

BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL/CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERRIW

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14th MARCH 2019

1. Present

Councillors P J Bettley (Vice Chair), D E Davies, D G James, T D Jones (Chair) and E B Thomas.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Lawrence, H E M Lawton, D J Lawton.

3. Absent

Councillors K E Griffiths, R M Morris and S Wall.

4. Minutes

Councillor P J Bettley proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th of February 2019 be confirmed as correct. The proposal was seconded by Councillor D E Davies, with members unanimously in favour.

5. Dyfed Powys Police

PCSO Rhys Morgan was welcomed to the meeting. He informed members that from his recent surgery in the community, speeding was the only issue that had been brought to his attention. A recent speed check on vehicles travelling into the village from the A483 during a one-hour period gave the following statistics:

- Slowest vehicle speed 22 m.p.h.
- Fastest vehicle speed 42 m.p.h.
- Average vehicle speed 30.21 m.p.h.
- 8 warnings were issued, with 3 tickets issued for speeding.

A further speed check will be carried out in the near future.

Drugs, rural crime and rogue traders were also discussed. It was also agreed that the Community Council would advertise future Police surgeries.

PCSO Rhys Morgan was thanked for attending the meeting.

6. Matters Arising

a) Public Conveniences

- i) £5.34 paid to Mr W A Croft in respect of February 2019 salary (S111 LGA'72).
- ii) £19.34 paid to Npower for the period 10.01.19 – 12.02.19 (Public Health Act 1936 S/87).

The Clerk reported that the lock on the cupboard door in the gent's toilet has been repaired. The Chair informed members that he had asked Wayne Jones to review the paintwork in the gent's toilets to see if the issue is due to the damp.

b) Meetings attended

It was reported that the Community Centre Committee is looking at the car parking situation at the centre, and it was noted that the centre cannot expand without additional carparking facilities.

Councillor P J Bettley reported that work on the community web site is ongoing.

7. Roads in Berriew Community

i) Highway Matters

A response from Powys County Council Highways Manager in respect of the letters dated the 11th of January and the 15th of February 2019 were received.

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

- a. Pothole (3ft x 6" deep) outside the old Fron Shop, Fron
- b. The posts should be removed from the 30mph advance warning sign on the B4385 Castle Caereinion road if the sign is no longer permitted
- c. Ditches need clearing on the U2455 Rhallt lane, Berriew
- d. Potholes on Penycoed lane, Berriew
- e. Water runs down the road past Ye Olde Court House due to a drain not connected up
- f. The edge of the road has sunk below The Andrew Logan Museum of Sculpture and is dangerous

8. Clustering / Community Delivery

It was noted that a meeting was held on the 5th of March 2019.

9. Refurbishment of Andrew Logan Museum of Sculpture

The Museum has secured 70% of the funding required for refurbishment and extending opening hours. This will only happen after the 2019 season if the museum can raise the necessary funds.

10. Improvement Projects

Councillor P J Bettley had met with a member of the public and his family concerning certain routes in the community which are inaccessible to push or powered wheelchair; scooter users and pushchairs.

Councillor P J Bettley summarised his findings:

- i. Taking the B4390 out of the village, high visibility jackets are required.
- ii. The footpath along the A483 towards the Revel is half its width due to being overgrown by vegetation, moss and weeds.
- iii. There are no dropped kerbs by Dolphins lane or leading to the recreation field.
- iv. Cars block the footpath in front of MDC cars.
- v. The Canal and River Trust and associate's volunteers be engaged to consider improvements to the towpath exits.
- vi. The hedge from the cemetery gates has encroached onto the footpath by over half a meter and needs drastically cutting back

Resolved: It was suggested that high visibility jackets should be utilised and flashing lights could be purchased for a powered wheelchair by the owner. It was agreed that items ii and iii be referred to Powys County council Highways Department, as accessibility should be for all.

Councillor P J Bettley was thanked for his work.

11. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2019/20

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2019/20 regarding payments to members of the Community Council was received -

<https://beta.gov.wales/independent-remuneration-panel-wales-annual-report-2019-2020>

Members were informed that Berriew Community Council falls into Band C (Income or Expenditure in 2018-19 below £30,000) and a formal decision is required annually to adopt any of the non-mandated payments.

Consideration was then given to each of the non-mandated determinations:

- i. Determination 40 - The Clerk stated that this determination is now 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 and this could be done by email or by completing a form from the Clerk.
- ii. Resolved: Determinations 42, 45, 47 and 48 were rejected by the Council.
- iii. Further resolved: Determination 43 payment to members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties, and Determination 44 payment to members for overnight stay and subsistence expenses were approved, however prior approval would be necessary.

12. One Voice Wales

Resolved: Membership of One Voice Wales be declined for 2019/20.

13. Circulars

The following circulars were received:

a) Clerks & Council's Direct March 2019

b) The Clerk March 2019

14. Planning

a) Planning Applications

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

i)	19/0135/HH	Proposed demolition of rear lean to, erection of extension, replacement of flat roof with pitched slate roof and replacement of existing windows – The Hollies, Maes Y Rhiew, Berriew Resolved: The Council supports the application.
ii)	19/0308/FUL	Erection of an agricultural building and all associated works – Cefnblewog, Berriew Resolved: The Council supports the application.

15. Accounts

a) Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment.

i)	K A J Jones (Clerk)	4 th Quarter Salary Payment	£859.95	S111 LGA'72
ii)	Cash	Reimburse petty cash	£ 19.41	S111 LGA'72

16. Urgent Business

Resolved: That the Clerk writes to Powys County Council Estates Department regarding lorry trailers abandoned in the field at Lletycoed, Berriew.

The Andrew Logan Museum was thanked for hosting the Community Council meeting.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of the Community Council will be held on **Thursday 11th of April 2019** 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.