

BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL/CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERRIW

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 8th FEBRUARY 2018

1. Present

Councillors P J Bettley, D E Davies, K E Griffiths, T D Jones (Chair), H E M Lawton, J Lawrence, and E B Thomas.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors D G James and D J Lawton, R M Morris and S Wall.

3. Minutes

Councillor D E Davies proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th of January 2018 be confirmed as correct. The proposal was seconded by Councillor H E M Lawton, with members unanimously in favour.

4. Open Discussion for Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting.

Geoff Haycock informed members that he had not received a response to his letter dated the 23rd of November, and again raised his concerns over a dangerous tree in need of felling, the condition of the roads and blocked drains in the area.

Resolved: Councillor D E Davies speaks to Powys County Council Highways.

The owners of Bronhafren, Garthmyl, informed members that a willow tree by their property had been identified as dangerous, and is the Council's responsibility.

Gillian Bachir informed members of their objection to Planning application P2017/1509.

5. Matters Arising

a) Rights of Way

A list of proposed works to footpaths within the cluster area was received.

Councillor J Lawrence informed members that she and Mary Nicholson had identified two walks with good pathways in the community, with a further 2 walks in the pipeline. It is the intention to get leaflets of the walks printed and to bring to the committee to approve.

Resolved: That some notes on the walks be taken to the next cluster meeting, to see if the printing costs could be covered.

b) Public Conveniences

- i) £135.98 paid to Mr W A Croft in respect of January 2018 salary (S111 LGA'72)
- ii) £ 69.90 paid to Npower for electricity usage for the period 07.12.17 – 09.01.18 (Public Health Act 1936 S/87)

c) Speed in the Community

Speed checks are being undertaken in the community by the speed awareness team.

d) Broadband

Councillor T D Jones had been in contact with Martin Jones Contract Manager – Superfast Cymru Openreach and was informed that the Superfast Cymru Programme ended on the 31st December 2017, leaving a significant number of properties in the surrounding areas of Berriew village unable to connect to superfast broadband (FTTP).

Various promises of properties being served with FTTP have been made, and cables are ready on the poles but are unconnected!

Councillor D E Davies proposed and was seconded by Councillor P J Bettley that the Clerk writes to Open Reach; Glyn Davies MP; Russell George AM and Julie James AM WAG –

Responsible Officer to express the Community Councils concerns, and to ask what action WAG will take to rectify the situation. Members were in full support of the proposal.

e) Meetings Attended

Councillor J Lawrence had attended the latest meeting of the BRA and informed members that the play area had now been revamped and was up to date for health and safety, and a deep clean of the tennis courts had been carried out.

Councillor P J Bettley had attended Berriew Youth & Community Centre Committee and refurbishment work will now be carried out rather than building work.

6. Roads in Berriew Community

i) Highway Matters

The Clerk reported emails (18.01.18 & 08.02.18) from Clive Jones Highways, Transport and Recycling Powys County Council concerning the matters raised at the previous meeting.

Resolved that the following issues be referred to the Highway Authority:

- a. Poor condition of the U2455 road where it joins the B4385 (Cefn Rhallt Lane)
- b. Blocked drains along the U2455 with water running past the property known as Plas Cyni, Berriew
- c. Potholes on the entrance to Hen Felin, Felindre which have got considerably worse following the recent roadworks, with highway vehicles turning at this location
- d. Water runs down the Berriew to Bettws Cedewain road C2006 from the Brooks turn to Pentre Llifior and also by New House Farm, Berriew
- e. The visibility on Pump House Lane Junction (C2050) with the A483 is dangerous due to the height of the hedge

ii) Trunk Road Agency

An email (15.01.18) from the Head of Network Planning, Welsh Government informed members that they are not aware of collisions on the A483 near the Nag's Head, Garthmyl and there are no plans to make alterations to the bollards however, the site will be monitored.

Resolved: That the Clerk writes to the Head of Network Planning stating the Council's concern that the WAG is not aware of accidents at this location.

7. Election of Minor Authority Representative – Berriew C.P. School

A letter from the Chair of Governors concerning the Community Council Representative was received. Councillor D E Davies expressed his concern over the lack of a representative and stressed how important it is that the position is filled.

