

## **BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL/CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERRIW**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

#### **1. Present**

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

The Chairman Councillor T D Jones welcomed Councillor L Kendall as a new Councillor and the members of the public present.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K E Griffiths, D J Lawton and E B Thomas.

#### **3. Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Declaration of acceptance of Office was signed by Councillor L Kendall.

#### **4. Pre-Planning Applications**

Councillor P J Bettley stated that he was told at the last meeting that the Council does not consider pre-planning applications i.e. the proposed planning application for Groes Y Garreg however the pre-planning application for the proposed development at Glan-Yr-Afon, Berriew had been included on the agenda. He then proposed that to be consistent, all major pre-planning applications should be considered.

A discussion took place and Councillor D E Davies stated that the Council should consider pre-planning applications if plans are sent to the Council. Councillor T D Jones stated that pre-planning applications should be considered on their individual merit, and considering all is not the way forward.

Councillor R M Morris suggested that due to the time being taken on this discussion and the number of members of the public present, the issue be included as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Resolved: That the criteria for considering pre-planning applications be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **5. Minutes**

Councillor P J Bettley proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 be confirmed as correct. The proposal was seconded by Councillor T D Jones, with members unanimously in favour.

#### **6. Open Discussion for Members of the Public**

Mr J Ellis informed members that the footpath from the Cemetery to the Blacksmith's corner is now half its width due to hedge growth, and is not wide enough for a wheelchair.

Resolved: That the matter be referred to PCC Highways Department.

Car parking issues within the village were once again discussed and the council resolved to consider viable options in the near future.

Members of the public raised their issues concerning the pre-planning application for the housing development at Glan-Yr-Afon. The public agreed that the community needs housing but their concerns were expressed regarding the use of the existing road for access during the development as significant parking issues already exist.

Councillor R M Morris stated that with the public present, the agenda item be brought forward for consideration, and was approved by members.

#### **7. Pre-Planning – Proposed housing development Glan-Yr-Afon, Berriew**

Councillor D E Davies withdrew from discussions.

Having listened to the public's concerns, members agreed that using the existing Glan-Y- Afon road as the access road is of concern. It was also agreed that the development does not meet the needs of the community i.e. affordable housing for families; and a greater number of affordable houses should be included in the development.

Resolved: That the Clerk responds accordingly.

## 8. Matters Arising

### a) Rights of Way / Footpaths

- i) Public footpath 114 Fron, Berriew will be temporarily closed from the 30/08/19 to 29/02/19 or until works have been undertaken to remedy the dangerous bridge.
- ii) The poor condition of the black bridge, Berriew was noted. Resolved: That the matter be referred to Mark Stafford-Tolley, Senior Countryside Access Office, Powys County Council.
- iii) The request for a footpath from the Rectory to the canal bridge was received and the matter be referred to PCC Highways Department.

### b) Public Conveniences

- i) £154.42 paid to Mr W A Croft in respect of July 2019 salary and £143.39 in respect of August 2019 salary (S111 LGA'72).
- ii) £24.39 paid to Npower for the period 16.06.19 to 10.08.19 (Public Health Act 1936 S/87).
- iii) £90.00 paid to Metro Rod Invoice no. 64191 in respect of drain cleaning (Public Health Act 1936 S/87).

### c) Community Council Website

The Clerk reported that the new website accessibility regulations have been forwarded to D6.

### d) Meetings Attended

Councillor H E M Lawton had attended a Montgomery Patients Practice meeting, Councillor J Lawrence a meeting of the BRA and Councillor P J Bettley a meeting on Drugs Awareness in the area. Two Councillors had also visited Funk in the Forest at Brithdir Hall so the Council is better informed should the event be repeated.

Councillor T D Jones thanked members for their attendance.

## 9. Roads in Berriew Community

### i) Highway Matters

A response was received (26/07/19) from Powys County Council Highways Manager (North) in respect of the issues raised at the last meeting.

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

- a) Road repairs required on Pied House Lane (U2631) including a number of drain covers missing.
- b) Potholes on the Yew Tree Lane U2635 to the junction with the U2636
- c) The road is sinking from Upper Llifior to Waen Heilyn resulting in low cars catching on the middle of the road
- d) The road from Penygroes to Castle Fluke has soil etc on the road
- e) Potholes on Cil Pentre Lane
- f) Potholes on the road by the Fron Church U2638

### ii) Berriew Bridge

An email (21/08/19) from the HGSS Works Supervisor, Powys County Council concerning the continuing repairing of slabs and kerbs on the C2048 junction to B4385 Berriew Bridge was reported.

It was noted that HGV's have difficulty turning when avoiding cars parked on Ladywell road, which can result in damage to the bridge. The serious implications should the bridge have to be closed due to damage was also discussed.

