

BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL/CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERRIW

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 11th JANUARY 2018

1. Present

Councillors P J Bettley, D E Davies, T D Jones (Chair), H E M Lawton, J Lawrence, R M Morris and E B Thomas and S Wall.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors K E Griffiths, D G James and D J Lawton.

3. Minutes

Councillor D E Davies proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd of November 2017 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

Paul and Kerry Huber raised their objection to Planning Application P/2017/1566 on the grounds of environmental impact; vernacular style of building; incompatible with community needs and the excessive number of houses.

Tom Morris discussed Planning Application P/2017/1509 and explained why this location had been selected. He informed members that the application is to allow diversification from beef and sheep farming and to keep himself working locally.

5. Funding of Berriew Youth & Community Centre

The Clerk reported that Martin Creaven Chair of Berriew Youth & Community Centre would not be in attendance, however a copy of the Audited accounts as at the 31st March 2017 was received.

Councillor D E Davies informed members of the proposed position to move Berriew Playgroup into the school, and Councillor P J Bettley informed members that the Community Centre Committee is looking at a refurbishment scheme.

After a lengthy discussion, Councillor E B Thomas proposed that funding remain at £2,000.00 for 2018/19. Councillor D E Davies seconded the proposal, with members all in favour.

6. Matters Arising

a) Rights of Way

An email was reported from Mr Mark Harvey informing members that footpath issues identified in the community had been reported to Callum Carr Rights of Way Officer Access Officer, Powys County Council.

An invitation to all Councillors was also received from Mr Mark Harvey to join Welshpool Ramblers on Sunday the 18th of February on one of their walks in Berriew Community.

b) Public Conveniences

- i. £125.52 paid to Mr W A Croft in respect of December 2017 salary (S111 LGA'72)
- ii. £ 40.49 paid to Npower for electricity usage for the period 08.11.17 – 07.12.17
- iii. £ 92.22 paid to Waterplus for water usage and surface water drainage for the period 01.08.17 – 27.11.17

c) Speed in the Community

Councillor T D Jones stated that the Speed Awareness Team are carrying out checks in the community and letters are being sent to speed offenders.

Councillor D E Davies informed members that the moratorium had now been lifted on signs.

Resolved: Councillor D E Davies proposed and was seconded by Councillor P J Bettley that the Clerk writes to Mr Chris Lloyd, Transportation and Development, Powys County Council

to request that the 30-m.p.h. speed restriction is extended along the U2461 past the Recreation field right up to the A483 Trunk road junction. Members were unanimously in support of the proposal.

7. Roads in Berriew Community

i) Highway Matters

The Clerk reported that no response had been received from Powys County Council Highways Department concerning the matters raised at the previous meeting.

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

- a. Yew tree lane U2635 is water logged near to Yew Tree farm, and becomes extremely icy this time of year
- b. Huge hole on Red Lane 100 metres towards Powis Castle from the Cross roads, as a result of the floods and the drains not working
- c. Persistent fly tipping (bin bags) on the layby down from Pen-Y-Bank, Berriew
- d. Blocked drain by the telephone kiosk, Pantyffridd (B4390)
- e. Large pot hole on the B4390 just past Felindre Manse, Felindre
- f. Water across the B4390 road by the turning for Glanrhiew, Berriew
- g. Blocked culverts under Pump House Lane (C2050) by Llifior Deri and between Cwm Llifior and Llandinier Lane, resulting in water running across the road
- h. Loose kerb stones by the parking area adjacent to Min-Yr-Afon, Berriew
- i. Road sweeping would be beneficial in the community

Councillor R M Morris informed members that it now necessary to contact Powys County Council to order grit for the grit bins, as this is no longer carried out automatically. Powys County Council can be contacted - tls.helpdesk@powys.gov.uk / 01597 827465.

ii) Cleaning of Signs

Resolved: Councillor E B Thomas, P J Bettley and T D Jones agreed to the cleaning of signs in February.

8. Superfast Broadband

Emails (18.12.17 & 03.01.17) from Manafon Community Council concerning the Openreach cut off period, and the lack of coverage for some properties still being an issue was noted.

Councillor T D Jones had been informed by Martin Jones Contract Manager, Superfast Cymru Open Reach, that an extra £15 million has been made available to enable more properties to get connected, and the Welsh Assembly is currently taking bids from installation companies which will hopefully increase the availability to 97%.

He further stated that the Berriew exchange has been upgraded and if there is fibre optic cable on the poles in the Berriew area, you should be able to order superfast broadband in approx. 1½ months.

Councillor J Lawrence informed members that the Pantyffridd area should be able to connect to superfast broadband in the next week.

An email (18.12.17) was received from Peter Leese concerning Openreach not completing work, and still having no access to Superfast Broadband.

