



Yscir Community Council

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A meeting of Yscir Community Council will be held on:

Wednesday 23 March 2020 at 7.00pm

at Cradoc Golf Club

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Declarations of Interest
- 3) To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 January 2022
- 4) Information from minutes and Clerk's report
- 5) To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2022
- 6) To note the appointment of Mrs Jane Joseph as clerk and to discuss her request for paying for finance training
- 7) To approve the response to Powys County Council concerning the proposed closure of Cradoc School and to receive an update of latest developments
- 8) Risk Assessment Review including an update on the asset register.
- 9) Internal Audit Review
- 10) Financial Matters
 - 10.1 To approve the clerk's hours and expenses for January and February plus expenses for working from home
 - 10.2 To renew membership of One Voice Wales
 - 10.3 To authorise the following payments:

Cheque	Payee	Description	£ exVAT	VAT	Total
380	Mr M Westhorpe	Clerk's Pay for January and February	£345.90	0	£345.90
381	Mr M Westhorpe	Clerk's expenses	£9.00	£	£9.00
382	Mr M. Westhorpe	Clerk's working from home	£312.00	0	£312.00
383	One Voice Wales	Membership	£73.00		£73.00

10.4 To note the financial position of the Council as contained in the cashbook and budget monitoring spreadsheet (enclosed)

- 11) To discuss whether to pursue the establishment of a Repair Cafe
- 12) To consider whether to promote the establishment of a Heating Oil Club in Yscir.
- 13) Correspondence
 - a) Report from the Independent Remuneration Panel*
 - b) Countryside access: letter from Green Lane Association*
 - c) My Tree, Our Forest scheme *
 - 1) d) Kids Cancer Charity request for funding**

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

* circulated by email

** received but not circulated

- 14) Arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- 15) To approve the draft newsletter and Annual Report and agree distribution arrangements
- 16) To consider having a litter picking day
- 17) Planning Application 21/1507/FUL for an eco-tourism and conference centre at Blaengwy Farm
- 18) Any planning applications that arrived after the papers were sent out.
- 19) Issues to be raised with Powys County Council
- 20) Confirmation of date and times of next meeting: **Wednesday 18 May 2022 (7.30pm)** at Cradoc Golf Club



Michael Westhorpe
Clerk to Yscir Community Council

this up.

22/01/5.4 The Clerk and Cllr Valerie Davies reported that they had received complimentary 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:- 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

YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting, held on 1 March 2022
at 7.30pm via ZOOM video conferencing

Councillors present: Valerie Davies Dilys Davies
Rebecca Watkins Geoff Watkins
Kate Dunning Jane Price

Also present: Michael Westhorpe (Clerk)

22/03 1. Apologies for absence

22/03/1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bob Wood and Iain McIntosh .

22/03 2. Declarations of Interest

22/03/2.1 There were no declarations of interest

22/03 3 Resolution – Confidential Matters

22/03/3.1 It was resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 as there would be disclosure to them of confidential information relating to contractual, legal and personnel content.

22/03 4 To consider the appointment of a new Clerk

22/03/4.1 Cllr Jane Price read through the note she had previously circulated of the meeting held with Cllrs Valerie Davies and Kate Dunning. There was unanimous agreement to offer the post of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Mrs Jane Joseph of Trallong. All the points raised in the note about the employment were agreed. The Clerk agreed to draft a letter of offer of appointment for the Chairman to send to Mrs Joseph.

22/03/4.2 It was agreed that should any issues arise about the employment, Cllrs Jane Price, Valerie Davies and Kate Dunning would meet to resolve them. Cllr Jane Price thanked Cllrs Valerie Davies and Kate Dunning and the Clerk for their work on the appointment process.

22/03/4.3 Cllr Rebecca Watkins asked about IT equipment and future costs. Cllr Valerie Davies explained that most IT had already been purchased but that any future requirements or training costs would be shared equally by the two councils.

