## Cyngor Cymuned Llywel Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday,

20th February 2020

at 7.30 in the Committee Room Trecastle Community Centre

1. Members Present :

Bernard Attkins (chairman), Gareth Davies (vice chairman), Janice Williams , Lynn White, Dave Howells, Mrs J Davies (clerk)

1. Apologies:

Sheila Davies, Cllr Edwin Roderick, Wynne Pugh , PCSO Billy Dunne,

1. Approval of minutes: The minutes for the 16th January 2020 meeting were accepted as a true record of the business of the meeting and were therefore signed by the vice chairman. Proposed by Dave Howells and seconded by Lynn White.
2. Matters arising from the minutes:

There were no matters arising.

1. PCSO Billy Dunne -

Apologies were given.

1. Planning :

a. Powys – change of use of 2 stables to holiday lets Blaenclydach Trecastle. 17.1.20 - there were no objections.

b. Usk reservoir – concrete valve house above ground. (3.2.20) - there were no objections. Dave Howells questioned whether a water turbine could be fitted. The chair noted that this had been previously approached to the BBNP and Welsh Water. Welsh Water then noted they were going to install one.

c. Approval - conversion of barns to 3 holiday lets and managers accommodation, erection of a garage, creation of an access road and all associated works at Bronydd (7.2.20)

1. Highways:

* 1. Lynn White – landslide on Bwysfa road from Storm Dennis and by Penwignon wood. Clerk forwarded pictures of the road and to contact PCC.
1. Credu Cymru – Kevin Holcroft awareness of carers and support available. Apologies.

1. Cooption of Traianmawr Ward – No applications received
2. Membership One Voice Wales - £ 87 all present agreed to continue as members.
3. Wales Audit Office - £354.75 payment for audit of accounts 2018/ 19. All present agreed payment.
4. Rospa inspection- -  letter and booking form regarding this year’s Annual Play Inspections.  Please note that if you wish to have an inspection carried out, your form and payment must reach us by **Thursday 9th April 2020.** £72 all present agreed payment and Gareth Davies to be source of contact.
5. Community dinner : the dinner to be held on the 22nd February at the Usk and Railway.
6. Correspondence –
	1. One voice Wales – response to Consultation on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill / Ymateb Un Llais Cymru – 3ydd Ionawr 2020 - Ymgynghoriad ar y Bil Llywodraeth Leol ac Etholiadau (Cymru). (17.1.20)
	2. Powys - **Transforming Education in Powys**

Powys is currently undertaking a strategic review of education.

Powys County Council is currently developing its vision for education in Powys. The Council has prepared a document which outlines its emerging vision for education in Powys.

The document is available on our website: [www.powys.gov.uk/transformingeducation](http://www.powys.gov.uk/transformingeducation)

The Council would like to know your views on this document. To let us know your views on the document you can:

Respond to our online questionnaire using the link - <http://bit.ly/2viN2H5>

Sending us a written response either via e-mail or post: school.organisation@powys.gov.uk / School Organisation & Capital Team, Schools Service, County Hall, Spa Road East, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5LG

**Please respond by 24th February 2020. (27.1.20)**

* 1. Carmarthenshire County Council has commenced work on a Revised Local Development Plan (LDP) for the period 2018-2033. The Revised Local Development Plan will, upon adoption, replace the current Plan and be the basis for land use planning decisions.

I am pleased to inform you that the **Deposit Revised Local Development Plan (LDP)** has been published for consultation along with the following documents:

·         Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

·         Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)

·         Caeau Mynydd Mawr SAC Supplementary Planning Guidance

·         Burry Inlet Supplementary Planning Guidance.

 The consultation on the Deposit Revised LDP and the above documents will be between 29th January and 13th March 2020.

 The Deposit Revised LDP sets out the land use policies and proposals including the allocation and use of land through to 2033.  Copies of the documents are available to view on the Council’s website <https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/revisedldp>, at Customer Service Centres and public libraries (during normal opening hours).

Lynn White proposed we contact them with regard to our buses.

* 1. For the attention of County Councillors Tim Van-Rees and Edwin Roderick representing Llanwrtyd and Trecastle, respectively bordering Carmarthenshire.

NEGES PWYSIG / IMPORTANT MESSAGE

**Friday, 14 February, between 3pm and 6 pm, there will be a drop-in meeting in the Castle Hotel, Llandovery,** hosted by members of the Hywel Dda Health Board and senior nursing staff.

The meeting is intended to enable members of our local community to air their views on their wishes and hopes for **the future of the cottage hospital in Llandovery**.

This meeting will also be publicised on Facebook and with posters around the town and elsewhere.  While the future shape of the hospital is critical, it is no more so than its current state where understaffing has massively reduced its capability to support the community and put a question mark over its longer-term viability.

**It is important, therefore, that as many of us as can manage, go to the meeting and express our views, in order to emphasise the importance of the hospital to our community**.

Currently, the hospital is allowed to have just 7 of its available 16 beds occupied as there are too few qualified staff available for duty.  This is a tragedy.  Not only does it mean that, per bed, the hospital is expensive in comparative terms - a dangerous situation to be in when the health board is short of money and looking for savings - but, more importantly, it means that our GP practice cannot find beds for the patients they see whom they know need them.

The same understaffing is also placing the continuation of the Minor Injuries Unit at the hospital at risk – again that would be a serious loss to this rural community when, otherwise, the nearest A&E is at Glangwilli and that is itself under significant pressure.

With full staffing the Llandovery Cottage Hospital would be well-placed to provide further specialist clinics in addition to those it currently hosts.

I would ask you, please:  Let as many of your friends in the local area know of this event and encourage them, if at all possible, to turn up and to make sure the Health Board knows how valued our hospital is and how supportive everyone in the area is.Emphasize to the Board the need for all 16 beds to be available and for the hospital to have a full complement of staff following a proper, sustained advertising and recruitment campaign by the Health Board. Let them know that we believe that the hospital has a lot more to offer in the way of consultants’ clinics and that its future is vital to us all.Tell them of the importance of a locally-based care facility in this rural area, particularly for the elderly and those less able to travel far.

* 1. One Voice Wales Brecon & Radnor Area Committee meeting, that will be held at 7pm on Friday 21st February 2020 at The Market Hall, Erwood. LD2 3PQ
	2. Policing in Rural Areas Conference 6th March – exploring policing in rural areas (17.2.20) – send onto Dave Howells.
	3. Independent Renumeration Panel for Wales Annual Report – February 2020 (19.2.20)
	4. OneVoice Wales – funding opportunities for Community and Town Councils on Green Growth projects.
1. Any other Business:
	1. Bernard Attkins any proposed date for future bus meeting? Dave Howells still awaiting a date. Lynn White noted the taxi from Trecastle would be stopping shortly due to another job. Clerk write to Powys to express their concerns as a community isolated.
	2. Hall function – Hoedown been postponed due to local circumstances.
	3. Bernard Attkins expressed sincere condolences for Sheila Davies on the loss of her husband – our thoughts and wishes are with her and the family at the time. Clerk sent a card and flowers.
2. Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on the 20th March 2020. The meeting closed at 8.10pm.