new building for domestic use, at Barnfields, Fron, Montgomery, SY15 6SB

Resolved. The Council discussed the application and supported it.

114-22 10. FINANCE

1. To note the Bank reconciliation. The Bank reconciliation was noted. The Chair requested that a detailed line-by-line finance report be made available in March.
2. To discuss and agree payments to be made.
 - a. HMRC (Staff Tax) £19.40. (S111 Local Government Act 1972)
 - b. VMRC Subscription £250.00. (S111 LGA 1972)
3. For information and ratification
 - a. Hafren Dyfrdwy (Water and drainage) £39.05 (S111 LGA 1972)

Resolved - The clerk was requested to pay all invoices.

115-22 11. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

An email had been received regarding the light on the Old Bakery and the wiring. The correspondent was advised to contact Powys County Council.

116-22 12. TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS

No reports received, other than circulars previously circulated by email.

117-22 13. INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

No matters were raised at the time but may be raised at any time before the next meeting agenda is published.

118-22 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Berriew Community Council will be on 9th March 2023 at 19:30. The meeting closed at 20:56.

Signed

Chair

Date