The meeting finished at 7.50pm

March 2022

Opening Balance £2,370

	Expenditure for year	Profiled expenditure to date	Variance	Budget 2021-22	Expenditure 2020-21
Insurance	£168	£230	£62	£230	£168
Audit fee	£65	£65	£0	£430	£393
Clerk's salary	£1,800	£2,100	£300	£2,100	£2,010
Clerk's expenses	£470	£500	£30	£500	£500
Newsletter	£0	£0	£0	£200	£142
SLCC and One Voice Wales	£140	£140	£0	£140	£135
Contingency	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Website	£163	£180	£17	£180	£163
C C election (uncontested)	£0	£0	£0	£0	
C C election (contested)	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Sports Committee Grant	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Training Courses	£0	£0	£0	£100	£25
Brecon Town Council (tourism support)	£100	£100	£0	£100	£100
Litter Picks	£0	£20	£20	£20	£114
Data Controller Registration	£35	£35	£0	£35	£35
Projects	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Councillor expenses	£60	£100	£40	£100	
VAT to reclaim	£49	£40	-£9	£40	£73
Total expenditure	£3,050	£3,510	£460	£4,175	£3,858
Projected Income :precept				£4,132	
Projected income : Santander				£6	
Income: vat refund				£80	
other income					
Total Income				£4,218	
Projected balance at 31.3.22				£2,873	

Agenda item 7

Yscir Community Council Risk Assessment (reviewed at meeting on 23.03.22)

Details	Frequen cy	Current	Comments/Actions
Insurance			
Public & Employers liability	Annual	£10 m.	
Money & Fidelity guarantee	Annual	£5,000/ £25000	£250 in home; excess £50
Property (see asset register)	Annual	£2,500.00	sum insured £2719.67, excess £250
Officials indemnity	Annual	£500,000. 00	
Libel & slander	Annual	£100,000. 00	Now increased to £250,000
Personal accident	Annual	£500,000. 00	
Legal expenses	Annual	£100,000. 00	
Property safety checks			
Fenni fach notice board	Annual		}
Cradoc notice board	Annual		}
Battle horse trough	Annual		} Safety checks by Clerk
Cradoc horse trough	Annual		}
Aberbran seats	Annual		}
Epson Printer	Annual	written off	Now out of guarantee
Sony voice recorder	Annual	written off	Not insured
Aberbran defibrillator	Annual		Checked monthly
Battle defibrillator	Annual		Checked monthly
Financial matters			
Banking arrangements	Annual		2 councillors sign all chqs.
Insurance	Annual		Done
Internal audit	Annual		Done
External audit	Annual		Done
Internal financial check	Each Meeting		Cash book reported to meeting
Clerk's salary review	Annual		Reviewed at mtg in November
Budget preparation	Annual		Done} meeting 24.11.21
Precept assessment	Annual		Done} meeting 24.11.21
Level of cash reserves			Identified as too low by

			internal auditor. If an election is not needed for new councillors, reserves may increase by £2,000.
Record keeping			
Minutes properly signed	On-going		Done
Asset register available	On-going		Done
Financial regs. available	On-going		Reviewed in May 2021
Standing orders available	On-going		Reviewed in May 2021
Back up of computer files	Daily		Backed up on Apple Time machine - documents now on website. Chairman has memory stick
Members' responsibilities			
Code of Conduct adoption and register of interests	On-going		New code adopted Nov' 16 Cllrs confirmed acceptance and updated register of interests in May 2021
Register of gifts/hospitality	On-going		Done
Decl. of interests minuted	On-going		Done

YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL FINANCIAL & BUSINESS RISK ASSESSMENT

Members will take all necessary steps: -

a) to minimise any risk facing the Council

b) to identify risk areas

c) to evaluate consequences and adopt measures to avoid, reduce or control the risk.

