

BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL/CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERRIW

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH FEBRUARY 2020

1. Present

Councillors P J Bettley, D E Davies, K E Griffiths, L Kendal, H E M Lawton, J Lawrence and E B Thomas.

In view of the absence of the Chair, Councillor P J Bettley (Vice Chair) proceeded to chair the meeting and welcomed the members of the public to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T D Jones and D J Lawton. Apologies were not received from Councillor D G James and R M Morris.

3. Minutes

Councillor D E Davies proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2020 be confirmed as correct. The proposal was seconded by Councillor H E M Lawton with members unanimously in favour.

Councillor E B Thomas then proposed that the minutes of the special meeting held on the 28th of January 2020 be confirmed as correct. The proposal was seconded by P Bettley with members unanimously in favour.

4. Open Discussion for Members of the Public

Councillor P J Bettley commented as a member of the public on whether the Council should be more proactive with regards to the Planning application for the proposed development at Glan-Yr-Afon, and stated that just because the Community Council objected to the application in its current form, it did not mean that the application would not be approved. A lengthy discussion again followed and it was agreed that the community would like the Council to approach Mr W Corbett Winder and the Developer.

The Council was informed that surveyors were looking at reducing the size of the pavements on Glan-Yr-Afon Housing Estate.

Councillor D E Davies stated that the issue of the unadopted road at the top of Glan-Yr-Afon is a matter for the developer and he would let the community know when Powys County Council Planning Committee will consider planning application 20/0032/FUL.

5. Matters Arising

a) Right of Way/Footpaths

Members were informed that the closure of the Public Footpath 114 Fron, Berriew will be extended to 18 March 2020 for repairs to be carried out.

b) Public Conveniences

i) £154.42 paid to Mr W A Croft in respect of January 2020 (S111 LGA'72).

ii) £ 18.66 paid to Npower for electricity usage for the period 08.12.19 - 04.12.19 and £20.51 for the period 05/01/20 – 03.02.20 (Public Health Act 1936 S/87).

c) Meetings Attended

Councillor H E M Lawton reported her attendance at the last meeting of Montgomery Patients Practice and the VMRC. It was reported that the Cluster would take on the responsibility for the Legionella Duty Holder and Grants and training were discussed.

Councillor J Lawrence had attended a meeting of the BRA and a fundraising event was due to take place on Saturday the 15th of February 2020.

6. Roads in Berriew Community

i) Highway Matters

A response was received 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) Blocked drains on Pump House Lane (C2050) resulting in water running down the road and diverting into the field at the bottom of the lane to prevent the Cottages flooding.
- b) Condition of the U2631 / U2630 road with muck from the ditches encroaching and narrowing the road making it slippery and dangerous, with gateways also blocked making it difficult to pass other vehicles.
- c) Flooding on the B4390 by Maes Yr Afon and Glan Rhiew – previous works have not resolved the issue of water sitting on the road
- d) Following the tarmacking of the road in the village, a pool of water lies between Berriew Stores and The Lion, Berriew
- e) Since the potholes have been repaired on Red Lane, water running down the road has resulted in 4cm of debris sitting in the middle of the road.

7. Traffic Calming – Berriew Community

An email from Powys County Council – Montgomeryshire Area Traffic Engineer informed members that a decision regarding the ranking of road safety and traffic management schemes which includes the U2461 would be completed in March 2020.

8. VMRC

The annual payment of £200.00 towards the Administration of Montgomery Rural Cluster was approved (S111 LGA'72).

9. Legionella Risk Assessment – Duty Holder

That the Clerk reported that Leon Shearer was willing to be the duty holder for Legionella across the Vale of Montgomery Rural Cluster and various training will be organised.

10. Complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

The Clerk informed members that the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales would not be investigating the complaint received.

11. To appoint the Internal Auditor

Resolved: That the matter be referred to the next meeting once further costs have been looked into.

12. Community Defibrillators

Members were informed that an application for a donation of £600 towards a public access defibrillator can be made via the British Heart Foundation.

Resolved: That Councillor E B Thomas confirms whether or not a defibrillator is situated at Berriew Bowling Club.

13. Vacancy – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

7 Applications had been received for the vacancy and it was unanimously agreed that shortlisting takes place in a private session of the Council at the end of the meeting.

The Clerk reported that a payment of £204.00 (S111 LGA'72) had been made to Newsquest Media in respect of Invoice RSG1564604 for the advertisement placed in the County Times.

14. Circulars

Play for Wales was received.

15. Report

The following reports were received:

- a) Powys County Council Transforming Education in Powys
www.powys.gov.uk/transformingeducation
- b) Powys LDP – Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Public Consultation January 2020
<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4907/LDP-Supplementary-Planning-Guidance-SPG>

16. Planning

a) Planning Applications

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

i)	APP/T6850/A/20/3244554	Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate re Erection of an affordable dwelling, garage, improvements to existing vehicular access, installation of a package treatment plant and associated work at Land adjacent to Lawr Y Cwm, Pantyffridd, Berriew, SY21 8BN The Council supports the application
ii)	20/0060/HH	Demolition of existing fence, and erection of replacement fence and hedgerow Site Address: The Hollies, Maes Y Rhiw, Berriew, Welshpool SY21 8PL The Council supports the application
iii)	19/1410/FUL	Additional Information: Erection of two broiler poultry buildings and blending shed, associated infrastructure, highways improvements and landscaping Site Address: Groes Y Garreg, Berriew, Welshpool, Powys SY21 8AU The Council has no further comment

b) Planning Application 20/0032/FUL

Councillor L Kendall proposed and was seconded by Councillor H E M Lawton that Councillors D E Davies and T D Jones meet with Mr W Corbett Winder to constructively discuss plans with regards to housing and access. The proposal was approved by all present.

17. Accounts

a) Accounts for Payment

The following account was approved for payment:

i)	Wales Audit Office	ARINV/003319 Audit of Accounts 2018/19	£291.75	Sec.142 (1A/B) LGA'72
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18. Urgent Business

Councillor H E M Lawton informed members of the problem of dog poo in the area.
Resolved: That the cost of signs be looked at.

Councillor P J Bettley informed members that the AGM of Friends of Montgomery Canal would be held on the 29th March 2020 at 3pm, and would be followed by an illustrated talk regarding the Berriew to Newtown section of the canal.

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. Appointment of Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

The applications were considered and shortlisted for interview.

Resolved: That Councillor T D Jones, PJ Bettley, R M Morris (subject to agreement) and the Clerk be included on the Interview panel.

20. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of the Community Council will be held on **Thursday the 12th of March 2020** 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 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.