

YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 28 July 2014, at Cradoc Golf Club

Councillors Present: Helen Howarth
Bob Wood
Margaret Rees
Dilys Davies
Roger Price
Rees Price

Also present: Michael Westhorpe (Clerk)
Cllr Gillian Thomas

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies had been received from Cllr Jane Price who was on holiday. In her absence Cllr Bob Wood chaired the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 May 2014

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

4. Information from minutes - Clerk's report

4.1 Regarding 8.1, the Clerk reported that he had contacted Lyn Parry again about the subsidence outside the golf course. This is a Welsh Water responsibility but Powys County may have an enforcement role. Cllr Gillian Thomas agreed to talk to Lyn Parry about this.

4.2 Also under 8.1, the Clerk reported that he had heard from Jo Lancey about speeding outside the primary school. A survey had been carried out and 15% of traffic was travelling faster than 36mph. This should mean that a vehicular activated sign will be installed, once the policy has been approved by the County Council Cabinet.

5. To consider whether a response should be made to the car parking arrangements at Morrisons

5.1 After a brief discussion it was decided that this was a commercial issue for Morrisons and having alerted the community to the problems on our Facebook page, it was decided that no further action should be taken.

6. Training

6.1 The Clerk reported back on training events he had attended:- a regional conference and training on Data Protection and Freedom of Information Acts. He reported that the external auditor would be strengthening the audit arrangements in future years but that no changes needed to be made to the Council's budget setting and monitoring arrangements. It may be necessary to make changes to the remit of the internal auditor but further details were awaited on this. With regard to the Data Protection Act and Freedom of Information Act, this was very useful and item 9 on the agenda was as a result of the training attended.

6.2 The Clerk reported that he had completed four out of six training modules on the Working With Your Council course.. He needed to submit the outstanding modules by the end of September. The course was proving to be very useful.

6.3 The Clerk drew attention to the training opportunities provided by One Voice Wales.

7. Update on Fly Tipping in Yscir River

- 7.1 Cllr Helen Howarth reported that approximately two months ago some fly tipping had been observed from a car into the Yscir river, which is a site of special scientific interest. The Facebook posting about this had generated a massive amount of interest and condemnation of the activity. Cllr Helen Howarth had contacted Natural Resources Wales who, in turn spoke to Powys County Council. After discussions, Powys County Council agreed to provide a sign and Natural Resources Wales will install it. The latter organisation is also monitoring the river bank for signs of any further fly tipping. It may be possible to borrow a CCTV camera from Powys County Council at some point in the future if the problem persists. Cllr Helen Howarth was thanked for her work on this.

8. Financial Matters

- 8.1 The Clerk reported that the external auditor had written to say that they intended to issue an unqualified certificate and that there were no other matters to draw to the attention of the Council. The accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council and duly signed by the Chair.
- 8.2 The Council approved the payment of £163.08 for the Clerk's salary and £93.14 for his expenses for May and June 2012.
- 8.3 The Council confirmed its approval for the payment to HMRC of £68.40 PAYE tax for April to June 2013 for the Clerk's employment.
- 8.4 The Council approved the following payments:-
£41.40 to SLCC Enterprises for a training conference;
£15 to One Voice Wales for Data Protection Act training;
£265 to Broker Network Ltd for the Council's insurance.
- 8.5 The Council noted that expenditure was currently £132 under budget as shown in the cash book spreadsheet and the budget monitoring spreadsheet. The bank balance was currently £1398 with a precept instalment due to arrive in August.

9. To approve a document retention policy for the Council and the records to be destroyed.

- 9.1 The report circulated with the agenda was discussed. The Clerk stressed that personal information should not be stored on councillors' computers. Any personal information that it was necessary to retain would reside with the Clerk and he would destroy it at the appropriate time, in accordance with the retention policy. Cllr Rees Price proposed that the document retention policy be approved and this was seconded by Cllr Helen Howarth.

10. To consider recycling within the community

- 10.1 After a brief discussion, it was concluded that the situation was unsatisfactory with different systems operating within different parts of Yscir but that nothing useful could be done about this at the moment.

11. To confirm membership and delegated powers of the planning committee

- 11.1 It was agreed that the existing arrangements should continue whereby all councillors are members of the planning committee and it has delegated powers to make responses to planning applications

12. Matters to be reported to Powys County Council

- 12.1 Cllr Margaret Rees reported that the tarmac did not reach the verge at several places along Cradoc Road towards Brecon. To avoid a speeding vehicle, one car had dropped off the edge and ripped a tyre. Cllr Gillian Thomas agreed to inspect the road and report back to Lyn Parry at Powys County Council.

- 13. To consider any planning applications that have arrived after the distribution of the papers.**
- 13.1 No planning applications had been received but the clerk reported that Powys County Council was now consulting on a new local development plan (LDP) for the period to 2026. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would go through the document and alert the Council if there were any significant changes to the existing LDP
- 14. Correspondence**
- 14.1 PCC Ranking Scheme for Undertaking Minor Works
 14.2 One Voice Wales Spring Newsletter
 14.3 One Powys Plan
 14.4 PCC Grounds Maintenance Service 2014
 14.5. Brecon Advice Centre - Annual Report 2013-14
 14.6. Ombudsman Annual report 2014
 14.7. Review of speed limits on trunk roads: - request for views by Roger Williams MP and Kirsty Williams AM
 14.8* Planning Services Guide from BBNPA
 14.9.**Forthcoming PAVO Conference 10 November ' A Third Sector scheme for Powys
 14.10 Notice of Annual Meeting of Brecon and Radnor Area Committee to be held on 18 July. *It was decided not to send a representative to meetings of this group.*
 * circulated by email
 ** received by email but not circulated
- 15) To consider the closure of the road at Aberyscir Bridge in August**
- 15.1 The Clerk reported that the contract for the underpinning of the river bank at Aberyscir Bridge had been won by Malcolm Davies. The road could be closed between 18 August and 29 August but it would only be closed when necessary and not for the entire period.
- 15.2 Councillors were concerned about the impact on local farmers but agreed there was nothing more that could be done at the moment other than ensure that people were aware of the likely road closure. When the road is closed, a message will be put on Facebook and the website.
- 15.3 Cllr Helen Howarth raised the point that Welsh Water were due to undertake some work on the road to Pont Faen from Aberyscir and that this should not take place at the same time as the repair to Aberyscir Bridge. Cllr Bob Wood agreed to talk to Mr R. Oliphant who was managing the work for Welsh Water.
- 16) Confirmation of date and times of next meeting: Monday 8 September 2014 (7.30pm)
 at Cradoc Golf Club**

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm