

# BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL/CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERRIW

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

### 1. Present

Councillors P J Bettley, D E Davies, K E Griffiths, T D Jones (Chair) and D J Lawton.

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

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors D G James, J Lawrence, H E M Lawton R M Morris, S Wall and E B Thomas

### 3. Declaration of Interest

Councillor D J Lawton declared his interest in Planning Application P2018/0235 under Category C3 of the Model Code of Conduct.

### 4. Minutes

Councillor D E Davies proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2018 be confirmed as correct. The proposal was seconded by Councillor P J Bettley, with members unanimously in favour.

### 5. Matters Arising

#### a) Rights of Way

Councillor K E Griffiths informed members of a complaint from her father in law concerning the Welshpool Ramblers walk on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February, which was attended by 22 walkers and was distressing for Ewes in lamb. Two people also tried to take a shortcut deviating from the footpath.

Councillor Griffiths then declared her interest under Category C3 of the Model Code of Conduct and vacated the room.

Resolved: That the Clerk writes to the Chair of Welshpool Ramblers to advise that as a courtesy issue it would be helpful in future to inform Landowners prior to a large organised walk.

#### b) Public Conveniences

- i) £125.52 paid to Mr W A Croft in respect of February 2018 salary (S111 LGA'72)
- ii) £ 62.30 paid to Npower for electricity usage for the period 10.01.18 – 08.02.18 (Public Health Act 1936 S/87).

The Clerk reported that electricity usage had double over the past few months which is probably due to the heater having been put on in the loft. Resolved: That a thermostatic control be looked at.

- iii) £50.52 paid to Waterplus for surface water drainage for the period 27.11.17 – 01.02.18 (Public Health Act 1936 S/87)
- iv) A quotation from Blake Jones for fitting a cisterniser in the gent's toilets at a cost of £100 plus materials at £126.00 was received.

Resolved: That as the cisterniser appeared expensive, other PIR sensors be looked at.

#### c) Community Speed Watch / Speed in the Community

Councillor D E Davies informed members that the BRA had written a letter in support for the 30-mph speed restriction on the U2461 to be extended, and the Football Club will also back the Council's request.

It was noted that the speed sign exiting Chapel Fields towards the U2461 is incorrect.

Councillor P J Bettley stated that a Lottery bid could be made for a project under £9,999 such as interactive speed awareness signs.

Resolved: That Councillor P J Bettley looks into the matter, and the item be included on April's Agenda.

d) Meetings Attended

Councillor P J Bettley had attended a Community Centre sub-committee refurbishment meeting, and informed members that cosmetic work, new chairs, a projector and backstage storage are being looked at.

Councillor D E Davies had attended Montgomeryshire Village Award Launch on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. Following a discussion, it was unanimously agreed to enter the competition again.

Councillor D E Davies had received an invitation for the Community Council to consider becoming members of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (CPRW) with a membership fee of £20.00 (LGA'72 142(2A)).

Resolved: Councillor T D Jones proposed and was seconded by Councillor D J Lawton that the Community Council joins the CPRW at a membership cost of £20.00.

## 6. Roads in Berriew Community

i) Highway Matters

An email (08.03.18) was received from WAG requesting details of incidents that have occurred due to the bollards on the A483 near the Nag's Head, Garthmyl.

Resolved: That the Clerk responds accordingly.

Further resolved that the following issues be referred to the Highway Authority:

- a. Potholes leading to Revel Presbyterian Church
- b. Further complaint concerning potholes by the entrance to Hen Felin, Felindre
- c. Vans parked at Revel Garage are causing visibility problems on the A483 / B4385 junction
- d. The U2446 road from Pen-Y-Bank to the Horseshoe Pub is crumbling away, with large potholes
- e. Manhole cover by the Community Centre is missing and is dangerous (currently covered with 2 bollards)
- f. The national speed limit sign situated above the Bowling Club is not visible due to the hedge, which is in need of cutting
- g. Potholes (B4385) on the turning for Argae Hall and Lakeside Golf club
- h. Cap is missing on a small stop tap situated in the middle of the road by the B4385/C2048 T junction
- i. Kerb is broken on the Bridge over the river Rhiew on the C2048 side

The Chairman thanked both Councillors P J Bettley and E B Thomas for cleaning signs in the community.

ii) An email from Mr P Lees concerning potholes between Upper Cefn-y-Pwll and the Cross U2635 and U2636 was received.

## 7. Broadband

Emails from Martin Jones Openreach, Russell George AM, Glyn Davies MP and Julie Jones AM were received.

Councillor T D Jones informed members that BT Openreach's contract with WAG expired on 31/12/17 which has resulted in work being left uncompleted.

