

# BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL/CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERRIW

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019

### 1. Present

Councillors T D Jones (Chair), P J Bettley (Vice Chair), D E Davies, J Lawrence and H E M Lawton.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D J Lawton and E B Thomas.

### 3. Absent

Councillors K E Griffiths, D G James and R M Morris.

### 4. Minutes

Councillor D E Davies proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 be confirmed as correct. The proposal was seconded by Councillor P J Bettley, with members unanimously in favour.

### 5. Matters Arising

#### a) Public Conveniences

- i) £135.98 paid to Mr W A Croft in respect of April 2019 salary (S111 LGA'72).

An email (19.04.19) from Wayne Jones was received concerning the paint flaking off the cubicle doors.

#### ii) Meetings attended

Councillor H E M Lawton had attended a meeting of the VMRC held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2019. Members were informed that the cluster group is looking at relevant training for members and the Clerk would be informed accordingly.

### 6. Roads in Berriew Community

#### i) Highway Matters

A response is awaited from Powys County Council Highways Manager in respect of the issues raised at the last meeting.

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

- a. A large dip has formed on the B4390 on the left-hand side of the highway coming out of the village by Penysarn, Berriew and is dangerous (reported Feb'19)
- b. The road leading past Argae Hall to the Fron is in need of repair
- c. Large pothole on the junction by the The Lion Hotel, Berriew (reported April'19)
- d. Pothole on the B4385 on the bend by the turning to Groes Y Garreg, Berriew (reported April'19)
- e. Pothole on the bottom of Pied House bank
- f. Footpaths are narrow and are in need of clearing from the Horse Shoes Pub to the Nags Head.

An email was received from Mr & Mrs Brown of Glenhome concerning the decorative stone on the verge outside their property and a complaint concerning the speed of traffic along the B4390, with a request for a reduced speed limit on the B4390 Manafon road from Penysarn to Glenholme, Berriew.

Resolved: That the matter be referred to PCC Highway's Department.

The Clerk reported that no response had been received concerning the parking issue in the cul-de-sac at Glan-Yr-Afon, Berriew and the Housing Department would be contacted again.

### 7. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales 2019/20

The Clerk reminded members to either email or complete the form provided to confirm whether or not remuneration is required.

## 8. Improvement Projects

An email (23.04.19) was received from the Route Manager North & Mid Wales Trunk Road concerning the disability issues along the A483 footpath, informing the Council that the matter would be referred to the Welsh Government for consideration.

## 9. Asset Valuations 2019/20

Councillor T D Jones stated that he would review the Asset Valuations for 2019/20 and a copy be sent to members for review.

## 10. Insurance Renewal 2019/20

Members were informed that the Council is in its second year of a three-year agreement with BHIB.

Resolved: That the insurance premium of £383.79 be paid (S111 LGA'72)

## 11. Annual Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

### I. Internal Audit

The Clerk informed members that Mr Colin Knowles Internal Auditor had audited the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. The Internal Auditors letter and report (08/05/19) was reported to members, with no issues arising from the 2018/19 Internal audit.

### II. Annual Governance Statement

The Annual Governance Statement was then considered by members present.

Resolved: That the Annual Governance Statement is approved and a "Yes" answer is given on the Governance Statement for all items listed i.e. Part 1 (1-9) and Part 2 (1-2).

Further resolved: That a "No" answer is given on Part 2 (3) - Sub committees have been established to provide information, advice and recommendations to the full Council but have no delegated powers. This however has not previously been documented in the Standing Orders but has now been addressed at the AGM 09.05.19.

### III. Accounting Statement

The Accounting Statement was then presented to members.

Resolved: That the Annual Accounting Statements be approved and certified as correct.

## 12. Review of Cleaners Salary 2019/20

Resolved: That the Cleaners salary be increased by 3.4% to £11.03 per hour.

## 13. Review of Clerks Salary 2019/20

In accordance with National Joint Council for Local Government Services National Salary Award, the Clerks annual rate of pay be increased for 2019/20 to £13.68 per hour (LC Point 28) based on working 5 hours per week i.e. £3,556.80 per annum.

## 14. Councillor Resignation

The Clerk reported that a letter of resignation (28/04/19) has been received from Councillor Sophie Wall, and the vacancy would be advertised accordingly.

## 15. Circulars

Clerks & Council's Direct May 2019 was received.

## 16. Accounts

### a) Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment.

i)	Information Commissioner's Office	Data Protection Data Controller Registration Fee	£ 35.00	S111 LGA'72
ii)	RJAH Charity	Donation in lieu of payment to Mr Colin Knowles (Internal Audit 2018/19)	£ 85.00	S111 LGA'72

### **17. Urgent Business**

In view of recent incidents in the village, PCSO Rhys Morgan holds surgeries in the Lychgate Tearoom, Berriew with the next surgery to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

### **18. Date of Next Meeting**

Resolved that the next meeting of the Community Council will be held on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2019** 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](mailto: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.