Resolved: That the Council is not in support of the bollards as suggested.

iii) Parking cul-de-sac Glan-Yr-Afon

An email (22/07/19) from the Housing Management and Options Team (North), Powys County Council informed members that as no parking order is in place, the Council has no enforcement power to act if signs were put on the estate.

iv) Temporary Traffic Regulation Order

The U2421 from the junction with U2418 to Junction (Felindre) will be closed from 21/10/19 to 01/11/19.

#### **10. Legionella Risk Assessment**

The Clerk reported that the completed Legionella Risk Assessment had been received. A suitably trained Duty Holder and Responsible Officer was now required due to the resignation of Sophie Wall.

Resolved: That the matter be referred to the next meeting to see if any assistance is available from the VMRC.

#### **11. Asbestos Survey – Berriew Public Conveniences**

A quotation of £444.00 exclusive of vat was received from M G Site Services Limited. Resolved: That a further quote be sought.

#### **12. Annual Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

The Auditor General for Wales issues Berriew Community Council an unqualified audit report. The following matters were identified and drawn to the Council's attention:

- i) The Council did not adopt terms of reference for the Sub-Committees during 2018/19. Terms of Reference have since been adopted for the Sub-Committee by the Council on 09/05/19, and in future years, the Council should ensure that terms of reference are adopted as soon as a Committee is established.
- ii) The fixed assets on the Accounting Statement should read £5,123 in accordance with the fixed asset register and should be restated on the 2019 figures on next year's Annual Return.
- iii) The minute reference and date of approval was omitted from the return however approval was made on 09/05/19 minute ref.195(11).

The Clerk reported that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit would be advertised accordingly.

#### **13. Berriew CP School Governing Body – Minor Authority Representative**

The lack of a representative was again discussed and potential nominees were put forward.

#### **14. Society of Local Council Clerks**

The annual membership renewal for 2019/20 was received.

Resolved: Members were in full support that membership to SLCC be renewed for 2019/20 at a cost of £89.00 (LGA'72 S143 (1) (b)).

#### **15. Community Poppy Wreath**

A letter from Val Wallis Poppy Co-ordinator requesting funding for the Royal British Legion poppy wreath at a cost of £19.25.

The Clerk informed members that the expenditure power is LGA'72 Section 137 and members must be satisfied that in their opinion the expenditure incurred is in the interest of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants.

Resolved: That £19.25 be paid to RBL Poppy Appeal.

#### **16. Powys County Council – Budget Position**

A letter (28.09.19) was received from County Councillor Rosemarie Harris concerning the current budget position facing the county.

Members identified Social Services, Education and Highway maintenance as main issues, and the Clerk was asked to complete the feedback form.

## 17. Circulars

The following circulars were received:

- a) Clerks & Councils Direct September 2019                      b) The Clerk September 2019

## 18. Reports

The following reports were received:

- a) Police & Crime Commissioner Annual Report 2018-19  
 b) Welsh Government National Development Framework for Wales 2020-2040 Development Plan for Consultation <https://gov.wales/draft-national-development-framework>

## 19. Planning

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

i)	19/1275/HH	Erection of a single storey "lean to" extension at Pen Y Sarn, Berriew, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8BB The Council is in support of the application.
ii)	19/1314/TRE	Application for works to trees in a conservation area at Birwood, Malthouse Lane, Berriew, Welshpool The Council is in support of the application.
iii)	19/1289/FUL	Erection of a replacement agricultural building and erection of an extension to an existing building Site Address: The Ffridd, Berriew, Welshpool, Powys SY21 8AT The Council is in support of the application

- b) Powys Local Development Plan 2011-2026 Supplementary Planning Guidance to support the LDP Policies was reported (Consultation to 20/09/19) <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4907/LDP-Supplementary-Planning-Guidance-SPG>

## 20. Accounts

- a) Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

i)	Clira Ltd	Risk Assessment Public Convenience - Inv. 3970	£ 96.00	Public Health Act 1936 S/87
ii)	Berriew Community Centre	Hire of Hall 11/01/18 – 18/07/19 plus Affiliation Fees 18/19 & 19/20	£230.00	S111 LGA'72
iii)	K A J Jones	Clerk - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Salary	£889.20	S111 LGA'72
iv)	K A J Jones	Home working allowance / Reimburse cost of printing	£ 40.00	S111 LGA'72

## 21. Urgent Business

- a) Councillor J Lawrence informed members that the telephone kiosk in Pantyffridd had now been painted and asked permission for the kiosk to be used for a book exchange. Members had no objection, and the Chair congratulated the team for their painting work.
- b) An invite to the Montgomeryshire County Recreation Association on 08/10/19 was received.
- c) It was noted that Berriew Community Council Facebook page is for Community Council related items only and is not a general community page.

## 22. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of the Community Council will be held on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2019** in the Committee Room, Berriew Community Centre at **7.30 p.m.** prompt

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](mailto: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.