Topic	Risk Identified	Consequences	Risk Level H/M/ L	Management of the risk	Action
Precept	Not submitted Not paid by PCC Adequacy	Unable to pay all bills Reputation damaged	L L L	Ensure precept on January meeting agenda Check precept added to bank account Precept related to budget - sufficient reserves	Clerk's diary Clerk
HMRC PAYE return	Late returns Incorrect return Clerk's computer out of date	Possible Fine Possible Fine	M M	Clerk attendance at training events Returns reminder in diary Returns made from a councillor's computer	Clerk Clerk's diary
Staff	Absence of clerk through illness	Disruption of services	L	Key tasks to be specified in written document	Clerk
Staff	Fraud by clerk	Loss of revenue / censure by audit inspection / image damaged	L	Detailed time sheets kept by Clerk and presented with invoices to Members Monthly analysis of hours worked	Members scrutiny
Staff	Verbal/physical assault	Injury/absence from work/ litigation/ inability to appoint new staff/image damaged	L	Risk assessments completed Health and Safety checks carried out	Members Clerk
Staff	Poor performance	Censure by audit inspection image damaged	L	Clerk undertaking training programme Members provide feedback if necessary and steps taken to remedy problem	Clerk Members
Notice boards, trough and seat	Accident caused by falling into disrepair	Litigation Image damaged	L	Annual inspection by Clerk and intermediate checks	Clerk

Planning Applications	Failure to hold quorate meeting on time	Disruption of service Image damaged	L	All Members on Planning Committee.	Members Clerk
Financial Records	Inadequate records	Censure by audit inspection	L	RFO/Clerk to check regularly. Internal audit checks records annually Reports submitted to Council meetings	Clerk
Budget	Budget overspend Inadequate budget	Censure by audit inspection Image damaged/ Inability to pay bills	L	Budget reviewed at each Council meeting Expenditure is highly predictable and staff time can be managed. Sufficient reserves held to cover any emergencies	Clerk Members
Minutes and records	Accurate and legal Loss of data	Censure by audit inspection Loss of reputation	L	Minutes reviewed at following meeting Data backed up several times a day	Members Clerk
Covid -19	Unable to hold meetings	Internal audit not completed, unable to approve accounts or hold annual meeting	L	Undertake as much business as possible by email, video conferencing	Members Clerk

Agenda Item 8 - Audit Scope and Checklist

Yscir Community Council Audit Plan

1. Check the books of account have been properly kept throughout the year
2. Check payments to ensure that the Council's financial regulations have been met, payments are supported by invoices, expenditure is approved and VAT is correctly accounted for.
3. Review the Council's risk management assessment ensuring adequate arrangements are in place to manage all identified risks
4. Verify that the annual precept request is the result of a proper budgetary process, that budget process has been regularly monitored and that the Council's reserves are appropriate.
5. Check income records ensuring that the correct price has been charged, income has been received, recorded & promptly banked, & VAT is correctly accounted for
6. Check salaries to employees have been paid in accordance with Council approvals and that PAYE requirements have been applied
7. Check accuracy of asset and investment registers
8. Test accuracy and timeliness of periodic and year end bank account reconciliation
9. Test accuracy and completeness of year end financial statements
10. Any other appropriate additional relevant testing to support the validity and integrity of the above.

The above tasks are carried out by the internal auditor completing the external audit checklist.

Attached is a check list which Councillors need to consider and confirm that they are happy with the procedures in place – and consider any improvements in the process for the coming year.