Resolved: That Russell George AM be invited to attend the next meeting, with an open discussion for members of the public from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. to discuss Broadband issues or any other issues of main concern.

## 8. Election of Minor Authority Representative – Berriew C.P. School

The Clerk informed members that Councillor S Wall may be interested in the position.

## **9. Clustering / Community Delivery**

An email (13.02.18) from Phil Johnson Community Delivery (Vale of Montgomery) Officer, Powys County Council concerning the Community Delivery project was received.

Resolved: That the Footpath sub-committee confirm what work has been carried out in the area, and how the community has or will benefit from the project, prior to a letter of support being sent.

## **10. Berriew Newsletter**

A letter (08.02.18) from Berriew Newsletter concerning the annual fundraiser was received.

## **11. The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales**

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2018/19 regarding payments to members of the Community Council was received <http://gov.wales/irpwsb/home/publication-reports>.

Members were informed that some changes had been made following the draft report with Berriew Community Council now in Group C (Income or Expenditure in 2017/18 below £30,000). It was also noted that under determination 44, it is no longer mandatory for Council's in Group C to make a payment of £150 per year to each of their members to cover costs incurred, though the Council is still permitted to do so.

The Clerk stated that a formal decision is required annually to adopt any of the non-mandated payment to members, and consideration was then given to each of the Community Council Determinations - 44 to 53.

Resolved: Councillor P J Bettley proposed that Determination 45, 47, 50, 52 and 53 be rejected, and was seconded by Councillor D J Lawton and that Determination 48 – payments to members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties and Determination 49 – reimbursement of subsistence expenses be accepted. The proposal was unanimously approved by all present in order to ensure that financial considerations do not prevent members of the public from becoming a Community Councillor.

Further determinations considered included payments to councillors, payment in recognition of specific duties, payment for financial loss and payment to Chair / Deputy Chair, but these were not approved by the council.

The Clerk stated that each member may make a personal decision to elect to forgo the payments available under determinations 48 and 49.

## **12. One Voice Wales**

Resolved: Membership of One Voice Wales be declined for 2018/19.

## **13. General Data Protection Regulations**

Members were informed that the SLCC advice team are compiling information to assist Councils with GDPR which will be available shortly.

## **14. Asset Valuations 2018/19**

Councillor T D Jones agreed to review the Asset Valuations for 2018/19.

## **15. Circulars**

Clerks & Councils Direct March 2018 and The Clerk March 2018 were received

## **16. Reports**

Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales – Review of the Electoral Arrangements for the County of Powys – Draft Proposal was received.

Councillor D E Davies informed members that the Commission proposes to combine the Communities of Berriew and Castle Caereinion to form an electoral ward of 1,650 electors, with the proposed name of Berriew and Castle Caereinion / Aberriw a Chastell Caereinion.

Members of the community are able to view/comment on the proposal via [www.ldbc.gov.wales](http://www.ldbc.gov.wales) by 29.05.18.

Resolved: That the Community Council approves the Boundary Commission's proposal.

## 17. Planning

### i) Letter of Objection

A letter of objection was received in respect of Planning Application P/2018/0078

### ii) Planning Applications

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

a)	P/2018/0161	LBC: proposal to re-slate part of roof at 2-3 The Sign, Berriew  Resolved: The Council approves the application.
b)	P/2018/0235	Demolition of utility and reaction of an extension at 7 Glan Yr Afon, Berriew, Welshpool  Councillor D J Lawton having declared his interest vacated the room. Councillor D E Davies declared his interest under Category C3 of the Model Code of Conduct and vacated the room.  Resolved: The Council approves the application.

### iii) P/2016/0968

An update on Planning Enforcement was received from Bryn Pryce Planning Officer, Powys County Council.

## 18. Accounts

### a) Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment.

i)	Blake Jones Electrical	Invoice SI-23 EICR & SI-57 Replace fittings / Repair faults	£240.00	Public Health Act 1936 S/87
ii)	Shaw & Sons	Invoice 262923 Minute Book	£149.69	S111 LGA'72
iii)	Cash	Reimburse Imprest – Stamps/Telephone calls	£ 30.22	S111 LGA'72
iv)	K A J Jones	Clerk - 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Salary	£698.10	S111 LGA'72

### b) Berriew Community Website

Resolved: That clarification be received on the costs of running the web site, prior to any payment being considered for 2017/18.

## 19. Urgent Business

Councillor P J Bettley informed members that due to the weather, the Independent Review Panel Engagement event had been postponed to the 19th of March and he is no longer able to attend.

Councillor D E Davies informed members that the last meeting of the Montgomeryshire Shire Committee had taken place.

## 20. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of the Community Council will be held on **Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2018** in the Committee Room, Berriew Community Centre at **7.00 p.m.** prompt.

Chairman

**MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING**