

YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 21 November 2018,
at 7.30pm at Cradoc Golf Club

Councillors present: Valerie Davies
Geoff Watkins
Bob Wood
Dilys Davies
Kate Dunning
Jane Price (arrived part way through meeting)

Also present: Michael Westhorpe (Clerk)
Cllr Iain McIntosh

Cllr Bob Wood chaired the meeting. The Council was very sorry that Gillian Thomas had recently passed away. She had served the local community and the county for many years and would be sadly missed. Cllrs Dilys Davies and Jane Price would represent Yscir Community Council at the funeral

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 There were apologies for absence from Cllr Tess Birtles

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 There were none.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 August 2018

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

4. Information from Minutes - Clerk's Report

4.1 Under 5.1 the Clerk reported that the Highways Authority had asked for the Wigwam signs to be removed as they are non-standard and contravene the Highway Act.

4.2 No suggestions had been made by the local community for taking up the offer of a donation for a community asset in the Aberbran/Aberyscir area. It was wondered whether a memorial to those that died in the wars might be appropriate. Discussion of this was left for a later agenda item.

5. To confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 10 October 2018

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

6. To consider the nuisance caused by uncontrolled dogs at the Sports Day

6.1 Cllr Dilys Davies reported that some parents with young children had had their time at the Sports Day spoilt by a small number of uncontrolled dogs, one of which urinated on a child's coat. The parent asked if in future dogs could be kept on leads or even banned.

6.2 The Clerk was asked to pass this information to the Sports Committee for their consideration of future events. He was also asked to thank the Sports Committee for their excellent work in organising the memorial beacon on Aberyscir Common. The Council was keen to emphasise that it fully supported and appreciated the work of the Sports Committee.

7. To consider the response received concerning the dogs barking in Aberyscir

7.1 Council members had previously seen the reply about what was being done to try and stop the dogs barking excessively. The Council was pleased that the matter was being taken

seriously and it was noted that the problem had been better of late.

8. To consider the lack of roadsweeping in Yscir

- 8.1 Cllr Geoff Watkins reported that this issue had been raised by a local resident. Powys County Council had undertaken a lot of other road maintenance work but not roadsweeping. As a consequence water was being diverted into Angorfa. Cllr Iain McIntosh agreed to pursue this with Highways.

9 Financial Matters

- 9.1 The clerk's hours (16.3), pay (£142.54) and expenses (£9.00) for August to September were approved.
- 9.2 Payment to HMRC (£42.60) for PAYE for July to September was approved.
- 9.3 The Clerk reported that the external auditor had issued Yscir Community Council with a qualified report. The Notice of Appointment of date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights had commenced prior to the Council approving the accounting statements, rather than after this date, which is required by the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014. The Clerk had thought that people should have had the chance to raise any issues before the Council met but he said that he would make sure this was done correctly in future.
- 9.4 The external auditor also pointed out that the precept had been wrongly recorded by £316 due to Powys County Council netting off the election expenses against the final precept payment. 'Other expenditure' was accordingly £316 too low. The figures were amended and approved.
- 9.5 The Council noted that the cashbook showed a balance of £3115 after the above expenditure in 9.1 and 9.2 is accounted for. The budget monitoring statement predicted an end of year balance of around £2,720.

10. To determine whether to sell the Santander shares

- 10.1 The Clerk reported that the shares (100 in total) were currently trading at £4.13, having been as high as £5.29 and as low as £2.81 over the last eighteen months. 3 to 4% was being earned from dividend interest. After a brief discussion it was decided to leave things as they are but to keep an eye on the situation.

11. To determine whether to provide Brecon Town Council with financial support for its Tourist Information Service

- 11.1 Brecon Town Council has requested financial support from neighbouring Councils for this service which had received over 10,000 visits in 4 months. As this is a service that benefits local businesses, it was decided to donate £100 to support this work.

12. To receive an update on the Dyfed IT broadband project

- 12.1 Cllr Iain McIntosh provided an update. The mast in Aberyscir is working and the first properties have now been connected. Work was now proceeding in the Aberyscir/Aberbran area, amongst others. The site of a further mast is being considered

13. To receive an update on Speedwatch and to consider whether a speed limit could be introduced for Aberyscir bridge

- 13.1 Cllr Iain McIntosh reported that he had had difficulties finding a suitable date for everyone for the training needed. It was agreed to identify further possible dates after the meeting. The training was likely to take place in Cradoc School car park.
- 13.2 Cllr Valerie Davies reported that 4 cars had grazed the bridge due to travelling too quickly. There was a discussion about the unsatisfactory situation of no 30 mph limit in Aberyscir and Pont Faen. It was agreed to ask if a 20mph speed limit could be applied to Aberyscir bridge and to ask what the criteria are for having a 30mph speed limit in hamlets and small villages. It was also intended to operate the speedwatch initiative near Aberyscir bridge.

