

BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL/CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERRIW

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST NOVEMBER 2019

1. Present

Councillors P J Bettley, D E Davies, D G James, L Kendal, J Lawrence, H E M Lawton, R M Morris and E B Thomas.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T D Jones, K E Griffiths and D J Lawton.

In view of the absence of the Chair, Councillor R M Morris was nominated to Chair the meeting.

3. Minutes

Councillor P J Bettley proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th of October 2019 be confirmed as correct. The proposal was seconded by Councillor E B Thomas with members unanimously in favour.

Councillor P J Bettley stated that the open letter received from the applicants and read by the Clerk at the meeting held on the 21st of October 2019 was factually incorrect. He stated that he had not been involved in leafletting nor suggesting the name of a Facebook page, and did not have a prejudicial interest having had no close relationship to the applicants family, or no financial impact that would have any influence on his thinking, In view of this, Councillor P J Bettley accepted that his interest was of a predisposition and wished to retract his prejudicial interest made at the meeting.

Councillor D E Davies proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st of October 2019 be confirmed as correct. The proposal was seconded by Councillor L Kendall, with members in support.

4. Open Discussion for Members of the Public

Mr D Shephard made a statement relating to the Community Council and its conduct in relation to Planning application 19/1410/FUL, and a formal complaint of maladministration was handed to the Clerk.

The Clerk confirmed that the complaint would be looked into.

A letter from Karen Morgan was read concerning the way the Community Council has handled Planning application 19/1410/FUL.

The following issues were then raised:

- a) The grass verge by the Cemetery is in need of clearing with vegetation encroaching the footpath. Councillor P J Bettley suggested that a working party could be set up to carry out this sort of work.

The Clerk stated that in conjunction with the Community Council it was worthwhile for members of the community to also report their complaint directly to the council, and this can be done via the Powys County Council website.

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4018/Roads-Drains-and-Lights>

- b) Flashing speed light / Traffic calming in the community. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the issue be included on the next agenda
- c) Damage to the canal bridge – Councillor P J Bettley agreed to look into the issue with the Canal and Rivers Trust.

5. Matters Arising

a) Rights of Way / Footpaths

Councillor H E M Lawton stated that Mr Callum Carr, Rights of Way, Powys County Council had attended the last meeting of The Vale of Montgomery Rural Cluster in which repairs to the Black bridge and Fron bridge were discussed. Mr Carr also stated that the application for re-opening Graig Lane would be revisited.

b) Public Conveniences

- i) £143.39 paid to Mr W A Croft in respect of October 2019 salary (S111 LGA'72).
- ii) £ 8.83 paid to Npower for the period 22.09.19 - 09.10.19 and £14.42 for the period 10.10.19 – 07.11.19 (Public Health Act 1936 S/87).

The Clerk reported that the water usage at the public conveniences had been reviewed and the average daily usage was similar to that of 12 months previous. Usage would again be reviewed on receipt of the next bill.

c) Meetings Attended

Councillor H E M Lawton had attended the VMRC meeting and a meeting of Montgomery Patients Practice. Councillor P J Bettley had attended a meeting regarding funding for societies and community groups and it was agreed that the information be publicised.

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 September and October meeting.

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

- a) Pot holes on the U2635 – a large pot hole has been filled but there are further potholes on this road – noted that the road is to be included in the ranking for future resurfacing work
- b) Drains blocked along the B4390 from Pantyffridd to Berriew
- c) Kerbs are broken between Maesyrafon Caravan Park and the Pantyffridd sign – B4390
- d) No white road markings from Penysarn to Glenderw, Berriew - B4390
- e) The 30mph sign which was knocked down on the B4390 by the canal bridge has been removed and needs replacing
- f) Dangerous potholes on Red Lane and the drain remains blocked 100m from the crossroads although Highways have attended
- g) Water standing on Cross Lane to Groes Y Garreg, Berriew
- h) Poor and dangerous condition of the road and blocked drains on Brithdir Lane, Berriew
- i) Poor condition of the road from Bryn Derwyn to Pantyffridd
- j) Drains are blocked on the B4385 by Cil Common resulting in water standing on the road
- k) Water stands on the road by Dry Hall, Berriew

The issue of water standing on the Blacksmiths corner and the flooding of Dolphin's Lane to the canal was noted. Councillor D E Davies reported that the matter was in the hands of Powys County Council and the flooding is due to the pipework and ditch at the back of Maes Beuno Housing estate being unable to cope with large amounts of rain and therefore empties into the river. It was agreed that the matter also be referred to Roger Birch at the Canal & Rivers Trust.