Resolved: That an advert be placed in the Berriew Newsletter, Website and Facebook seeking a representative on behalf of the Council.

8. Clustering

The next meeting of the Vale of Montgomery Rural Cluster is to be held on the 13th of February 2018.

9. Appointment of Internal Auditor

Resolved: Colin Knowles be appointed as Internal Auditor for the 2017/18 Audit of Accounts.

10. Montgomeryshire Village Award 2018

Resolved: That Councillor D Davies asks Alison Roberts and Wayne Jones to attend the launch of the Montgomeryshire Village Award 2018 on February 23rd at Berriew Community Centre, with Councillor T D Jones and Councillor H E M Lawton as reserves.

11. Independent Review Panel

a) Review of the Community and Town Council Sector

Resolved: Councillor P J Bettley attends the engagement event in Newtown on 01/03/18 to give the Council's views on shaping the future of Community and Town Councils.

Councillors views to be passed on to Councillor P J Bettley, prior to the meeting.

12. General Data Protection Regulations

The General Data Protection Bill will come into force on the 25th May 2018. It is necessary for the Council to carry out an audit to identify what data the council holds, its purpose, legal basis, who it is shared with, how long it will be kept and how it will be backed up.

13. Planning

i) Letters of Objections

Letters of objection were received in respect of Planning Applications P/2017/1509, P/2017/1266 and P/2018/0047

ii) Planning Applications

Councillor D E Davies withdrew from discussions and the following Planning applications were then considered:

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| a) | P/2018/0046 | Erection of a rear porch at 2 Church Terrace, Berriew, Welshpool, Powys Resolved: The Council is in support of the application |
| b) | P/2018/0047 | Erection of 4 no. detached dwelling houses and 3 no detached garages, formation of vehicular access roadway and all associated works at land adjoining Longbridge Canal Wharf Berriew Welshpool Powys Resolved: The Community Council objects on the grounds of – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribbon development • The environmental impact • The development is not appropriate for the needs of the community i.e. affordable dwellings are needed |
| c) | P/2018/0049 | Listed Building Consent: Erection of a rear porch at 2 Church Terrace, Berriew, Welshpool, Powys Resolved: The Council is in support of the application |
| d) | P/2018/0078 | Outline: 1 no. residential dwelling, formation of a vehicular access and installation of package treatment plant (some matters reserved) at Land opposite Glyndwr, Pant-Y-Ffridd, Berriew Resolved: The Council objects to the application as the development is not within the development boundary, and there is a requirement for a local needs policy |
| e) | P/2018/0089 | Proposed conversion of existing stables, erection of two new dwellings with associated works at road leading to Lower Garthmyl, Garthmyl Resolved: The Council is in support of the application |
| f) | VAR/2018/0007 | Application to discharge the Section 106 legal agreement regarding M/2006/1085 at Canal View, Refail, Berriew Resolved: The Council objects to the lifting of the Section 106, as the property has not been marketed appropriately. |

The Clerk was asked to follow up the investigation into the planning enforcement on P2016/0968.

14. Income & Expenditure

The Income and Expenditure account as at the 1st of February was received and approved.

15. Urgent Business

a) Street Lighting

Councillor Lawton reported that street light opposite the kiosk has an orange light, and remains on for most of the day, and the street light opposite the Lion Pub is not working.

Resolved: That the Clerk reports the issues to Powys County Council Street Lighting.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of the Community Council will be held on **Thursday the 8th of March 2018** in the Committee Room, Berriew Community Centre at **7.30 p.m.** prompt.

Chairman

Should any member of the community have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk Mrs K Jones on 01686 668182 (Dol-Hafren, 5 Caerhowel Meadows, Montgomery, Powys, SY15 6JF) or berriewcommunitycouncil@hotmail.co.uk or a Community Councillor.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings, and time is set aside set for public participation to ask questions, make statements etc. The public however must not take part at any other time during the meeting.


Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERRIW

Berriew Community Council is looking for a volunteer to offer to become the Community Council Representative on Berriew Community Primary School Governing Body.

If you are interested in this position or require further information, please contact the Clerk

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