

BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL/CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERRIW

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 21st OCTOBER 2019

1. Present

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

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor D G James declared his interest under Category C1 of the Model Code of Conduct and withdrew from discussions.

Councillor D E Davies informed those present that as a County Councillor he withdraws from discussions at a Community Council stage as otherwise he would not be able to take part in discussions at County Council level.

Councillor L Kendall proposed that as the applicants were present, they should be given the opportunity to say a few words. The proposal was seconded by Councillor K E Griffiths with members in support.

The applicants then put forward their own evidence regarding their planning application

3. Correspondence

Correspondence was then reported from the applicant concerning Councillor P J Bettley's interest under the code of conduct having been an active member of a campaign group against the application.

Councillor P J Bettley thanked the applicants for bringing the matter to the Council's attention and stated that although not all the information included in the letter was accurate such as leafleting in the community, he had been involved with social media. Not wanting to bring difficulty to other members of the Council in their decision making, Councillor P J Bettley declared his interest under Category B of the Model Code of Conduct.

The Clerk then proceeded to read correspondence from four members of the community.

4. Planning Application

The following planning application was then considered:

19/1410/FUL	Erection of two broiler poultry buildings and blending shed, associated infrastructure, highways improvements and landscaping – Groes Y Garreg, Berriew.
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Councillor J Lawrence thanked the members of the public for attending the open meeting and listening to the views expressed.

Concern was expressed regarding the scale of the development and the transport issue especially by the Hollies corner and traffic through the village at night.

Councillor H E M Lawton stated that as Councillors they were being asked to make an impossible decision, as it is difficult to be objective when living in the community.

The Chair Councillor T D Jones then stated that Councillors would need to make a decision either in favour of the application, against the application or make no comment.

Councillor D J Lawton then proposed that as councillors representing the Community on a voluntary basis, he would feel more comfortable having a closed ballot. Councillor L Kendall seconded the proposal which was carried as per the Council's Standing Orders.

A ballot was carried out with 5 members in favour of the application and 3 members against the application.

The Chairman then stated that Powys County Council would be informed accordingly of the Community Council's decision.

5. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of the Community Council will be held on **Thursday 21st of November 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.