An email was received concerning drains which stand very proud on the C2049 Berriew to Bettws Cedewain road by the turning for Blackwood Farm. Resolved: That members did not agree with Highways response and the matter be referred back to PCC.

It was also noted that a landslide had occurred past Henfaes garage, Felindre, Berriew and the drains have been unblocked and the mud and debris cleared from outside the Community Centre.

ii) Berriew Bridge

An email (05/11/19) was received from W D Cooke concerning recent tyre marks over the slabs of the bridge which bollards could protect from the further crushing in time of the slabs. Councillor D E Davies stated that the Council needs to do anything it can to protect the bridge and it was resolved that the item be included on the next agenda.

7. VMRC – Clustering

Councillor H E M Lawton stated that she and Councillor T D Jones had attended the meeting in which footpaths were the main topic

8. Legionella Risk Assessment – Duty Holder

The possibility of the VMRC providing a Legionella Duty Holder service or training within the VMRC was noted and the Clerk was requested to contact J Kibble accordingly.

9. Asbestos Survey – Berriew Public Conveniences

The Clerk reported that the completed asbestos survey had been received and the updated report would be shared with any contractor. The payment of £275.00 plus vat for the service was approved.

10. Countryside Access - Big Lottery Funding

A letter (22/10/19) from Countryside Services, Powys County Council concerning the project which encourages residents to identify public access opportunities, and be proactive in undertaking basic path maintenance and improvements was received.

Any members of the public with ideas on a specific project or willing to be a volunteer in carrying out project work should contact the Clerk.

11. Circulars

The following circulars were received:

- a) Clerks & Council's Direct November 2019
- b) The Clerk November 2019
- c) PCC – Powys Schools Vision - A letter from Powys County Council concerning Powys Schools Vision 2019 engagement sessions for Town and Community Councils on the 13th and 17th of December were noted.

12. Planning

a) Planning Applications

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

i)	19/1515/FUL	Erection of a cafe building, siting of LPG tank and water storage tank and all associated works Site Address: Kings Nurseries, Garthmyl, Montgomery, SY15 6RT The Council has no objection to the application.
ii)	19/1705/DEM	Proposed demolition of agricultural building Location: Cefn Hilen, Berriew, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8SH The Council has no objection to the application.
iii)	19/1693/FUL	Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a replacement dwelling (resubmission of 18/0782/FUL) at Angorfa, Berriew, Welshpool, SY21 8BA Councillor D E Davies declared his interest in the application under Category C3 of the Mode Code of Conduct and vacated the room. The Council has no objection to the application.
iv)	19/1794/HH	Proposal: Erection of building to provide garaging, storage & workshop Site Address: Porth Llifior, Berriew, Welshpool, Powys SY21 8QH The Council has no objection to the application.

b) Proposed Development Glan-Yr-Afon

Copy emails objecting to the proposed development from Anna Jones and Mark Haycock and a response from the agent Mr F Carter were received and noted.

13. Accounts

a) Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

i)	Berriew Youth & Community Centre	2 nd Grant Instalment	£1000.00	LG (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976 S19
ii)	Berriew Bowling Club	Inv.42 Hire of room - 21/10/19	£ 25.00	S111 LGA'72
iii)	K A J Jones – Clerk	3 rd Quarter Salary	£ 889.20	S111 LGA'72

14. Urgent Business

Councillor P J Bettley stated that it was helpful for members of the public to attend the Community Council meetings with members in agreement.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that an extra meeting of the Community Council will be held on **Thursday the 9th of January 2020** 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.