

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
on THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2022 at 19:30
DRAFT v1.0**

(Held at Berriew Community Centre and by Zoom)

PRESENT

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| Cllr. P.J. Bettley | Cllr. S. Upton | Cllr. A. Roberts |
| Cllr. J. Skelding | Cllr. D. Kent | Cllr. M. Davis |
| Cllr. R.M. Morris | Cllr. T. Jones | |

APOLOGIES

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| Cllr. J Morgan | Cllr. E.B. Thomas | Cllr. D.G. James |
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IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. A. Jones Mr. Gwilym Rippon (Clerk)

There were no members of the public present

**Agenda
item**

- 071-22** 1. **OPENING**
Cllr. Bettley opened the meeting and thanked everyone present.
- 072-22** 2. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**
As listed above
- 073-22** 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
No declarations were made
- 074-22** 4. **MINUTES**
Following review, it was **resolved** that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 13th October 2022 were a true and accurate record.
- 075-22** 5. **ACTIONS OUTSTANDING**
There were no actions outstanding that would otherwise not be covered in the agenda.
- 076-22** 6. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
The Chairman reported the following:
a) An on-line meeting of Powys County Council and Town and Community Councillors had been attended. Issues raised included training for Councillors in assessing

- planning applications, the provision of warm hubs, Countryside access and recreation support and a Spring Conference on the climate and nature emergency.
- b) A one day on-line Conference of One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks had been attended covering issues of a Governance Checklist, Biodiversity reporting, Information Technology and Training Plans
- c) The porch light outside the gents is still tripping a circuit breaker.

077-22 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) County Councillor Report by Cllr. A Jones
 - i. A 20 mph speed limited will be introduced in Berriew in September 2023. Signs will be erected in advance and covered over with a 30 sign.
 - ii. A walk round with Highways in planned for week commencing 21st November. All Community Councillors were invited to attend. There are severe financial limits on what can be done so we need to be realistic about the requests put forward.
 - iii. Road salt deliveries to road side locations are due by the end of November.
- 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 New Year.
- c) Public comments – no members of the public were present.

078-22 8. COMMUNITY COUNCIL GOALS

a) Transport and Highways

- 1. To update the Highways Log
 - i. Bearing in mind the comment from County Councillor Jones, the Highways Log must be realistic and reflect the priorities, eg road matters that are dangerous.
 - ii. The flood on the B4390 at Rhiewport is causing vehicles to move into the path of oncoming vehicles when it's at its worst.
 - iii. The trees and shrubs bordering Cae Celyn need to be cut back but it is not clear whose responsibility it is. The Chair will speak to one of the residents to discuss.
 - iv. The hedge hasn't been brushed on the B4385 just north of the Junction with the Ci by Llwyn-Derw. The Clerk will write to the owner to ask if they will have the work done.
 - v. The condition of the road past Groes-y-Garreg was referenced and County Councillor Jones indicated that this would be addressed
- ii. Vehicle activated signs
 The Chair has received one quote so far, at £3k. The Council discussed:
 - That any signs should be portable so could go from one site to another
 - That they could be shared with other communities
 - That some drivers get used to them but they do deter others
 - More quotes to be obtained.

b) Housing and infrastructure

- i. A multi-disciplinary meeting regarding the provision of fibre is still to arranged by Cllr. T. Jones and Cllr. Bettley
- ii. The Chair reported that the companies planning, erecting and operating the new telephone mast at Cold Orchard (Clarke Telecom, Cornerstone, Vodafone and O2) were unwilling to make any contribution to local projects as the mast is seen as benefitting the community.
- iii. The Chair proposed a change of approach to the toilet refurbishment project and offered to meet builders to see what could be achieved with the funds currently available. He will meet builders on site and present a proposal for the way forward at the January meeting, in order to accelerate the project.

c) Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism

Nothing to report from the Footpaths and Rights of Way sub-committee.

d) Business and Retail

The Business Survey is outstanding.

e) Environment and Sustainability

- i. Cllr. Kent reported that a grant application for funds to refurbish the woodland walk has been unsuccessful. She wishes to obtain letters of intent from parties wishing to use the refurbished woodland to help complete other applications quickly.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to advise on Biodiversity Reporting and how we can meet our legal obligations.

