

BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL/CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERRIW

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH MARCH 2020

1. Present

Councillors D E Davies, D G James, T D Jones, H E M Lawton, J Lawrence and E B Thomas.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P J Bettley, K E Griffiths, L Kendal, D J Lawton and R M Morris.

The Chair reminded Councillors of their requirement to attend meetings and noted that some Councillors have missed a number of consecutive meetings.

3. Minutes

Councillor D E Davies proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th February 2020 be confirmed as correct. The proposal was seconded by Councillor E B Thomas with members unanimously in favour.

4. Open Discussion for Members of the Public

Parking issues on the existing Glan-Yr-Afon Housing Estate was discussed. Councillor D E Davies stated that Mr W Corbett Winder had not yet been approached.

Members were informed that the existing planning application for the proposed development at Glan-Yr Afon is on hold due to an amended application in respect of the existing road, and the Council was asked if they would receive notification of this. The Council is not aware of any changes to the application and Councillor D E Davies agreed to look into the matter.

5. Matters Arising

a) Right of Way/Footpaths

Members were informed that the closure of the Public Footpath 114 Fron, Berriew will now be extended to September 2020 for the repairs to be carried out.

b) Public Conveniences

i) £132.36 paid to Mr W A Croft in respect of February 2020 (S111 LGA'72).

ii) £ 18.36 paid to Npower for electricity usage for the period 04/02/20 – 29/02/20 (Public Health Act 1936 S/87).

6. Roads in Berriew Community

i) Highway Matters

A response was awaited from Powys County Council Highways Manager (North) in respect of the issues raised at the previous meeting.

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

- a) Flooding on the B4390 by Glan Rhiew, Berriew
- b) Potholes on Red Lane from Cross Lane to Trefnant Hall
- c) Dolphins Lane U2452 remains blocked by vehicles
- d) Potholes on the B4385 above Berriew Community Primary School
- e) Debris needs clearing from the end of Yew Tree Lane (U2635) due to the Culvert overflowing
- f) Condition of the C2006 Berriew to Bettws Cedewain road

ii) Speed Restriction – U2461

An email (20/02/20) from Montgomeryshire Area Traffic Engineer informed members that he proposes is to include the requested 30 mph extension past the playing fields in Berriew with a speed limit traffic order for a different area for which the developer would be responsible for the cost. This would avoid the need to go through the ranking scheme, and would leave the cost of erecting the speed limit signs at Berriew which would be covered by the £500 contribution from both Berriew Community Council and Berriew Recreation Association.

Resolved: Members remained in favour of paying the £500 contribution towards the speed restriction.

7. VMRC

Training on the Code of Conduct was noted. No further information had been received on the Legionella Duty Holder.

8. Vacancy – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

The Chair thanked the Interview Panel.

Due to the nature of the business to be discussed, members unanimously agreed that the discussion should take place in a private meeting, and the agenda item be moved to the end of the meeting.

9. To appoint the Internal Auditor

The Clerk informed members that either Mr Colin Knowles or Cadwalladers Accountants could be appointed Internal Auditor for 2019/20.

10. Community Defibrillators

That Councillor E B Thomas confirmed that there is not a defibrillator situated at Berriew Bowling Club. The Council confirmed that they would be willing to contribute towards a defibrillator to be located in the centre of the village.

11. North Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum

An email (23/02/20) from the Chair of North Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum asking for views on what would make the Forum a useful and inclusive meeting point was received.

12. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2020/21

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Report 2020/21 was received.

<https://gov.wales/independent-remuneration-panel-wales-annual-report-2020-2021>

Members were informed that Berriew Community Council fall into Band C (Income or Expenditure in 2019/20 below £30,000). Members then considered each of the non-mandated determinations in relation to payments to members of the Community Council and the following decisions were made:

- a) Determination 42 – The Clerk stated that this determination is mandated and each member can personally decide whether or not to take some or all of the payment of £150.00. The Clerk would however need to be advised accordingly in writing by each member.
- b) Determinations 44, 49 and 50 were rejected by the Council
- c) Determination 45, 47 & 46 Payment to members in respect of travel costs, financial loss compensation and subsistence expenses was approved, however prior approval would be necessary.

13. Berriew Website

Resolved: That payment of £118.80 for the Web-Hosting fee for Berriew Website for 2019/20 be approved Sec.142 (1A/B) LGA'72.

14. Montgomeryshire Village Award 2020

The closing date for applications is March 31st 2020 and the Clerk was asked to post details on Facebook.

15. Circulars

The following circulars were received:

- a) Clerks & Council's Direct March 2020
- b) Clerk March 2020

16. Reports

The following report was received:

- a) Meeting the Challenges in Podiatry Services in Powys www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/podiatry-engagement

17. Planning

a) Planning Applications

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

i)	20/0282/HH	Proposal: Erection of an extension to the existing dwelling Site Address: The Rylands, Fron, Welshpool, Powys SY15 6RT The Council supports the application.
ii)	20/0322/REM	Proposal: Removal of Condition 73 Bwthyn Y Llan, Berriew, Welshpool, Powys SY21 8BH The Council supports the application.

18. Accounts

a) Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

i)	K A J Jones	Home working allowance / Reimburse cost of printing	£ 40.00	S111 LGA'72
ii)	Cash	Reimburse Petty Cash 13/01/20 – 13/03/20 (Postage)	£ 17.08	S111 LGA'72
iii)	K A J Jones	4 th Quarter Salary 2019/20	£1340.64	S111 LGA'72

Before closing the public meeting, the Chair Councillor T D Jones thanked the Clerk on behalf of the Council for her work over the 24 years.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meeting) Act 1960, the public were excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

19. Vacancy – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

The Clerk confirmed that the position of Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer had been offered to Mr Gwilym Rippon and the decision was ratified by the Council.

The Contract of employment and pay details were reviewed and agreed accordingly.

Resolved: That the Clerk continue her role alongside the new Clerk for an additional month with pay in order to complete the Annual accounts, Internal Audit and hand over to the new Clerk.

20. To appoint the Internal Auditor

Resolved: That Mr Colin Knowles be appointed Internal Auditor for 2019/20.

21. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of the Community Council will be held on **Thursday the 9th of April 2020** in the Committee Room, Berriew Community Centre at **7.30 p.m.** prompt

Chairman

Should any member of the community have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk Mrs K Jones on 01686 668182 (Dol-Hafren, 5 Caerhowel Meadows, Montgomery, Powys, SY15 6JF) or berriewcommunitycouncil@hotmail.co.uk or a Community Councillor.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings, and time is set aside set for public participation to ask questions, make statements etc. The public however must not take part at any other time during the meeting.