



copies of 'Standing on Aberyscir Hill' by Allan Lloyd. The book is an autobiography with insights into life in Yscir around 70 years ago and the author's life in Kington. Proceeds from the book are being donated to St Michael's Hospice, Hereford. It was agreed to publicise the book on the Council's Website.

**22/0 1/6 Update on the defibrillator in Battle and to consider training on the use of defibrillators**

22/01/ 6.1 The Clerk reported that, with Cllr Geoff Watkins' help , the defibrillator had been installed on the main road in Battle. Cllr Valerie Davies had put a map of the defibrillators on the Facebook page and would like to add details of other defibrillators in neighbouring wards.

22/01/6.2 There was a discussion about training on the use of defibrillators. Whilst the defibrillator does tell you what to do, there was a concern that people would be panicking and unable to follow the instructions. There are training videos available on You Tube and the Clerk was asked to look at these to see if they should be promoted in the community.

**22/01/7 Update on the proposed closure of Cradoc School**

22/01/7.1 Cllr Iain McIntosh reported that he had resigned from the Cabinet of Powys County Council as they were determined to push ahead with the closure of Cradoc School. Objections to the proposal needed to be received by 4 February 2022. It was important that as many objections were made as possible as, even if Powys County Council did not have a change of mind, the objections would add weight to a judicial review which would be the following stage.

22/01/7.2 There was concern over the lengthy time the process was taking which causes uncertainty for staff. Losing community schools makes it less likely that families with children will move into the area, increasing the drift of people away from the area.

22/01/7.3 Cllr Iain McIntosh had organised a protest march from Cradoc School into Brecon on 29 January at 11.00am.

**22/01/8 To determine whether to continue to support 'Visit Brecon'**

22/01/8.1 It was agreed to contribute £100 to 'Visit Brecon' to support tourism businesses in the area.

**22/01/9 To determine arrangements for the Spring Newsletter**

22/01/9.1 After discussion it was agreed to produce a simple newsletter for one more year and hopefully go back to a colour document next year. It was agreed to distribute it by hand. The following items could be included:

update on fight against Cradoc School closure

defibrillators

telephone box

appointment of new clerk

new Council from May

Speedwatch- rationale for doing it

**22/01/10 To determine dates for meetings in 2022/23**

22/01/10.1 The following dates were agreed, subject to possible changes when the new clerk is appointed: 23 March 2022, 18 May 2022, 13 July 2022, 14 September 2022, 23 November 2022, 18 January 2023, 22 March 2023

22/01/10.2 It was asked whether meetings could start at 7.30pm again. This was not a problem during the Summer when the golf club was busy but was an issue during the winter. The Clerk agreed to ask the Golf Club whether a 7.30pm start would be possible in March.

**22/01/11 Financial Matters**

22/01/11.1 The Clerk's pay for November and December (£308.23) and expenses (£39.79) were approved. The HMRC payment of £90, the registration fee with the Information Commissioner (£35) and the grant to 'Visit Brecon' of £100 were approved.

- 22/01/11.2 The Clerk reported that the cashbook showed a balance of around £4,278 after current expenditure is taken into account.. The budget monitoring spreadsheet indicated that spending was going according to plan with a projected balance at 31 March 2022 of around £3,000..
- 22/01/11.3 A report produced by the Clerk showing his hours for the year (157) was noted.
- 22/01/11.4 Mrs Jane Johnston was appointed as internal auditor.

**22/01/12 To consider the appointment of a new Clerk**

- 22/01/12.1 Cllr Jane Price thanked Cllrs Valerie Davies and Cllr Kate Dunning for meeting with a prospective candidate.
- 22/01/12.2 Cllr Valerie Davies reported back on this meeting. The conclusion was that the person could be appointed as Clerk with an overlap with the existing Clerk but it was decided that best practice should be followed and the post advertised. Cllrs Jane Price, Valerie Davies and Kate Dunning would form the interview panel. It was agreed to advertise on the 'Indeed' site and One Voice Wales with interviews being held in early March.

**22/01/13 To request bollards to protect the verges besides the seats in Aberbran**

- 22/01/13.1 The damage to the verge caused by large vehicles was discussed. Cllr Geoff Watkins said that he was willing to install bollards there. It was agreed that Cllr Iain McIntosh would raise this with David Lewis from Highways and arrange a meeting on site with Cllr Geoff Watkins.

**22/01/14 To consider arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

- 22/01/14.1 The Sports Committee did not wish to take responsibility for this but the Council thought that there should be a celebration of this for the local community. It was agreed to approach the School to see if anything could be done with them. It was agreed to ask the Sports Community if they could organise a Beacon on Aberyscir Hill that could occur after an event with food at Cradoc School. It was also agreed to ask Merthyr Cynog and Trallong Councils if they wished to become involved with beacons in their areas as well..

**22/01/15 Correspondence**

- a) Hope House request for funding\*\*
- b) Home Energy Audits\*
- c) Powys Local Development Plan\*
- d) Urdd National Eisteddford details and request for funding\*\*

\* circulated by email

\*\* received by email but not circulated

**22/01/16 Consideration of Issues raised by Trallong Community Council about starting a Repair Cafe**

- 22/01/16.1 Valid issues concerning cost and public liability were discussed briefly. The Clerk had an arranged call with a representative from the charity on Friday 28 January. He would also try and visit the Brecon Repair Cafe and report back at the next meeting.

**22/01/17 Issues to raise with Powys County Council**

- 22/01/17.1 There were none other than the street lights in Cradoc, previously mentioned.

**22/01/18 Consideration of planning application 18/0409/OUT for the erection of an agricultural worker's opposite Tynewydd Farm**

- 22/01/18.1 There were no objections to this application although concern was expressed at using Tynewydd farm to describe the location of the property.

**22/01/19 Consideration of any planning applications received after the agenda was circulated**

- 22/01/19.1 There were none.

**22/01/20** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 March 2022 at Cradoc Golf Club, time to be advised.

The meeting finished at 8.50pm