f) Community Support

Cost of Living Hub - County Council Jones reported that Powys County Council had a lot of useful information and advice on its website regarding the cost of living crisis. This includes details of financial help available for households and businesses, advice on how to save money and who to contact if anyone needs further support. Scan the QR code to go direct to the page.



g) Aspirations of the Council

- i. Cllrs. Bettley, Davis and Kent attended the Vale of Montgomery Rural Cluster meeting on 17th October at the Andrew Logan Museum of Sculpture. The meeting heard from Bobbie Bowden, Community Connector for Montgomery

and Newtown for Pavo, received feedback from the Black Mountain College workshop on creating green and resilient communities and discussed the Powys Nature Recovery Action Plan

- ii. Councillor Upton explained the purpose of the Training Plan that we are required by law to implement. We will shortly launch a training matrix to ensure we have a good balance of skills across the whole council.
- iii. The Chair explained the provision in law for the Council to appoint two Youth Representatives to attend meetings, participate in the Council's work and help reflect the views of younger people who live or work in the area. The Chair offered to prepare the wording for this role and circulate it to Councillors prior to publicising the opportunity.
- iv. The Chair asked the Clerk if he would assist in completing the Governance Checklist.

079-22 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. 22/1738/DIS

Discharge of conditions 3, 4, 5 and 6 of reserved matters approval 20/1724/RES (external surfaces, landscaping, tree protection and external lighting) at land adjacent to Fox Farm, Garthmyl, Montgomery, Powys.

Resolved. The Council discussed the application and had no comment to make.

b. 22/1740/DIS

Discharge of conditions 5 and 6 of reserved matters approval P/2017/1345 (wheel washing facility and external lighting) at land adjacent to Fox Farm, Garthmyl, Montgomery, Powys.

Resolved. The Council discussed the application and had no comment to make.

080-22 10. BERRIEW COMMUNITY WEBSITE

The Chair noted that the reconciliation payment agreed in October, had not been paid and that no progress had been made since January on reregistering the Domain name to the Community Council. Cllr. Skelding agreed to work with Andy Kirkwood to see how the latter can be achieved and the issue of payment reconciliation was deferred.

081-22 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 once a quarter
2. To discuss and agree payments to be made.
 - a. HMRC £16.40 Staff Tax (S111 Local Government Act 1972)
 - b. Poppy wreath £25.00 (S137 LGA 1972)
 - c. Hafren Dyfrdwy £3.21 (S111 LGA 1972)
 - d. Hafren Dyfrdwy £62.02 (S111 LGA 1972)
3. To note that a pay award had been made of a flat rate of £1 per hour, backdated to April.
4. The Clerk noted that the Council would usually discuss and agree the forthcoming year Budget at the November meeting but that it was omitted from the agenda.
5. The Clerk noted that the transfer of banks from HSBC to Unity Trust was progressing.

Resolved - The clerk was requested to pay all invoices. An Extraordinary meeting of the Community Council was arranged for 30th November solely for discussion and agreement of the 2023-24 budget.

082-22 11. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received from Lynda Evans requesting the Community Council to appoint a representative to sit on the Berriew Charity which sites twice a year.

Resolved – Cllr. Alison Roberts was elected to represent the Community Council, proposed by Cllr. Ruth Morris, seconded by Cllr. Tudor Jones and carried by a unanimous vote.

Correspondence also received from Lesley Ellis with regard to the potentially unsafe condition of the metal bridge which connects the footpath on the B4390 via the public footpath in the field, to the Brook's Road. The Clerk noted that he has passed this information to Clive Jones at Highways.

083-22 12. TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS

No reports received.

084-22 13. INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr. Ruth Morris asked for the condition of the red telephone kiosk in Brooks to be assessed prior to discussion.

The Local Development Plan process is underway for an LDP covering 2022-2037. It was noted that Powys County Council is calling for candidate sites to enable all interested parties to submit potential development sites for inclusion in the Replacement Local Development Plan (Replacement LDP). The Call for Sites is open for six weeks from 1st November to 13th December 2022. Further information from the Powys County Council website.

Cllr. Debbie Kent asked that we discuss the issue of declaring a climate emergency and what that would mean.

085-22 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Berriew Community Council will be on 12th January 2023 at 19:30. The meeting closed at 21:20.

An extraordinary meeting will take place on 30th November from 19:00 to 20:00 to discuss and agree the 2023-24 budget.

Signed

Chair

Date