

YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 17 May 2017, at 7.30pm at Cradoc Golf Club

Councillors Present: Jane Price
Kate Dunning
Bob Wood
Dilys Davies

Also present: Michael Westhorpe (Clerk)

1. Introductions and Apologies for absence

1.1 Cllr Kate Dunning was welcomed to the meeting and members spoke briefly about their backgrounds. There were apologies for absence from Cllr Tess Birtles who was away on family business

2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

2.1 Members completed the forms prepared by Powys County Council. These were witnessed by the Clerk.

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 Cllr Dilys Davies said that she owned land adjacent to the planning application being discussed under item 18. It was decided that this was insufficient to declare a personal or prejudicial interest in the agenda item.

4. Election of Chairman

4.1 Cllr Bob Wood proposed Cllr Jane Price and this was seconded by Cllr Dilys Davies. There were no other nominations. Cllr Jane Price was unanimously returned as Chairman.

5. Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

5.1 The Chairman then signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

6. Election of Vice-Chairman

6.1 Cllr Dilys Davies proposed Cllr Bob Wood and this was seconded by Cllr Jane Price. There were no other nominations. Cllr Bob Wood was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman.

7. Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 March 2017

7.1 It was agreed that the minutes should be signed as a true and accurate record of the last meeting.

8. Clerk's report including information from minutes

8.1 Cllr Bob Wood reported that he was pleasantly surprised that there had been no fly tipping since the removal of the recycling facility at Cradoc. The reduced opening hours at Frwdgrech, though, was causing significant queues. Cllr Kate Dunning said that she had noticed some 'car window' waste along the road but this tended to get blown away. The situation would continue to be monitored.

8.2 The Clerk reported that he had received a holding reply about broadband provision (item 8 on March minutes) and had asked for an update.

8.3 The Clerk reported that he had had no reply from Powys County Council concerning the road issues(item 18 on March minutes). Cllr Dilys Davies said that some repair work had been done on the potholes near the school.

9. Approval of the Code of Conduct.

9.1 The Clerk confirmed that there had been no changes to the Code of Conduct. It was unanimously approved.

10. To review the Council's Financial Regulations

10.1 These were unanimously approved

11) To review the Council's Standing Orders

11.1 These were unanimously approved

12) To update the register of Members' Interests

12.1 Members completed and signed the register of interests.

13) To confirm membership of the Planning Committee

13.1 It was agreed that all councillors would be members of the planning committee.

14) To determine co-options to the Council

14.1 Nominations had been received for Valerie Davies and Geoff Watkins. The Council was very pleased that these people had come forward and they were both unanimously co-opted onto the Council.

15) Financial Matters

15.1 The Clerk reported that he had a positive meeting with Mr Arthur, the internal auditor. The external auditors now required supporting evidence and more detail of the work done by the internal auditor. Mr Arthur's report was noted and the Council expressed its gratitude for his work.

15.2 The Clerk explained the summary of the income and expenditure for the last financial year and the significant variances. The Council agreed to approve the statement of income and expenditure.

15.3 The Chairman read through each section of the Annual Governance Statement, affirming each statement in turn. After all the statements had been answered, the Council approved the Annual Return and the Chairman signed the form.

15.4 The clerk's hours (43 hrs), pay (£355.53) and expenses (£66.25) for March and April were approved.

15.5 The Council noted that the financial position of the Council was better than expected as it had not been necessary to hold an election for new councillors. The budget monitoring statement predicted an end of year balance of around £2,500 rather than £1500. Although this has put the Council in a better financial position the question was asked whether this was good for local democracy.

15.6 Cllrs Dilys Davies and Kate Dunning were appointed as new signatories to the bank account to replace retired councillors. Cllr Tess Birtles will be asked to continue verifying the cashbook reconciliation.

16) To consider whether to make a response to the Electoral Review of Powys

16.1 The draft response to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission, circulated with the papers was approved. This stated that in any reorganisation, Yscir ward should not be divided and that Yscir should not be joined with part of Brecon.

- 17) **To decide if the Council should approve the installation of an additional seat adjacent to the highway near Aberbran**
- 17.1 Mr and Mrs Tompkins had written to the Council asking for permission to instal an additional seat at Aberbran. They said that the seat was very popular and sometimes it was standing room only at this lovely viewpoint. Planning permission was not required and Highways had been consulted. As the Council would incur no installation costs and as the additional seat would be insured at no additional cost, the Council gave its permission to the installation of an additional seat beside the existing one.
- 18) **Application Ref: P/2017/0417 Replacement of single storey extension with two storey extension at Brynview, Pontfaen, Brecon, Powys.**
- 18.1 The Council had no objections to this planning application.
- 19) **Consideration of whether to ask Powys County Council for an update on 2 Maes yr Awel, Pontfaen (Cllr Dilys Davies)**
- 19.1 Cllr Dilys Davies reported that the above property had been empty for a long while and it was believed that the person living there had moved away. Powys County Council had changed the locks on the property but there was a car standing in the drive that was becoming covered with moss. The Clerk was asked to write to Powys County Council for an update on what was going to happen to the property and the car.
- 20) **Correspondence**
- a) Election of 3 town/community councillors to the Community sub-committee of the powys Standards Committe
 - b) Change of Primary Admission Age
 - c) Play for Wales 2017
 - d) One Voice Wales meeting of Area Committee and nomination for membership
- 21) **Issues to report to Powys County Council**
- 21.1 The Clerk was asked to chase up responses on the road maintenance issues outstanding from the previous agenda.
- 22) **Any planning applications that arrived after the agenda was sent out**
- 22.1 Planning Application TREE/2017/0019 had been circulated by email. This was an application by the Golf Club to remove some Larch trees and replace them with a beech hedge. After discussion, the Council had no objections to this work.
- 23) **Confirmation of date and times of next meeting: Wednesday 12 July 2017 (7.30pm) at Cradoc Golf Club**

The meeting closed at 8.55pm