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

Resolved: That the matter be referred to the next meeting, and any member of the public interested in representing the Community Council on this Committee should contact the Clerk.

10. Independent Review Panel

a) Review of the Community and Town Council Sector

An email (22.12.17) from the Independent Review Panel concerning the Community Council's views on community representation including democratic engagement and diversity was received.

b) Remuneration to Members of the Community Council

The Clerk informed members of the Independent Remuneration Panel draft consultation report in which Determination 44 states that Community Councils must make a payment to each of their members of £150 a year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc. An individual Councillor can however choose not to take the payment.

Determination 50 also makes it mandatory for community Councils to provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults, and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month.

11. Financial Assistance

The Clerk reported that one completed application form had been received from The Berriew Newsletter.

Resolved: Councillor R M Morris proposed that £250.00 be given to The Berriew Newsletter, and was seconded by Councillor P J Bettley with the majority of members in favour of the proposal.

12. 2018/19 Revenue Budget

The Clerk reported the draft budget for 2018/19.

Following a discussion Councillor T D Jones proposed that the precept be set at £10,000 with a Council Tax charge of £13.24 per band D equivalent, and was seconded by Councillor P J Bettley.

Councillor R M Morris then proposed that the precept be set at £9,500 with a Council Tax charge of £12.58 per band D equivalent, and was seconded by Councillor J Lawrence.

A vote was carried out in which 5 members voted in favour of Councillor R M Morris' proposal and 4 in favour of Councillor T D Jones' proposal.

Resolved: That the budgeted net expenditure of £11,804.00 is approved, and that **the precept is set at £ 9,500 for 2018/19 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.

13. Circulars

The Clerk January 2018 and Clerks & Council's Direct November 2017 were received.

14. Reports

The following reports were received:

- a) A Major Trauma Network for South and West Wales and South Wales – Consultation
- b) Law Commission's Consultation Paper on Planning Law in Wales (Consultation to 01.03.18) www.lawcom.gov.uk/project/planning-law-in-wales
- c) Powys Public Services Board Draft Well-being Plan (Consultation to 11.02.18) www.powys.gov.uk/en/community-development/sustainability-and-the-council/powys-well-being-plan
- d) Proposal to vary the appointments of Severn Trent Water and Dee Valley Water

15. Planning

i) Planning Applications

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

a)	P/2017/1393	Erection of a dwelling house, detached garage, formation of vehicular access, installation of sewage treatment plant and all associated works at Land at Cil Pentre Berriew Welshpool, Powys. Councillor R M Morris and Councillor J Lawrence both declared their interest under Category C3 of the Model Code of Conduct, and vacated the room.
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		Resolved: The Community Council object to the sporadic siting which is not adjoining an existing settlement.
b)	P/2017/1509	Erection of 2 buildings for use as a free-range egg production unit, erection of silos, formation of vehicular access road and all associated works at Land at Hanbury, Berriew Councillor R M Morris declared her interest under Category A(1) & A(10) of the Model Code of Conduct, and Councillor J Lawrence declared her interest under Category C(3) of the Code, and both members vacated the room. Resolved: The Council has no comment.
c)	P/2017/1366	Erection of 4 dwelling, formation of vehicular access and all associated works at Land opposite the Rectory, off the B4390, Berriew The Clerk informed members that an objection had been received from Sarah Hill. Resolved: The Community Council objects on the grounds of - <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
d)	P/2017/1430	Erection of a rear single storey extension at Cae Beuno, Berriew Resolved: The Community Council has no objection
e)	P/2017/1441	Outline application (with some matters reserved) for erection of a dwelling house, installation of septic tank and all associated works at Land near Red House, Fron Montgomery Powys Resolved: The Community Council objects to the siting as development in the open countryside, and the application should be local needs.

16. Accounts

Resolved: That the following accounts be paid:

a)	Eric Neville Catering Supplies Ltd	Invoice 226243 – Jumbo toilet roll / Hand soap	£ 85.47	Public Health Act 1936 S/87
b)	Office Express UK Ltd	Invoices 54421/54704 Credit Notes 5834/5846 - Printer cartridges and suspension files	£ 54.59	S111 LGA'72
c)	Wales Audit Office	Invoice 00007191 – Audit Fees 2016/17	£ 186.00	S111 LGA'72
d)	Berriew Youth & Community Centre	2 nd Quarter Grant Payment	£1,000.00	LG (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976.S19
e)	The Clerk reported that the cost of Community Council Election amounted to £509.46, and this had been deducted from the precept payment.			

17. Meetings

The proposed dates of the meetings for the forthcoming year were agreed.

18. Date of Next Meeting

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

Chairman

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING