

BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL/CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERRIW

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 10th JANUARY 2019

1. Present

Councillors P J Bettley (Vice Chair), D E Davies, D G James, T D Jones (Chair) R M Morris and E B Thomas.

2. Absent

Councillors K E Griffiths, J Lawrence, D J Lawton, H E M Lawton and S Wall.

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2019.

3. Declaration of Personal Interest

Councillor D E Davies declared his interest in Planning Application 18/1053/AGR under category C (1) of the Model Code of Conduct.

4. Minutes

Councillor P J Bettley proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd of November 2018 be confirmed as correct. The proposal was seconded by Councillor D E Davies, with members unanimously in favour.

5. Open Discussion for members of the public

Martin Creaven informed members of potholes on old Glan-Yr-Afon and was informed by Councillor D E Davies that the repairs are due to be carried out.

Seven members of the public were present to outline their concerns and ask for the Council's support in objecting to Planning application number 18/1117/FUL and 18/1118/FUL. Oliver Hill stated his concerns which included the scale of the site, lack of affordable local needs housing, environmental impact, access and road safety and the noise issue from the Blacksmiths. David Hill also pointed out that it was an invasion of privacy with the new properties towering over the neighbouring bungalows.

Jayne Hill raised the issue of the need for dropped kerbs in the community for disabled access.

Councillor P J Bettley proposed that the Agenda item in respect of the Planning applications discussed by members of the public be brought forward for consideration. The proposal was seconded by Councillor D E Davies with members in support.

6. Planning

a) Planning Applications

Councillor D E Davies withdrew from discussions, and the following Planning application was considered.

i)	18/1117/FUL & 18/1118/FUL	Residential development of 4 dwellings, formation of vehicular access and associated works – proposed development of 4 Dwellings, Canal Wharf, Berriew, Powys Following a discussion Councillor P J Bettley proposed that the Community Council objects to the applications on the following grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The environmental impact• Ribbon development• The development is not in keeping with the area and is not appropriate for the needs of the community• Highway safety• Potential impact on local Blacksmiths business The proposal was seconded by Councillor E B Thomas with members unanimously in favour.
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7. Funding of Berriew Youth & Community Centre

Martin Creaven Chair of Berriew Youth & Community Centre updated members on proposed refurbishment / improvements to the centre and presented the accounts as at 31st March 2018. Members were informed that the centre requests similar funding as in other years.

Resolved: That funding be considered when setting the precept.

8. Matters Arising

a) Public Conveniences

- i) £149.38 paid to Mr W A Croft in respect of November 2018 salary and £128.04 in respect of December 2018 Salary (S111 LGA'72).
- ii) £94.16 paid to Hafren Dyfrdwy for charges for water supply and used water for the period 01.07.18 – 20.12.18 (Public Health Act 1936 S/87)

b) Meetings attended

Councillor T D Jones informed members that he had attended a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed Powys Police who is prioritising the installation of CCTV cameras in main town centres and targeting drugs.

c) Christmas Decorations

The Council acknowledged that the Christmas tree and lights in the village gave the village a lovely Christmas feel.

9. Roads in Berriew Community

i) Highway Matters

A response was received from Powys County Council Highways Manager in relation to the matters raised at the November 2018 meeting.

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

- a. Ditches need clearing on the U2455 Rhallt Lane, Berriew
- b. Water standing and potholes on the U2448 road with the road in a very poor condition
- c. Blocked drain on Red Lane 200 yards from the junction with water continuing down the lane
- d. Pot holes on Cil Pentre Lane, Berriew
- e. Severn Trent steel man hole cover has detached from the inspection cover – verge opposite New House, Berriew (C2050)
- f. Dolphin's Lane U2462 is again blocked

10. Speed Limit Extension – U2461 Berriew

An email from Chris Lloyd Powys County Council concerning the Council's proposed contribution towards extending the existing 30 mph speed limit along the U2641 from its current location by the Andrew Logan Museum past the Recreation field was received.

Councillor P J Bettley proposed and was seconded by Councillor E B Thomas that a contribution of £500 be committed towards the scheme with a time scale for approval of 6 months. Members were in full support of the proposal.

11. Financial Assistance

No completed requests for financial assistance had been received.

12. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Report regarding payments to members of the Community Council was discussed for budgeted purposes.

Resolved: That the non-mandated payments be considered on receipt of the final report.

13. 2019/20 Revenue Budget

Funding towards Berriew Youth & Community Centre for 2019/20 and the issue of the centre being financially healthy was discussed.

Councillor T D Jones proposed that the contribution be reduced to £1,000.00 but had no seconder for the proposal.

Councillor E B Thomas then proposed that funding remains at £2,000.00 for 2019/20 and was seconded by Councillor R M Morris. A vote was carried out in which one member voted against the proposal, two members voted in favour of the proposal, two members abstained and one member did not vote as they expected a further proposal.

Resolved that funding remains at £2,000.00 for 2019/20.

The Clerk reported the draft budget for 2019/2020. It was unanimously resolved that the budgeted net expenditure of £12,602.50 is approved, and that the **precept is set at £9,500.00 for 2019/20 i.e. estimated product of £1 Council Tax in community (Council Tax Base) is £12.58**, with the balance of expenditure being funded from the Community Council reserves.

14. Improvement Projects

Councillor P J Bettley offered to look at the need for dropped kerbs and suitable circuits for wheelchair users in the community.

15. Independent Review Panel

A Welsh Government Community and Town Council update (December 2018) following the Independent Review Panel's work was reported.

16. Caereinion Medical Practice

A letter (04.12.18) from the Practice Manger was received concerning the location of community defibrillators in the area.

17. Circulars

Clerks & Council's Direct January 2019 and The Clerk January 2019 were received.

18. Planning

a) Planning Applications

Councillor D E Davies having declared his interest vacated the room.

i)	18/1053/AGR	Erection of an agricultural building at Maes Y Nant, Berriew, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8BG
Resolved: The Council supports the application.		

b) Planning Services – Third party Correspondence

An email (07.12.18) from Powys County Council Planning Services informed members that the Council no longer has the resources to redact and publish third party correspondence on the Councils website i.e. letters of objection and support.

19. Accounts

a) Accounts for Payment

The following account was approved for payment.

i)	Berriew Youth & Community Centre	2 nd Grant Instalment	£2,000.00	LG (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976.S19
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20. Proposed Meeting Dates

Proposed meeting dates for 2019 were agreed.

21. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of the Community Council will be held on **Thursday 14th of February 2019** in the Committee Room, Berriew Community Centre at **7.30 p.m.** prompt