Internal Audit - Question/action list – March 2019

1		Appropriate books of account properly kept throughout the year?	√
2	a	Appointed responsible financial officer with duties listed in Financial Regs or elsewhere?	√
	b	Fin Regs. in place & regularly reviewed?	Reviewed in May 2021
	c	Standing Orders in place & regularly reviewed?	Reviewed in May 2021
	d	Delegated Powers on expenditure in place & adhered to?	Updated in financial regs
	e	Payments supported by invoices?	√
	f	Expenditure properly approved?	√
	g	VAT shown separately? Is there any thing unusual in the reconciliation? Has a VAT refund been requested recently, if not is the VAT paid since the last refund at a level that is sensible to request a refund?	Vat is shown separately. Reclaim received in May 2021
3	a	Have the risks been listed and a start been made on assessment and minimisation of risk?	√
	b	Is there sufficient management of risk?	√
	c	Insurance in order and the correct things covered?	√
	d	Members check the accounts OR internal audit at least twice a year and report back to council?.	Members check cashbook at meetings. Internal audit -once a year. Member reconciles bank statement with cashbook at least twice a year but not during lockdown.
	e	Are balances invested in the best safe account?	Balances kept in current account. Within audit guidelines
	f	Initialled cheque stubs?	Yes
	g	Regular internal audit?	Annual
	h	Minute showing appointment of internal auditor?	√
4	a	Council budgeted in a clear and adequate way?	√
	b	Checks in place to ensure correct precept has been received?	Bank statement checked by clerk
	c	Clerk or RFO report to council regularly to give progress reports on expenditure verses budget?	√
	d	Reserves/balances appropriate? Is/are there specific project(s) for balances in excess of the annual precept?	√ No specific projects
5	a	Was income received/expected? Did income equal expected income? If not why not?	Yes
	b	System of receipt of income ensures that it is properly recorded and promptly banked?	Yes
	c	VAT on income properly accounted for?	Not applicable
6	a	Adequate check on petty cash?	No petty cash
	b	Payments properly supported by receipts?	Yes
	c	Expenditure approved?	Yes
	d	VAT properly accounted for? Reclaimed on petty cash?	Yes - not applicable
7	a	Clear minute and contract which details the employees' pay and conditions	Yes
	b	Employee(s) paid by/to those decisions?	Yes
	c	PAYE and NI payments been made (if required) or written contact	yes

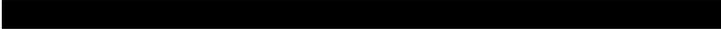
		been made with the Inland Revenue giving details of taxable income?	
	d	Staff pension/gratuity?	Not applicable
8	a	Asset & investment registers?	Yes
	b	Complete?	Yes
	c	Accurate?	Yes
	d	Maintained?	Yes
	e	Checked/modified at least yearly eg. at annual council meeting?	Yes
9	a	Cash book up to date, correctly sub-totalled and accounts reconciled at least once per quarter?	Yes
	b	Clear record of the end of year statement?	Yes
10	a	Accounts prepared on correct basis?	Yes
	b	Agree with the cash book?	Yes
	c	Supported by an adequate audit trail	Yes
	d	A record of debtors and creditors?	not applicable
	e	Clear separate list of S137 payments	Recorded in cashbook
	f	Year end accounts clear and accurate?	Shown in Annual Audit Return
	g	All account balances shown?	√
	h	Correct supporting statements?	
11	a	Other risks been covered adequately?	
	b	Data Protection Registration held & current/appropriate?	Yes
	c	Electronic data backup arrangements adequate?	Data backed up to a separate hard drive. Copy given to Chairman on a memory stick

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NEWSLETTER 2022

Clerk:

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From our Chair, Jane Price

As the saying goes 'Where has the time gone?' Yet another year since our last newsletter went out. The Community Council had many of its meetings via Zoom video conferencing but at last has started meeting in person.

As you can see from this newsletter, we are still very concerned regarding Powys County Council's proposal to close Cradoc School; we are supporting the school as much as we can to keep it open.

I would like to thank all the community councillors for all their hard work and commitment for the community and attending the meetings in their own time and in supporting me as their chairperson.

It is with great regret that I report that Mike Westhorpe, our Clerk, will be retiring from his post at the end of May. He is looking forward to more free time and camper van travel. For the last 10 years serving our Council Mike has been an outstanding, knowledgeable and valued member of our team. Thank you Mike for all your hard work, enthusiasm and professionalism.

We shall be welcoming Mrs Jane Joseph from Trallong as our new Clerk to Yscir Community Council. Jane is also Clerk to Trallong, Penbont and Llanfihangel Nant Bran Community Council.

