

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
BERRIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
on MONDAY 25th JULY 2022 at 19:30**

(Held at Berriew Community Centre. No Zoom link had been published for the meeting.)

PRESENT

Cllr. P.J. Bettley	Cllr. D.G. James	Cllr. S. Upton
Cllr. J. Skelding	Cllr. D. Kent	Cllr. M. Davis
Cllr. A. Roberts	Cllr. E.B. Thomas	

APOLOGIES

Cllr. J Morgan

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. A. Jones Mr. Gwilym Rippon (Clerk)

There was one member of the public present

**Agenda
item**

- 042-22** 1. **OPENING**
Cllr. Bettley opened the meeting and thanked everyone present.
- 043-22** 2. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**
As listed above
- 044-22** 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made
- 045-22** 4. **MINUTES**
Following review, it was **resolved** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting and Regular Meeting held on 9th June 2022 were a true and accurate record.
- 046-22** 5. **ACTIONS OUTSTANDING**
a) Item 037-22 of the June Minutes resolved that the Council would defer a decision on contributing a further £90 to the Platinum Jubilee Committee pending the outcome of that Committee's financial reconciliation. Following feedback, it was resolved that no further contribution was required.

- b) As agreed in item 038-22 of the June meeting, Councillors sent their contributions regarding the Local Development Plan, Settlement Audit Responses, to Cllr. T.D. Jones for him to consolidate and send. A copy of his submission is awaited.

047-22 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) County Councillor Report by Cllr. A Jones
 - i. Cllr. Jones asked the clerk whether correspondence had been received about consultation regarding the Share Prosperity Fund (SPF). The Clerk responded that no such email had been received. This means that Berriew has been unable to contribute to the way the fund is structured.
 - ii. Cllr. Jones reported that the Council and other organisations would soon have the opportunity to bid for capital sums to aid projects over the next three years. £27m will be available across the county. We should be prepared to put projects forward.
 - iii. Cllr. Jones reported that he had made representations about the blockage in Dolphin's lane and this will be escalated if necessary.
 - iv. Cllr. Jones was quite clear that PCC Highways will not replace faded or out-of-date brown tourist signs.
 - v. Cllr. Jones reported that a pre-planning application for a 4g radio mast at Cold Orchard will be forthcoming.
- b) PCSO contact – The Clerk will make contact with the Police Community Support Officers to ask them to attend a Community Council meeting in the autumn.
- c) Public comments – one member of the public asked if there was any further news regarding the proposed development at the top of Glan-yr-Afon. They were reassured that any new proposals would be brought to the attention of the public and the Council if and when they arise. They also mentioned that the hedge on the path between old and new Glan-yr-Afon is overgrown. Cllr. A. Jones offered to look in to having it cut.

048-22 7. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chairman reported the following:

- a) On behalf of the Council, messages of thanks had been sent to Jackie Pryce and the team, George Pritchard and Martin Creaven for their contribution to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations
- b) Chris Lloyd at PCC Highways has refused to reposition the Bettws sign by The Lion Hotel where it causes restricted visibility. The Chair has asked MS Russell George to intervene.
- c) The furthestmost toilet pan in the ladies public conveniences is slow to clear. The cause needs to be established before we spend money on a callout for a repair.
- d) The Chair ordered and fitted a new lock in the nearest ladies toilet cubicle.
- e) The Chair had been in touch with Jon Horsell at The Canal and River Trust, who is standing in for Adnan Saif, Regional Director, about major leaks at the Berriew Aqueduct. Jon has actioned temporary fixes but promised to a major repair in their maintenance programme.
- f) The Chair attended the Mayor Making Ceremony on 8th July on behalf of the Community Council when Cllr. Jill Kibble was formally invested as Mayor.

049-22 8. COMMUNITY COUNCIL GOALS

The Chair explained that the 7 Goals can become the basis for the Council's short term actions and long term projects, as well as helping other groups with their own objectives.

a) Transport and Highways

1. To update the Highways Log
 - i. Top Road (B4385) and the Aqueduct road (U2461) need resurfacing
 - ii. The last 50m of Cefn Rhallt lane (U2455) needs attention where it meets the B4385.
 - iii. There is a large pothole on the Brooks Road just before New House
 - iv. There is damage to Pump House Lane (C2050)
 - v. Debris on Yew Tree Lane (U2635)
 - vi. A member of the public reported that the road surface just up the B4385 from the school is rough and particularly dangerous to cyclists.
 - vii. Brithdir has had some repairs effected
 - viii. Flooding and drains between Berriew Stores and The Lion was raised. Cllr. A. Jones was asked if he could escalate the issue which only seems to have arisen since PCC undertook resurfacing.
2. Parking – correspondence had been received from a member of the public suggesting that parking be installed on the river bank side of the aqueduct road, and signage in the village be erected. The Council was grateful for the idea and noted that it will be considered when the issue of parking is next raised.

b) Housing and infrastructure

Cllr. T. Jones is leading a project to push for better fibre broadband connectivity in our area and has started to gather data to show the extent of the issue. A multi-disciplinary meeting with OpenReach, Powys County Council and possibly our MS is still to be arranged.

c) Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism

It was agreed that the toilet refurbishment project needs to be pushed along as quickly as possible and an indicative quote obtained from local builders. Cllr. Davis agreed to do this with support from Cllrs. James and Bettley if required. It was further agreed that the specification for the refurbishment would be affordable and realistic.

