

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BY VIDEO CONFERENCING
on THURSDAY 11TH MARCH 2021 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Cllr. T D Jones
Cllr. J Lawrence
Cllr. P J Bettley
Cllr. H E M Lawton
Cllr. D G James
Cllr. E B Thomas
Cllr. D E Davies
Cllr. L Kendal

APOLOGIES

Cllr. K E Griffiths
Cllr. D J Lawton
Cllr. R M Morris

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Gwilym Rippon (clerk)

There were two members of the public present.

Agenda
item

140-20

1. **OPENING**

Cllr. Jones opened the meeting and thanked all for joining the meeting via the link set up on 'ZOOM' by the Clerk.

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2. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

See list above.

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3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Name	Item	Personal	Prejudicial

There were no declarations made.

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4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING (previously circulated)**

Following review of the minutes.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2021 were a true record of what transpired.

144-20 5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present asked any questions or made any comments.

145-20 6. **INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE BELOW**

- a) Rights of Way/Footpaths
Details of this to be brought up under VMRC
- b) Signage in the village
Councillor Bettley mentioned that the brown tourist signs to the village were well out of date. As they are the responsibility of the business owners, Councillor Bettley volunteered to approach the ones still open.
- c) Feedback from meetings attended
Patience practice nothing much to report
Community centre meeting reported a gradual re-use by the school. The defibrillator has been refurbished. Another meeting will be held soon to respond to Covid lockdown measures being eased.
Community Council Code of Conduct Training Course had been attended online which was considered very useful and informative, and is highly recommended for all councillors

146-20 7. **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

The clerk stated that he had a report from Powys County Council in relation to the consultation for the extension of the 30mph speed restriction past the recreation ground. Pending consultation, the Council is hopeful that this change will be enacted within a few months.

Opposite the bowling club there is a large pothole B4385
The hole in the verge on Brithdir Lane has yet to be attended to and the safety barriers have disappeared.
On the C2005 Red Lane, about 150m from Cross Lane, there is a manhole cover with a 6-8 inch gap
Flooding outside the Lion and the Berriew Stores since the resurfacing was done.

Also comment from a member of the public that there were potholes on Penarth Pitch to the Penycoed potholes U2636

The drains are blocked on Red Lane. C2005
U2050 road flooded appears to be a blocked culvert
Debris under Caerhowel Bridge,
Argae Hall to Lakeside, the U2369
Yewtree Lane road is very worn U2635

147-20 8. **UPDATE ON THE TOILET BLOCK**

- 1. Terms of reference
The terms of reference and timeline were discussed and were agreed.
- 2. Expression of Interest application

The Expression of Interest application was discussed and it was agreed that this be submitted. It was also discussed that Awards for all lottery funding was being submitted. This was also agreed.

3. Public consultation

This was discussed, various options were to be explored to consult with the Community

148-20

9. **VMRC – Clustering**

The Public Access Partnership report was discussed, it was requested that the clerk circulate the report for further discussion at a later date.

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10. **PLANNING**

Cllr. Davies stated that he would make no comment on any applications

1. 21/0328/HH

Application for the erection of a two storey and single storey extension to side and rear including demolition of existing single storey extension including alterations at Oakfields Abermule Montgomery SY15 6SB

This application was discussed

RESOLVED

Support, in favour of the application

2. 21/0340/VAR

Application to discharge Section 106 legal agreement attached to planning permission M20050404 (occupancy restriction) Site Address: Cil Mieri, Berriew, Welshpool, Powys SY21 8AY

This application was discussed

RESOLVED

No comment other than The Council would like affordable housing retained where possible for local community.

150-20

11. **FINANCE**

Finance

1. To note the Bank Reconciliation

This was noted

2. To agree the invoices for payment.

a. Staff salaries £743.87 (S111 & S112 Local Government Act 1972)

b. HMRC £425.31p (S111 & S112 Local Government Act 1972)

c. G.J.Rippon £78.00p (expenses) (S111 & S112 Local Government Act 1972)

d. For information

e. Hafren Dyfrdwy 6.81p (Water rates) (S111 Local Government Act 1972)

f. Hafren Dyfrdwy £35.22p (Water rates) (S111 Local Government Act 1972)

12. **SUPERFAST BROADBAND**

Nothing further to report

151-20 13. **TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk reported that he had received several emails, all of which had been circulated to members.

152-20 14. **TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS**

Cllr. Bettley highlighted the implications for the Community Council of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 which could be summarised as follows ; -

1. Votes for 16 and 17 year-olds and EU Citizens and citizens of other countries
2. The voting system for county and county borough council elections - offering a choice: First Past the Post or Single Transferable Vote
3. The Act changes the electoral cycle of principal councils and community councils from four to five-year terms
4. The Act provides eligible community councils with a general power of competence
5. The Act makes it easier for meetings to take place through a variety of arrangements, including multi-location meetings where all individuals are attending virtually and hybrid meetings
6. The electronic publication of documents extends to include making available key information as soon as reasonably practicable, and within seven working days of the community council meeting taking place.
7. From April 2022 community and town councils will have a duty to prepare and publish a report about the council's priorities, activities and achievements. The first report must relate to the financial April 2021
8. The Council will have a duty to prepare a training plan for Councillors by November 2021.

153-20 15. **INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

Cllr. Davies asked for a parcel of land to be discussed at a future meeting, this land located over the canal, near Maes Bueno.

154-20 16. **DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

Regular meeting on 8th April 2021 (by Zoom). The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed Chair

Date