I would like to wish all of you within the Yscir Community all the very best. Stay safe, and if you do think of anything that the council could be doing to help under the current circumstances, please contact me, any of the other councillors, or the clerk.

YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2021 TO MARCH 2022

Yscir Community Council consists of 7 councillors, elected by the local community every 5 years (with an election due in May 2022). The Council meets 6 times a year with additional meetings, if required, to consider planning applications. Although not a member of the council, county councillor Iain McIntosh has attended its meetings and been very active in helping the council to get work done by Powys County Council in the area.

Almost all of the income of the Council comes through the precept (£4,132 in 2021/22). The Council spent £3050 in 2021/22 (rising to around £3,500 to include bills yet to be received). The most significant expenditure (£1800) was paying for the clerk who organises the meetings and undertakes any work required by the Council. No concerns were raised by the internal and external audits of the Council but the internal auditor thought that the level of reserves (around £2,300 in April 2021) was too low.

The Council has worked hard to increase the number of defibrillators in the community. Thanks to generous donations by two members of the community there are now defibrillators in Aberbran (outside Ty Torlan) and Battle (opposite Heol y Garreg). In addition there are defibrillators at Cradoc School (near front entrance) and at Cradoc Golf Club (rear of clubhouse).

Speedwatch has been introduced to try and make the roads safer in our villages (see article overleaf).

The Council has opposed the closure of Cradoc School, making representations to Powys County Council at each stage of the process.

The future of the telephone box in Cradoc has been debated on numerous occasions. BT has agreed to repair and repaint the box which will continue to operate as an emergency telephone box.

Work is ongoing to identify sites and secure permission to plant trees in Yscir for the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative.

Michael Westhorpe, Clerk to Yscir Community Council

Proposed Closure of Cradoc School

On Friday 11th March 2022, Powys County Council Cabinet Members agreed to support the proposal to close Cradoc CP School and merge it with Mount Street Juniors and Mount Street Infant Schools with a proposed site at the old High School site at Penlan.

Along with the majority of the Community, the Community Council does not support this decision. We thank everyone who has been involved in communicating their comments to the Council over the last two years.

So what are the next steps? There is a strong working group which is determined to keep fighting the closure of the school which has engaged with a fantastic team of legal advisers to support us through the next steps. We now have until 8th April to make our legal challenge which is then likely to go to a Judicial Review and be heard by an independent judge. We have no timeline for this but we will continue to update the Community as and when we can.

If anyone has anything they wish to raise with the working group then please can you let the clerk know via email.

Rebecca Watkins, Chair, Save & Rebuild Cradoc School Group

Comment from Cllr Iain McIntosh: -

"I'd like to thank everyone who has helped to fight against this proposal over the last 18 months by informing Powys County Council that closing Cradoc CP School is the wrong decision. Unfortunately, Cabinet members at the local authority recently voted unanimously to proceed with the project, which I believe raises a number of issues from a legal perspective. As a member of the working group, we are all therefore very determined to continue the fight against the closure of our school.

I have also launched a new petition to force the county council to debate the closure of our school, as well as all other Powys schools, at a full council meeting. If we reach 500 signatures or more then the local authority must place this on their meeting agenda. Look out for a link to this petition on social media or please help by signing the petition that I'll be bringing around the community in the coming weeks."

YSCIR COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME

Our community speed watch scheme has now been up and running for nine months and we have completed 20 sessions. We currently have six trained volunteers but would welcome other interested residents as each session requires 3 people. Just contact the clerk for more information.

The main aim is to create a safer environment for all residents living within our community. It will also help to identify areas of greater concern.

You may have wondered why we cannot carry out sessions in all parts of the community? The scheme only operates in 20, 30 and 40 mph speed restriction areas. We are only allowed to carry out the sessions in areas that have been approved for health and safety and accurate observations.

We do appreciate the cheery waves, especially on the cold, windy days.