d) Business and Retail

Cllrs. Skelding, Bettley and Davis requested agreement to undertake a survey of local businesses, prior to creating a directory. This was agreed. The directory will not become an advertising platform (and will not compete with the Berriew Newsletter) but may become a way of sharing best practice and giving support to the many local businesses in the area.

e) Environment and Sustainability

Cllrs. Kent and Bettley met The Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust at The Berriew Woodland Walk to discuss the project. An application for a Local Places for Nature grant had not been successful. Vaynor Estates have sent a draft lease for the area which, apart from one or two small queries, is helpful and acceptable.

f) Community Support

1. Cllr. Skelding has visited the school but is yet to be engaged in his role as Minor Authority Governor

2. Berriew Recreation Association – Representatives mentioned that the children’s slide needs to be replaced at the playground, and that BRA would hold a gold day and the annual duck race as usual.
3. Community Centre Committee – Cllr Upton reported that refurbishment of the Centre now seems to be the best and most likely option as any expansion seems unfeasible. Signage for the centre is to be improved.
4. Montgomery Medical Practice Patient’s Association - Cllr. Upton has recently circulated a questionnaire about the practice on Social Media.
5. Berriew Website Advisory Committee – There was nothing to report

g) Aspirations of the Council

1. The next meeting of the Vale of Montgomery Rural Cluster will be on 1st August.
2. Councillors were reminded to keep the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations under review
3. Councillors were reminded of the need to undertake appropriate training. The Chair promised to circulate the training matrix again.
4. The Chair indicated that the Council, as an employer, needed to have in place robust processes for performance management, holidays, grievance, discipline, timesheets and pay. None of these currently exists.
5. The Chair put forward the idea of having Youth Councillors. Under The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 ss118-121, it is possible for the community council to appoint up to two youth representatives, aged 16 to 25.
6. The Clerk presented the Minutes Folio for inspection.
7. There is a need to review and improve the Asset Register of The Council

050-22 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 22/1099/DIS

Application to discharge conditions 24, 25 and 26 for planning approval 21/0225/REM in relation to remediation scheme, Land Adjacent To Belle Vue, Garthmyl, Montgomery Powys
Resolved. The Council discussed the application and resolved to make no comment.

2. 22/1185/FUL

Application for the conversion of part of attached outbuilding to provide additional living accommodation (retrospective), 1 Church Terrace, Berriew Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8PF
Resolved. The Council discussed the application and resolved to support the application believing that it improved the building.

3. 22/1184/LBC

Application for listed building consent for retention of works already carried out at 1 Church Terrace, Berriew, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8PF
Resolved. The Council discussed the application and resolved to support the application believing that it improved the appearance of the building.

4. 22/1065/REM

Application for a Section 73 application to vary condition 1 of planning consent P/2017/0591 to extend the commencement date by a further 5 years, Outbuilding At Caethugley, Berriew, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8BG
Resolved. The Council discussed the application and resolved to make no comment.

5. 22/1042/FUL

Application for full planning application for the erection of an affordable dwelling, single garage, installation of a package treatment plant and associated works, Land Adjacent To Cwm Gwyntog, Felindre, Berriew, Welshpool, SY21 8BG

Resolved. The Council discussed the application and resolved to support it.

6. 22/1024/AGR

Application for the erection of an agricultural building, Groes Y Garreg, Berriew, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8AU

This application had already been designated as Permitted Development

7. 22/1143/DIS

Application to discharge condition 14 attached to permission 19/1410/FUL, to alter the passing bay previously approved under 22/0420/DIS, Groes Y Garreg, Berriew, Welshpool, SY21 8AU

Resolved. The Council discussed the application and resolved to make no comment.

8. 22/0877/OUT

Outline Planning for the erection of a rural enterprise dwelling, detached garage and associated works (some matters reserved), Land At Llidiardau, Manafon, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8QT

Resolved. The Council discussed the application and resolved to make no comment.

9. 22/1136/OUT

Outline Planning for the erection of a rural enterprise dwelling, detached garage and associated works (some matters reserved), Land North Of Groes Y Garreg, Berriew, Welshpool, SY21 8AU

051-22 10. FINANCE

1. To note the Bank reconciliation. The Bank reconciliation was noted.
2. To agree the Annual Return. The return was left with the Chairman for inspection.
3. To discuss and agree payments to be made.
 - a. HMRC £16.40p Staff Tax(S111 Local Government Act 1972)
 - b. Iain Selkirk £ 100.00 Internal Audit (S111 LGA 1972)
 - c. Abermule CC £59.95 (Zoom subscription, 1/2 of full cost, net) (S111 LGA 1972)
 - d. PHS £226.08 Public Convenience services (S111 LGA 1972)For information:
 - e. ICO £35.00 registration (S111 LGA 1972)
 - f. Hafren Dyfrdwy £ 3.21 (S111 LGA 1972)
 - g. Hafren Dyfrdwy £ 62.02 (S111 LGA 1972)
 - h. HSBC £5.00 Bank Charges (S111 LGA 1972)

Resolved - The clerk was requested to pay all invoices.

052-22 11. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received from Mr. Tony Rogers and Mr. Peter Stevens has been covered in the meeting minutes. An email had been received from a member of the public asking whether the Council provides allotments.

053-22 12. TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS

There were no reports to receive

054-22 13. INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

No matters were raised at the time, but may be raised at any point before the next meeting agenda is published.

055-22 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Berriew Community Council will be on 8th September 2022 at 19:30. The meeting closed at 21:45.

Signed

Chair

Date

The Council welcomes correspondence in Welsh or English / Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg