

# YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 3 July 2019,  
at 7.30pm at Cradoc Golf Club

**Councillors Present:** Jane Price  
Valerie Davies  
Kate Dunning  
Tess Birtles  
Geoff Watkins

**Also present:** Michael Westhorpe (Clerk)  
Cllr Iain McIntosh

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**1. Apologies for absence**

1.1 There were apologies for absence from Cllr Bob Wood and Cllr Dilys Davies

**2. Declarations of Interest**

2.1 There were none.

**3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 May 2019**

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

**4. Clerk's report including information from minutes**

4.1 The Clerk reported that he had still not had any response from Jo Lancey concerning the pedestrian signs on Aberyscir Road. Cllr Iain McIntosh was asked to pursue this on behalf of the Council.

**5. Report from Cllr Iain McIntosh on Dyfed IT installation, potholes, debris left in the road after hedge cutting, and speed awareness.**

5.1 Cllr Iain McIntosh reported that a number of masts had been erected, including one at Battle Fach, and that most properties were now connected.

5.2 A number of potholes had now been repaired although for some of these the repairs had been roughshod. The situation was ongoing and Cllr Iain McIntosh said that he would continue to report the potholes and press for their repair.

5.3 Cllr Iain McIntosh reported that contractors and council workers should pick up the major pieces of debris following hedge cutting. If this does not happen, Lyn Parry should be contacted who would chase this up. Cllr Valerie Davies reported that the main problem was caused by farmers cutting their own hedges. Cllr Iain McIntosh said that he would speak to Lyn Parry again about this.

5.4 There had been a frustrating lack of progress on the speed awareness programme. Emma Jackson had recently advised that the forms that needed to be completed plus proof of identity now needed to be taken to the local police station. It was reported that some forms had been given to a policeman already who had also seen proof of identification. Nothing further had been heard. Cllr Iain McIntosh said that he would raise this with Emma Jackson but Councillors were asked to follow the new advice and take the forms to the police station.

5.5 Cllr Iain McIntosh was thanked for the considerable work he had done on behalf of Yscir Community Council.

**6) To note correspondence about unauthorised alterations to the Green Lane in Battle**

6.1 There had been a lot of correspondence about alterations to the Green Lane and work on a shed at land behind Bethany in Battle. There was debate over whether this was

refurbishment of an existing shed or the construction of a larger shed on the site of the old shed. Cllr Iain McIntosh reported that Powys County Council had issued an enforcement notice on the owner of the shed as there was no planning permission for it and it is outside the area of the Local Development Plan..

- 6.2 In doing this work on the shed, the Green lane has been widened and resurfaced and vehicles are being driven over it. This is illegal unless there is permission from the landowner. Powys County Council can find no record of a landowner. The matter has been referred to the Police. Yscir Community Council noted the work that was being done on this and thanked Cllr Iain McIntosh for his involvement.

**7. Planning Application 19/0907/HH : Erection of an outbuilding for ancillary domestic use Site Address: Siloam Shalom, Aberyscir, Brecon, Powys LD3 9NW**

- 7.1 After a brief discussion, there were no objections to this application.

**8) Financial Matters**

- 8.1 The clerk's hours (20hrs), pay (£178.92) and expenses (£29.65) for May and June were approved.

- 8.2 The Clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks was approved.

- 8.3 The following expenditure was also approved:

PAYE for April to June (£91.60)

Membership of Society of Local Council Clerks (£63)

Training Course attended by the Clerk (£40)

Marquee top for Aberyscir, Battle and Fennifach Sports Committee (£500)

- 8.4 The Council noted that the budget monitoring statement predicted an end of year balance of £2771.. The Clerk explained that the current cash balance was £2413, taking into account the above expenditure.

**9. To receive a verbal report from the Clerk of his attendance at a SLCC training event**

- 9.1 The Clerk reported that it had been a useful course with around seventy clerks attending from all over Wales. Information on new website accessibility requirements and increased audit involvement were particularly useful.

**10. Any planning applications that have arisen after the agenda was sent out**

- 10.1 There were none.

**11. Correspondence**

a) One Voice Wales: -online learning modules\*

b)Bobarth, request for funding

c)Play for Wales

d) internal audit webinar\*

e) Woodland Trust: -is there a tree you wish to champion\*

f) invitation to AGM of Powys Local Teaching Health Board on 31 July 2019\*\*

\* circulated by email

\*\* received by email but not circulated

**12. To consider whether to nominate the old tree by the church for Tree of the Year.**

- 12.1 After a brief discussion, it was decided not to put forward this tree, as, although it is very old, it is not the most attractive tree. The Clerk pointed out that individuals could themselves nominate a tree if they wished.

**13. Update on barking dogs**

- 13.1 Cllr Tess Birtles reported a disturbing conversation she had had with the owner of the dogs, shortly before she went on holiday. At the time there were a large number of dogs being kept at the property and she was very concerned about how the owner told her the barking

problem was being managed. She also was made aware that the owner, who is in his eighties, had no arrangements in place to look after the dogs if he was ill. The Council was very concerned about the welfare of the dogs and the Clerk was asked to write to appropriate authorities expressing concern about this situation.

**14. Issues to report to Powys County Council**

- 14.1 Cllr Kate Dunning reported that a road sign at Oakfield Place was becoming obscured by vegetation from a privately owned tree. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the owner and offer to cut back the vegetation if the householder did not wish to do it.
- 14.2 Cllr Valerie Davies reported that a large drain had been damaged near Aberyscir bridge leaving a large hole that was very dangerous. Cllr Iain McIntosh said that he would report it to Lyn Parry and ask him to investigate it urgently.

**13) Confirmation of date and times of next meeting: Wednesday 21 August 2019 (7.30pm) at Cradoc Golf Club**

The meeting closed at 8.36pm