

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
on THURSDAY 12th JANUARY 2023 at 19:30**

(Held at Berriew Community Centre and by Zoom)

PRESENT

Cllr. P.J. Bettley Cllr. S. Upton Cllr. T. Jones
Cllr. J Morgan Cllr. E.B. Thomas Cllr. D.G. James

APOLOGIES

Cllr. M. Davis Cllr. J. Skelding Cllr. D. Kent

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. A. Jones Mr. Gwilym Rippon (Clerk)
There were four members of the public present

**Agenda
item**

- 091-22** 1. **OPENING**
Cllr. Bettley opened the meeting, thanked everyone present and wished all a happy new year.
- 092-22** 2. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**
As listed above
- 093-22** 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
No declarations were made
- 094-22** 4. **MINUTES**
Following review, it was **resolved** that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 10th November 2022 and the extra Regular Meeting held on 30th November were true and accurate records.
- 095-22** 5. **ACTIONS OUTSTANDING**
- i. The hedge hasn't been brushed on the B4385 just north of the Junction with the Cil by Llwyn-Derw. The Clerk will write to D. James, to ask if they will have the work done.
 - ii. The financial reconciliation for the Berriew Web Site had been completed.

096-22 6. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chairman reported the following:

- a) The Chair and Cllr. A. Jones held a meeting with Danny Jarman of PCC Highways on 23rd November and drove to look at the road issues in the ward. The major items are being addressed.
- b) A multi-agency meeting regarding Broadband has been arranged for the 24th February 2023 with representatives from Ofcom, OpenReach, Powys County Council and our MS's office present. The objective is to ascertain the present status of Broadband rollout plans.
- c) One local builder has been involved in preparing a quote for the toilet refurbishment works. Others will be sought. It was agreed that the plans should provide two toilets and a single storage room only for cleaning materials.
- d) Lynda Evans of the Berriew Charity has been informed that Cllr. A. Roberts will be the Council's representative.

097-22 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) County Councillor Report by Cllr. A Jones
 - i. Surgeries with MP Craig Williams and MS Russell George will take place on 28th January 2023 in Castle Caereinion and on 31st March 2023 in Berriew.
- b) PCSO contact – The PCSO representative was not present. The Clerk will make contact to ask them to attend a Community Council meeting in the Spring.
- c) Public comments
 - i. Two members of the public spoke with regard to previous minutes which noted the potential for the obstruction of the view by the hedge bordering Cae Celyn for drivers travelling from Berriew and turning into the B4385. Cllr. Jones offered to arrange a site meet with PCC Highways present.
 - ii. A member of the public spoke to explain a planning application due to be considered by the Council.
 - iii. It was asked that the donation of the Community Christmas Tree by Paul and Lindsey Phillips be recognised. The Council agreed unanimously and also noted the contribution made by Martin Creaven, George Pritchard, Wayne Jones and others. Linda Tuffin kindly provided the power for the lights.

098-22 8. COMMUNITY COUNCIL GOALS

a) Transport and Highways

To update the Highways Log

- i. A member of the public drew to the Council's attention that there was no warning sign on the B4390 indicating that the junction with the B4385 was ahead. The Chair will write to PCC Highways.
- ii. The road 30m north from the school is very rough, breaking up and needs fixing.
- iii. The condition of the road past Groes-y-Garreg was referenced. It was noted that it had been cleaned to an extent and County Councillor Jones indicated that this would further be addressed

- iv. It was noted that the U2450 unclassified road from Pantyffridd is being used by some HGVs. This is considered dangerous as the road is steep, narrow and unsuitable for articulated lorries. PCC will be contacted regarding the provision of signs to discourage the use.
- v. A large body of water outside Bryn Amlwg needs attention.
- vi. It was noted that there had been flooding in the Pantyffridd phone box.
- vii. Pennant Pitch potholes and drainage on Pied House Lane were also referenced.

b) Housing and infrastructure

- i. A multi-agency meeting regarding better provision of fibre broadband has been arranged for the 24th February 2023.
- ii. The Chair is seeking quotations for the refurbishment of the toilets in the village. The situation regarding the transfer of the asset from Powys County Council for the sum of £1 is being clarified.

c) Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism

Nothing to report from the Footpaths and Rights of Way sub-committee.

d) Business and Retail

The Business Survey has now been published in the Newsletter and on Facebook, with a closing date of 1st April. The QR code below can be used to access the survey.



e) Environment and Sustainability

Nothing to report.

f) Community Support

Nothing to report.

g) Aspirations of the Council

The next meeting of the Vale of Montgomery Rural Cluster will take place on 23rd January 2023.

099-22 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. 22/2066/HH

Application for alterations and extension to bungalow together with the erection of a detached double garage including demolition of existing single garage at Golwen, Berriew, Welshpool, SY21 8PD.

Resolved. The Council discussed the application and supported it.

100-22 10. FINANCE

1. To note the Bank reconciliation. The Bank reconciliation was noted. The Chair requested that a detailed line-by-line finance report be made available in February.
2. The Clerk reported that an unqualified audit report had been received.
3. To discuss and agree payments to be made.
 - a. HMRC (Staff Tax) £16.40. (S111 Local Government Act 1972)
 - b. SLCC (Training, Cllr. Bettley) £54.00. (S111 LGA 1972)
 - c. Powys County Council (Election) £586.64. (S111 LGA 1972)
4. For information and ratification
 - a. HMRC (tax) £464.89. (S111 LGA 1972)
 - b. G.J. Rippon (Expenses) £223.52. (S111 LGA 1972)
 - c. Office Express (Toilet paper) £63.34. (S111 LGA 1972)
 - d. Hafren Dyfrdwy (Water and drainage) £3.21 (S111 LGA 1972)
 - e. Hafren Dyfrdwy (Water and drainage) £62.02 (S111 LGA 1972)
5. The Clerk noted that the transfer of banks from HSBC to Unity Trust was progressing.

Resolved - The clerk was requested to pay all invoices.

101-22 11. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

102-22 12. TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS

No reports received, other than circulars previously circulated by email.

103-22 13. INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

No matters were raised at the time but may be raised at any time before the next meeting agenda is published.

104-22 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Berriew Community Council will be on 9th February 2023 at 19:30. The meeting closed at 20:50.

Signed

Chair

Date