

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
on THURSDAY 12th MAY 2022 at 19:30**

(Held at Berriew Community Centre with Zoom participation also available)

PRESENT

Cllr. P.J. Bettley	Cllr. E.B. Thomas	Cllr. R.M. Morris	Cllr. D.G. James
Cllr. J. Skelding	Cllr. D. Kent	Cllr. M. Davis	Cllr. S. Upton
Cllr. A. Roberts			

APOLOGIES

Cllr. J Morgan	Cllr. T. D. Jones
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IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. A. Jones	Mr. Gwilym Rippon (Clerk)
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**Agenda
item**

001-22 1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**
Cllr. Bettley was unanimously elected as Chair of the Berriew Community Council

002-22 2. **OPENING**
The Chair congratulated returning members, Cllrs. Jones, Morgan, Thomas, Morris and James. He also congratulated new members, Cllrs. Kent, Skelding, Roberts, Upton and Davis. The Chair thanked retiring members, Heather Lawton, Darren Lawton, Lee Kendall and Dai Davies and the Council's retiring School Governor Representative, Neil James. The Chair welcomed and congratulated the recently elected County Councillor for Berriew and Castle Caereinion, Cllr. Adrian Jones, and thanked retiring County Councillor Dai Davies for his 14 years of service to the ward.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair summarised some of the key activities of the Council in the year May 2021 – April 2022.

1. After much effort by the Council, and some expenditure, the speed limit of the road past the recreation ground was finally designated 30mph from just past the museum to the junction with the A483.
2. A 40 mph buffer zone has been implemented on the B4390 on the approach to the village.
3. A massive debris build up at Caerhowel Bridge over the River Severn was removed after much pressure by the Council.

4. The aqueduct railings were repaired following storm damage 18 months ago, after representation was made to the Canal and River Trust at high level.
5. A project to refurbish the public toilets in Berriew commenced.
6. We created 7 goals as part of the creation of a Community Plan.
7. The Council incorporated the Berriew Website committee in order to help save the committee costs and put it on a stronger footing for the future.
8. We held a village 'walk round' in July to seek opportunities for improvement. We could do it again this year, and/or spread to other outlying communities within the ward.
9. We have started discussion with Vaynor Estate about the potential for us leasing the woodland walk for interested parties to help maintain and develop. The school have shown some interest in using this facility.
10. We have made grants to the Platinum Jubilee Committee and for new Christmas tree lights and agreed an annual sum with the Berriew Newsletter for hosting our minutes.
11. We have raised 36 highways matters and had 14 closed.
12. We have considered approximately 20 planning matters.
13. We held a design competition with the school for traffic speed awareness posters and gave certificates for the 6 most appropriate.
14. Attended many meetings of the various committees that we stand on and contributed to the success of those organisations.

The Chair thanked the clerk for his support over the last 12 months.

003-22 3. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

As listed above

004-22 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made

005-22 5. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Cllr. J. Morgan was elected as vice-Chair.

006-22 6. MINUTES

Following review, it was **resolved** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 13th May 2021 were a true and accurate record.

007-22 7. THE CODE OF CONDUCT

It was **resolved** that members agreed to abide by the Code of Conduct

008-22 8. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

A model version of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations was circulated and noted. The Chair asked the Clerk to circulate the documents relating specifically to Berriew Community Council.

009-22 9. FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

A review of the Financial Risk Assessment was deferred

010-22 10. MEETING DATES

The following meeting dates were agreed for the next twelve months, always on a Thursday
 12th May, 9th June, 28th July, 8th September, 13th October, 17th November, 12th January, 9th February, 9th March, 13th April

