

BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL/CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERRIW

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12th APRIL 2018

1. Present

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

2. Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K E Griffiths and E B Thomas.

3. Minutes

Councillor D E Davies proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th of March 2018 be confirmed as correct. The proposal was seconded by Councillor P J Bettley, with members unanimously in favour.

The Chair welcomed the members of the public to the meeting.

4. Open Discussion for Members of the Public

The Secretary of Welshpool Ramblers informed members of their very successful walk on the 18th of February in which 22 people took part, with 8 people attending from Berriew. In response to the Community Council's letter, he wished to point out that the livestock were not disturbed - the sheep looked up and carried on grazing, and the lady referred to as taking a short cut in the opposite direction went to talk to the dog.

The group was a more mature group of walkers, with no dogs and who don't like to cause problems and feel angered and annoyed over the unjustified complaint which gives the wrong impression of ramblers.

Councillor P J Bettley pointed out that the Community Council did not uphold the complaint but had to deal with it.

Councillor T D Jones apologised for the lack of time allocated to footpaths by the Community Council within the cluster, more time/progress could be envisaged in the near future. Footpaths and rights of way are important to the Council who is happy for suggested routes etc to be put forward.

5. Matters Arising

a) Rights of Way

A letter (11.04.18) was received from Welshpool Ramblers, which had been summarised in the open discussion.

Resolved: That Welshpool Ramblers response be passed on to the complainant.

Councillor J Lawrence reported that a Lakeside Walk leaflet had been produced, 500 copies would be printed, with a copy of the walk put on the website. Four walks would be identified, with funding being obtained from the Cluster group.

An email was received from a resident of Maes Yr Afon Caravan Park regarding the need for a footpath along the river. As the agreement of all private landowners would be required, members felt that it would be unlikely for this to happen.

b) Public Conveniences

- i) £151.67 paid to Mr W A Croft in respect of March 2018 salary (S111 LGA'72)
- ii) £ 61.83 paid to Npower for electricity usage for the period 08.02.18 – 09.03.18 (Public Health Act 1936 S/87).
- iii) The Clerk informed members that the heater in the loft had now been switched off. It was agreed that the loft and pipes should be lagged for next winter.
Resolved: That quotes be obtained from Wayne Jones and Tony Croft.

c) Community Speed Watch / Speed in the Community

Following the last meeting as requested Councillor P J Bettley had researched the cost of bilingual LED speed signs.

A discussion took place in which it was agreed that the Council should consider any improvement projects in the community, and the electorate should be asked to put forward ideas.

d) Broadband

Russell George AM had informed members in the open meeting that the £425 million Superfast Broadband project had given access to 65% of properties in Montgomeryshire. He agreed that BT Open Reach Communication had been terrible and there had been significant weaknesses in the WAG contract. A new scheme to complete some of the outstanding properties which have not yet got the availability of Superfast Broadband and consideration given to utilising different technologies is in the tender process will commence in June 2018.

Anyone wishing to know if their property will be connected in the next scheme can email Russell George Russell.George@assembly.wales giving their telephone number and postcode.

e) Meetings Attended

Councillor P J Bettley had attended the last meeting of Berriew Youth & Community Centre Committee. The annual accounts had been reported with a £9,000 surplus.

6. Roads in Berriew Community

i) Highway Matters

An email (22.03.18) was received from Powys County Council Highways Manager in response to the matters raised at the previous meeting.

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

- a. Pennant Pitch U2635 is in a bad condition from Pen-Y-Coed to the A483
- b. Culvert is blocked behind the Church at Pantyffridd and the drains are also blocked by the Church resulting in flooding
- c. Pothole on the B4390 road between Pantyffridd Church and Cae Daffydd, Pantyffridd
- d. Poor condition of the C2006 road between Pentre Llifior Chapel and the junction to Penycoed Farm
- e. The C2006 Bettws road – poor condition of the edge of the road
- f. Water sits on the C2006 Berriew to Bettws road between Lletycoed and the turning for Cefndreboeth, Berriew
- g. Three drains are blocked on the C2006 near to the junction with Pump House Lane C2050 with water running down the field rather than entering the drainage ditch on the boundary.
- h. Water standing on Pump House Lane C2050 between Cwm Llifior and Llandinier is wearing away the road

ii) Road Closure

Members were informed that the U2443 would be closed between the 08.05.18 to 10.05.18.

