

YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 29 August 2018,
at 7.30pm at Cradoc Golf Club

Councillors present: Jane Price
Valerie Davies
Geoff Watkins
Bob Wood
Dilys Davies
Tess Birtles
Kate Dunning

Also present: Michael Westhorpe (Clerk)
Cllr Iain McIntosh

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 There were none.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 There were none.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2018

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

1) Information from Minutes - Clerk's Report

4.1 The Clerk reported that he was still waiting to hear back from the Golf Club and Merthy Cynog Community Hall with regard to their inclusion in the emergency plan.

2) Update on the Wigwam signs in Aberyscir

5.1 Cllr Tess Birtles reported that she and her husband had spoken with the business owner when he was erecting a sign in the field behind the road. It was explained that the Council wasn't anti-business but it did want proper procedures to be followed for the erection of signs and it was concerned about the possible proliferation of signs as there are a lot of holiday lets in Aberyscir.

5.2 There is now a direction sign above the hedge in the field. After a discussion it was concluded that:

a) the Council was sympathetic to the owner trying to get his business established but did want proper procedures to be followed;

b) Brecon Beacons National Park Authority should be updated on the current situation;

c) PCC Highways Department should be asked if it was taking any action with regard to the signs in the Powys area.

6. To determine whether to issue future meeting papers electronically

6.1 In order to save money, it was resolved to issue agenda and meeting papers electronically. Hard copies of the agenda and meeting papers would be provided at the meetings. If councillors had problems with their internet, they should telephone the clerk and a hard copy of the papers would be provided in advance.

- 7) **To determine whether any action should be taken concerning barking dogs in Aberyscir**
- 7.1 Residents had complained about dogs barking at unsocial hours at a property in Aberyscir. This is a problem that has occurred previously. It was agreed to write to the owner reminding him that this was the third time of writing and asking him to control his dogs.
- 8) **To receive an update on the progress of faster broadband in Yscir**
- 8.1 Cllr Iain McIntosh reported that Dyfed IT were in the process of installing a dish at his shop in Brecon. This would relay a signal to a mast being erected at Cusop that should cover a wide area in Yscir. There was an issue with the Welsh Assembly Government about 40 missing application forms that was being pursued. It was thought that progress would be a lot quicker now. There was still a lot of confusion and lack of awareness about this initiative but when the first properties became connected it was thought that word of mouth would help significantly.
- 9) **To determine whether the Council should still receive Santander dividend income as shares**
- 9.1 There was a preference for receiving the dividend income as cash rather than as shares but it was decided to do nothing at this stage and consider selling the shares at the next meeting.
- 10) **Financial Matters**
- 10.1 The clerk's hours (8.9), pay (£77.99) and expenses (£22.50) for July were approved.
- 10.2 The external auditor's report had not been received.
- 10.3 The payment for the litter picking signs (£110.10 including VAT) was approved.
- 10.4 The Council noted that the cashbook showed a balance of £2,260 after the above expenditure is accounted for. The budget monitoring statement predicted an end of year balance of around £2,530, around £400 lower than the balance at the beginning of the year. This was part of a planned reduction to bring the balance down to around £1500.
- 10.5 The Clerk was thanked for his work on the finances and Cllr Valerie Davies was thanked for keeping the Facebook page active.
11. **To consider the offer of a community donation (Cllr Geoff Watkins)**
- 11.1 Cllr Geoff Watkins reported that he had been approached by a resident who, having seen the seat with a plaque, (donated by Mr & Mrs Tompkins), was offering to make a contribution/donation towards the community in the Aberbran/Aberyscir area.
- 11.2 The Council was pleased to hear of this generous offer and decided to ask the community, through the Facebook page and website, for ideas.
- 12) **To consider the issue of mountain bikes descending the Green Lane from Battle too quickly**
- 12.1 Cllr Bob Wood reported that mountain bikes descending the Green lane very quickly were a danger to young children who played in a property that adjoined the Green Lane with access directly onto the Green Lane. It was agreed to ask Powys whether it would be possible to install a hunting gate above the property to slow bikes down. This could also be a possibility for agenda item 11 if the budget was not available.
- 13) Correspondence
- a) BBBNPA Review of Local Development Plan*
 - b) Brecon Advice Centre - Annual Report and Accounts
 - c) Llyfrau Llafar Cymru Welsh Talking Books request for funding**
 - d) Consultation on adult thoracic surgery centre in Swansea*

PCC = Powys County Council; BBNPA = Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

* circulated by email

** received by email but not circulated

14 Consideration of any planning applications received after the agenda was circulated

14.1 There were none.

15 To consider placing large poppies on lamp posts to support the British Legion

15.1 Cllr Iain McIntosh reported that this initiative had been running successfully in Builth Wells and Llandrindod and he was asking local councils whether they wished to be involved. The cost of the poppies was around £3 each. After discussion it was decided not to purchase any poppies but to advertise the initiative on the Facebook page.

16 Issues to be raised with Powys County Council

16.1 Cllr Valerie Davies reported that some potholes in Aberyscir had been filled but she was concerned that the repairs would not last as water was collecting in indentations. Cllr Iain McIntosh agreed to have a look at what had been done.

17 To change the date of the March meeting to Wednesday 27 March 2019

17.1 The Clerk asked for the date of the March meeting to be put back one week and this was agreed.

18. Confirmation of date and times of next meeting: Wednesday 14 November 2018 (7.30pm) at Cradoc Golf Club

The meeting closed at 8.55pm