



# Yscir Community Council

Clerk: position vacant

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## Minutes of Yscir Community Council Meeting held on 2 August 2023 at 7:30pm at Cradoc Golf Club

### Present

Cllr Jane Price [Chair]

Cllr Bob Wood

Cllr Kevin Gore

Cllr Geoff Watkins

Cllr Valerie Davies

Cllr Kate Dunning

Cllr Rebecca Watkins

County Cllr Iain McIntosh

2/8/1 **Apologies for absence:** none received.

2/8/2 **Declarations of interest:** none received.

### 2/8/3 **Minutes of Council Meeting held on 24 May 2023:**

The minutes were read, adopted and signed as a true and accurate record.

### 2/8/4 **Information from the minutes and Clerk's report:**

2/8/4.1 Jane has contacted Powys Police several times regarding the appointment of a new PCSO. The final response was that they hoped the post would be filled by December. We hope the new appointee will then come to meet with us at the next council meeting after that.

2/8/4.2 As agreed at the previous meeting we notified Cradoc Golf Club that the Council was unable to assist in providing funding for the repairs. This work seems to have commenced so we can safely assume that they have managed to secure funding from elsewhere.

### 2/8/5 **Clerk and Council matters:**

2/8/5.1 Interviews for post of Clerk - This point was postponed pending the arrival of Cllr Rebecca Watkins. The interviews were held by Chair Cllr Jane Price, Cllr Rebecca Watkins and Cllr Valerie Davies. In the event only one interview was held as the other applicant withdrew. All three Councillors reported back on the interview which was then discussed by all members. It was decided that, on balance, the Council will not be offering the interviewee the position and the Chair will write to inform him of the decision.

2/8/5.2 Discuss and approve the position of Responsible Financial Officer - According to an article in *Clerks And Councils Direct*, a professional publication, councils that have no Clerk can appoint a RFO from within its membership as an unpaid post (LG Act 1972, S112). As the council is obliged to create a separate unpaid post to provide cover until the post is filled, Cllr Valerie Davies drafted a job description which was unanimously approved.

### 2/8/6 **Financial Matters:**

2/8/6.1 The following payments were approved:

- Cllr Valerie Davies expenses £71.75. This includes a website update of £40+VAT.
- BHIB Annual Insurance £336.30.

2/8/6.2 The financial position of the council as contained in the cashbook and budget monitoring was noted and approved.

- 2/8/7 **Aberyscir Sports Committee**  
There has not yet been an AGM for the Aberyscir SC, and no date set. It was confirmed that there will be no Sports Day this year.
- NOTE:** Cllr Rebecca Watkins arrived at 19:50.
- 2/8/8 **YCC website:**  
Cllr Valerie Davies has been having problems contacting our website provider and has ascertained that he is now semi-retired. Being a 'sole trader', there is concern that when he fully retires we will need to find an alternative. Therefore it was agreed that Cllr Valerie Davies would look into alternatives for the future.
- 2/8/9 **Update on training courses:**  
Certificates for the training courses members have recently done were circulated. The schedule for the next 2 months was distributed and initial requests noted.
- 2/8/10 **Request from Huw Marshall, Aberyscir Church Warden, regarding support for Church events:**  
Unfortunately we cannot offer support as we have no premises or facilities of our own. The Chair will write to suggest he contacts Cradoc Golf Club or the Sports Committee directly. We will, of course be happy to advertise any events that are organised.
- 2/8/11 **Update on the implementation of the 20mph speed limit:**  
The Welsh 20mph speed limit will come into effect on 17<sup>th</sup> September next. Powys has produced an extensive list of exceptions, including 3 in our ward, where a stretch of 30mph limit will remain.
- 2/8/12 **Report on the problem with army vehicles passing through Aberbran:**  
There have been more vehicles passing through Aberbran which they are prohibited from doing. Cllr Valerie Davies has written again to Deputy Commander, Headquarters 160<sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Brigade, with whom we have previous correspondence, together with photos. The DC has promised to contact the relevant personnel.
- 2/8/13 **Bute Energy's Wind Turbine proposal:**  
This project does not have a direct impact on our ward but it is important that we know about it. A wind farm is proposed for the Radnor Forest but they need to reach a substation that will be able to handle the level of electricity produced. This would entail 60 miles of pylons through the Towey Valley, around Builth Wells, Llandovery, down towards the Botanical Gardens, and then onto the relevant substation in Carmarthenshire. There have been several objections received by the Council regarding this so, although our area is not affected, we will be able to respond to residents concerns. However, this proposal is still speculative and not yet approved.
- 2/8/14 **Standing Orders and the Equality & Diversity Policy:**  
The Standing Orders have been revised and an Equality & Diversity Policy has been produced. These were both approved by all members. These will now be published on the website.
- 2/8/15 **Report by County Councillor Iain McIntosh:**  
Cllr McIntosh informed the Council that a new Head has been appointed to the proposed amalgamated schools - Cradoc Primary, Mount Street Infants and Juniors. The successful candidate will take up their post in January.

2/8/16

**Issues to be reported to Powys Council:**

2/8/16.1

There is still no new 'road narrows' sign on Cradoc Road in the direction of Cradoc village and the existing one is still bent.

2/8/16.2

There are still potholes by the bridge in Aberyscir which have recently caused an accident. Also previously filled potholes are now open again because they were filled incorrectly.

2/8/17

**Consideration of any Planning applications received after the agenda was circulated.**

There were none.

2/8/18

**Information for discussion at the next meeting**

No suggestions were made.

2/8/19

**Confirmation of date and time of the next meeting of the Council:** Wednesday  
27 September 2023 at 7:30pm at Cradoc Golf Club.

**The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.**

Signed as a true record \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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