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

Resolved: Councillor S Wall be elected as the Minor Authority Representative from September 2018.

8. Clustering / Community Delivery

The next meeting of the Cluster will be held on the 1st of May in Abermule Community Centre.

Resolved: That the Community Council writes a letter to support the Vale of Montgomery Community Project which Berriew Community will benefit from.

9. General Data Protection Regulations

The Clerk informed members that a Data Audit had been completed, and it would be necessary to complete Privacy notices and Policies prior to the 25th of May.

Resolved: That a lockable filing cabinet be purchased, and liability insurance be looked at.

10. Berriew Web Site – Hosting

The Clerk confirmed that under the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 Access to information, a Community Council must make information available electronically by means of a web site.

The costs of running the Berriew Community Website were received, and it was resolved that the web-hosting fee of £134.40 for 2017/18 be paid.

Resolved: The Clerk enquires as to whether the webmaster work for the Community Council element of the web site could be carried out by the Clerk herself.

11. Risk Management

The following Risk Management reports for 2018/19 were approved and adopted for the forthcoming year:

- a) Risk Management – Cleaning Public Conveniences
- b) Fire Risk Management Report Public Conveniences
- c) Health & Safety Risk Assessment Public Conveniences

Resolved: That the Risk Management Review of Internal Control be referred to the next meeting.

12. County War Memorial

A letter (02.02.19) from Montgomery Town Council concerning the County War Memorial situated in Montgomery and its need for repair was received.

Resolved: Councillor D J Lawton proposed and was seconded by Councillor R M Morris that £100 be paid towards the cost of repairs - War memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923 S1 as extended by Local Government Act 1948 S133.

13. LPG – Disruption to deliveries

A member of the public had informed the Clerk that there is currently a severe disruption to deliveries of LPG gas which is country wide, and to make the community aware of the problem.

14. Circulars

Campaign for the protection of Rural Wales Bulletin January 2018 was received

15. Reports

Strengthening Local Government: Delivery for People <https://beta.gov.wales/strengthening-local-government-delivering-people>

16. Planning

- i) P/2018/0257 – Change of use of land from Agricultural to tourism (for small scale camp site) Tyn Yr Wrtta Brooks

Five letters of objection were received from members of the community concerning the proposed development which falls into the area of Bettws Community Council.

Following a discussion, Councillor T D Jones proposed that a letter of objection be sent to support the community. The proposal was seconded by Councillor D J Lawton and approved by all present.

- ii) Planning Applications

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

a)	P/2018/0281	Construction of garage at Trwstllewelyn, Garthmyl, Montgomery. The Council is in support of the application.
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b)	DEC2018/0007	Application made under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 for existing LV overhead service line requiring retrospective planning consent for a 2nd underground supply at Caethygley, Felindre Berriew, Welshpool, Powys. The Council has no comment.
c)	P/2018/0324	Erection of a single storey side extension at Plas Mynydd, Brooks, Welshpool, Powys The Council is in support of the application.
d)	P/2018/0369	Demolition of existing extension and erection of a replacement extension at Llyswen, Berriew The Council is in support of the application.

17. Accounts

a) Accounts for Payment

The following account was approved for payment.

i)	Office Express UK Ltd	Inv. 56947 – Hole punch / Cleaning materials	£28.98	S111 LGA'72 / Public Health Act 1936 S/87
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18. Urgent Business

The Clerk reported a telephone call from a member of the community seeking the Council's support concerning work carried out by the Canal & Rivers Trust at Garthmyl between Refail Bridge and the Nags Head, which is harming the wildlife.

Councillor P J Bettley informed members that this section of the canal and also a section at Arddleen is being dredged to improve the water flow down the canal and the condition of this section for nature. This work is being carried out as a condition of the HLF award for the restoration to Crickheath.

Resolved: That no action be taken.

19. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the Annual General meeting of the Community Council will be held on **Thursday the 10th of May 2018** 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.