

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
on THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022 at 19:30**

(Held at Berriew Community Centre with Zoom participation also available)

**PRESENT**

Cllr. P.J. Bettley	Cllr. R.M. Morris	Cllr. D.G. James
Cllr. J. Skelding	Cllr. D. Kent	Cllr. M. Davis
Cllr. A. Roberts	Cllr. J Morgan	Cllr. T. D. Jones

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. S. Upton	Cllr. E.B. Thomas
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**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr. A. Jones	Mr. Gwilym Rippon (Clerk)
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**Agenda  
item**

- 028-22** 1. **OPENING**  
Cllr. Bettley opened the meeting and thanked everyone present. He commented that he and the Clerk had reconfigured the meeting agenda to align with the Council's 7 goals.
- 029-22** 2. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**  
As listed above
- 030-22** 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- The following declaration of interest was made:
- | <b>Name</b>       | <b>Item</b> | <b>Personal</b> | <b>Prejudicial</b> |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Cllr. R.M. Morris | 9. Planning | Yes             | Yes                |
- 031-22** 4. **MINUTES**  
Following review, it was **resolved** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting and Regular Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were a true and accurate record.
- 032-22** 5. **ACTIONS OUTSTANDING**
- a) The Financial Risk Assessment is to be completed
  - b) The School Governor Representative is still to be appointed

- c) The Clerk reported that he sends the Highways Log to Clive Jones at PCC on a monthly basis

**033-22 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- a) County Councillor Report – Cllr. A Jones reported that there could be money available from the SPF (Shared Prosperity Fund) and Levelling up fund, and that our MP and MS should be approached.
- b) PCSO contact – The Clerk suggested that quarterly contact with the Police Community Support Officers be resumed. This will be organised.
- c) Public comments – one member of the public was present in order to contribute to a later agenda item

**034-22 7. CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported the following:

- a) Messages of thanks had been sent to retiring Councillors and to the Council's School Governor Representative
- b) The Berriew junction signs on the A483 have at last been turned to face the traffic after contact with Andrew Jones, Route Manager
- c) The build-up of debris at Caerhowel Bridge has once again been noted and reported to Clive Jones
- d) The location of the Bettws sign by The Lion Hotel, and the restricted visibility it causes to tractor drivers, has been raised with Chris Lloyd
- e) It was noted that the BT telephone kiosks in the village and at The Fron have now been repainted. Cllr. Morgan noted that the box at Pantyfridd has been repainted and is in good repair. The condition of the box at Brooks needs to be ascertained.
- f) Highways were asked to cut the verge at the junction of the A483 and the B4390 due to restricted visibility

**035-22 8. COMMUNITY COUNCIL GOALS**

The Chair explained that the 7 Goals can become the basis for the Council's short term actions and long term projects, as well as helping other groups with their own objectives.

**a) Transport and Highways**

- 1. To update the Highways Log
  - i. Brithdir is becoming seriously damaged with potholes
  - ii. The hedge is becoming very overgrown between the canal bridge and Silver Scenes and needs hard brushing
  - iii. Dolphins Lane remains almost unpassable due to overgrown vegetation and items parked on it that should not be there. Cllr. A. Jones offered to try to address this.
  - iv. Potholes just above the school have been badly patched
  - v. The Layby at The Fron is being used for parked vehicles, blocking visibility, denying others the chance to pull in, and preventing tractors pulling over to allow others to pass
  - vi. Muck has accumulated on the road by the canal aqueduct and needs to be moved
- 2. Parking – the issue of parking was once again discussed. Some Councillors expressed the view that the problem only arose during special events at the

Church. Cllr. James agreed to approach a member of the Parochial Church Council regarding contingency measures when a large event is taking place.

**b) Housing and infrastructure**

1. Cllr. T. Jones is to lead a project to push for better fibre broadband connectivity in our area. Cllr. Jones is gathering data to shown the extent of the issue. A multi-disciplinary meeting with OpenReach, Powys County Council and possibly our MS was suggested.
2. There was nothing further to report with regard to the toilet refurbishment project.

**c) Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism – There was nothing to report**

**d) Business and Retail – There was nothing to report**

**e) Environment and Sustainability**

1. Cllrs. Kent, Morris and Davis have held an exploratory meeting
2. The Berriew Woodland Walk project needs to be discussed and agreed at the next meeting. Cllrs. Kent and Bettley will complete an application for a Local Places for Nature grant.

**f) Community Support**

1. Cllr. Skelding agreed to be the Council's representative on the School Governors.
2. Berriew Recreation Association – There was nothing to report
3. Community Centre Committee – Cllr. Bettley reported that the use of the Centre was returning to normal. The AGM took place on 24<sup>th</sup> May. New conditions for hiring the hall, and new pricing, had been agreed.
4. Montgomery Medical Practice Patient's Association – There was nothing to report
5. Berriew Website Advisory Committee – The website domain name ownership needs to be passed to Berriew Community Council. The Clerk will raise an invoice to Andy Kirkwood for £111.00, being the balance to be transferred. The Council recorded their gratitude to Hazel Wilson and Andy Kirkwood for their continued service to the Website Advisory Committee. Cllr. Skelding offered to help with the purpose and direction of the website.

**g) Aspirations of the Council**

1. Cllr. Bettley attended a meeting of the Vale of Montgomery Rural Cluster. The group is reassessing its purpose and seeking to share good practice in such areas as biodiversity, fibre broadband, speed awareness, litter picking, rural crime, tourism and business.
2. The Council briefly considered its Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and undertook to review them in the autumn to ensure they are kept up to date.
3. Councillors were reminded of the need to undertake appropriate training. A training plan will need to be put into place by November.

**036-22 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**1. 22/0886/VAR**

Application for the discharge of Section 52 agreement in relation to outline planning permission M19164 (reserved matters M21333) (occupancy), Hanbury, Berriew, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8AT

Cllr. Morris took no part in the discussion of this application,

The Council discussed the application. It was **resolved** that the Council supported this application

**037-22 10. FINANCE**

1. To note the Bank reconciliation. The Bank reconciliation was noted.
2. The Council considered a request from the Platinum Jubilee Committee for a further £90 towards the cost of the children's medal. It was **resolved** that the Council would wait to hear the outcome of a meeting of the Committee on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The Chair was requested to write to the Committee to thank them on behalf of the Council for their work leading up to, and during, this very successful event.
3. To discuss and agree payments to be made.
  - a. Staff salaries £764.66
  - b. HMRC £425.31
  - c. G.J. Rippon £ 99.60
  - d. Hafren Dyfrdwy £ 3.21
  - e. Hafren Dyfrdwy £ 62.02

The clerk was requested to pay all invoices.

**038-22 11. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that he had received a document in relation to the Powys Local Development Plan. A response from The Council is due before the end of June, and Cllr. T. Jones agreed to coordinate responses in conjunction with Cllr. Bettley.

**039-22 12. TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS**

There were no reports to receive

**040-22 13. INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

For inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting:

- Update on the toilet refurbishment project
- To agree how to progress the Woodland Walk project.

**041-22 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Berriew Community Council will be on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 19:30.  
The meeting closed at 21:40.

Signed

Chair  
Date