- 011-22** 11. **CHEQUE SIGNATORIES**
Cllrs. Bettley, Jones and Upton were appointed as Bank Signatories in addition to the Clerk
- 012-22** 12. **BERRIEW COMMUNITY PLAN**
Councillors volunteered to take a special interest in the 7 goals of the Community Plan as follows:
Transport and Highways – Cllrs. Roberts and Thomas
Housing and Infrastructure – Cllrs. Jones and Upton
Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism – Cllrs. Davis and Kent
Business and Retail – Cllrs. Skelding and Davis
Environment and Sustainability – Cllrs. Morris, Davis and Kent
Community Support – Cllrs. Roberts, Morris and James
Aspirations of the Council – Cllrs. Bettley and Morgan
- 013-22** 13. **COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP APPOINTMENTS**
The following appointments were made to sub-committees, working groups and external committees:
- Berriew Website advisory committee – Hazel Wilson, Andy Kirkwood and Cllr. Bettley
 - The Vale of Montgomery Rural Cluster – Cllrs. Morgan, Jones, Skelding and Bettley
 - School Governor representative – this appointment was deferred pending further information from the school
 - Montgomery Medical Practice Patients’ Association – Cllrs. Morris and Upton
 - Berriew Recreation Association – Cllrs. James, Morgan and Kent
 - Footpaths and Rights of Way sub-Committee – Cllrs. Upton, Jones and Morgan
 - Community Centre representatives – Cllrs. Roberts, Bettley and Upton
- 014-22** 14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
There were no members of the public present. It was agreed that participation was to be strongly encouraged.
County Councillor Jones had nothing to report at this stage having only been in post for less than a week.
- 015-22** 15. **MINUTES**
Following review, it was resolved that the Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14th April were a true and accurate record, once the attendance of Cllr. Morris has been corrected.
- 016-22** 16. **INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES**
There were no matters arising from the previous meeting
- 017-22** 17. **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**
The Chair explained that a Highways Log is kept to record issues that are raised with PCC and to note their resolution. He explained that small matters are often best reported through the PCC portal. New highways matters were brought forward as follows:
- The road from the museum to the aqueduct has many potholes and blocked drains
 - The surface at Dolfaen Bank on the road to Castle Caereinion is breaking up
 - There is a large pothole outside the school

- The road surface around a manhole cover near Upper Rectory is breaking up.

018-22 18. UPDATE ON THE TOILET REFURBISHMENT

Cllr. Davis gave some background and history to the project. It was agreed that the project needs to be kickstarted and that more detailed consideration will take place at the June meeting.

019-22 19. VALE OF MONTGOMERY RURAL CLUSTER

There was nothing to report

020-22 20. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 22/0695/VAR

Application discharge of Section 106 Agreement attached to planning permission M19924 in relation to occupancy restriction at Bron-haul, Garthmyl, Montgomery, SY15 6SD

The Council discussed the application. It was **resolved** that the Council wished to make no comment in relation to this application

2. 2/0610/CLE

Section 191 application for the siting of a residential caravan/lodge, Bridgend, Garthmyl, Montgomery, SY15 6RT

The Council discussed the application. It was **resolved** that the Council wished to make no comment in relation to this application

The Clerk was asked to circulate guidelines to Councillors on how best to assess and comment on Planning Applications.

021-22 21. FINANCE

1. To note the Bank reconciliation. The Bank reconciliation was noted.
2. To agree the invoices for payment.
 - a. HMRC £16.40p (S111 & S112 Local Government Act (LGA) 1972)
 - b. Gallagher £814.48 Insurance (S111 LGA 1972)
3. For information
 - a. Hafren Dyfrdwy 62.02p (Water rates) (S111 LGA 1972)
 - b. Hafren Dyfrdwy £3.21 (Water rates) (S111 LGA 1972)
 - c. ICO £35.00 (Data protection registration) (S111 LGA 1972)

The clerk was requested to pay all invoices.

022-22 22. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

The Chair noted the importance of training and the requirement that, as from November, we have a training plan in place. He undertook to circulate a list of training courses available for Councillors, which would be categorised according to their importance and relevance.

023-22 23. SUPERFAST BROADBAND

This item was deferred so that Cllr. Jones could be in attendance.

024-22 24. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from a member of the public who had refurbished and reinstated the Best Kept Village Sign. The correspondence included a request for out of pocket expenses to the sum of £87. **Resolved** that this sum be paid.

The Council were very grateful for the work done but noted that agreement of a budget should be made in advance of any work being done.

025-22 25. TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS

There were no reports to receive

026-22 26. INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

For inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting:

- Update on the toiler refurbishment project
- Confirmation of the Council representative on the school Governors
- Training plan

027-22 27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Berriew Community Council will be on 9th June 2022 at 19:30.
The meeting closed at 21:50.

Signed

Chair

Date