

## *Cyngor Cymuned Llywel Community Council*

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 16th February 2023 at 7.30.

1. Present: Lynn White (Chairperson) , Janice Williams, Gareth Davies (vice chairman), Richard Hill, Dave Howells, Cllr Edwin Roderick, Mrs J Davies (clerk)
2. Apologies: Sheila Davies,
3. Declare a personal Interest: None
4. Approval of minutes – The minutes for the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 meeting were accepted as a true record of the business of the meeting and were therefore signed by the chairperson. Proposed by Janice Williams and seconded by Gareth Davies.
5. Matters arising from minutes:
  - a. Clerk shared commemorative spoon ordered for forthcoming Coronation. Cllr Edwin Roderick noted that Maescar were applying for funding for gifts and towards celebrations. All agreed Clerk to contact Marc Williams with regard to grant application.
  - b. Chair asked if Clerk had received a response from Powys regarding the fence by the corner junction grass cutting knocked down. Clerk noted no response. Clerk to resend and tag Cllr Edwin Roderick in and Stephen Daniels.
  - c. Chair asked if there had been any news regarding the culvate broken on Bear Lane. Clerk noted nothing to date.
  - d. Chair asked whether we had heard anything on the dog poo bins – Richard noted he would chase it up.
6. Planning:
  - a. “Planning application for the creation of a larger window/door opening, a new front door location and an extension to the kitchen” Address: Birchbank , Penycae, Swansea SA9 1GT – There were no objections.
7. Highways update:
  - a. Richard had found out that the layby opposite the Community Centre owned by the Trunk Road Agency. Chair reiterated

- proposal to widen the parking in the layby by removing the grass belt. Richard to put together a map and details to be sent.
- b. Dave noted the potholes are getting worse in the village.
  - c. Gareth said nothing done as yet on the Gelligam road.
  - d. Chair wondered if we could do anything with regards to speeding calming system. Cllr Edwin Roderick said CC pay for and highways install. Clerk to write to the Trunk Road Agency asking for permission. We have road markings but traffic not slowing down. CC Matt Perry Powys Highways in.
  - e. Cllr Edwin Roderick noted that the Defynnog Road past the school speed limit would be lowered to 20mph.
8. Clerks wages: £1057.00 (Tax & NI -£264.20) and £126.63 sundries. Richard proposed payment, Gareth seconded it and all present agreed.
  9. Environment (WALES) Act 2016 Section6 The biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty report 2022 – all agreed Clerk to discuss the Report with them.
  10. Cooption of Traianmawr ward – None
  11. One Voice Wales Memebership (23.2.23): £101 payment proposed by Gareth, seconded by Dave. All present agreed.
  12. Park – quote from Playdale for replacement bolt and bits for nest swing – £4948.07 All present agreed Clerk to clarify team swing parts and how much spinner parts currently need are.
13. Correspondence:
- a. One Voice Wales (17.2.23) – Cyber training – forwarded to Cllrs
  - b. Powys Community Health Council’s newsletter (17.2.23) - [www.communityhealthcouncils.org.uk/powys](http://www.communityhealthcouncils.org.uk/powys)
  - c. Village gateways (20.2.23) - Village Gateways are proven to slow traffic and add an important and attractive addition to traffic calming. Attached is a testament from Worcestershire Highways that shows traffic speeds can be slowed down by the visual effect of a set of gateways. – forwarded to cllrs.
  - d. Powys (21.2.23)- **The Community Ownership Fund (COF)**. This one is aimed at voluntary and community groups who want to take ownership of assets. UK Gov would like local authorities to play an active role in encouraging community groups to apply and have put

together the promotional pack attached which contains lots of useful information including suggested wording for social media posts.

- e. Powys (23.2.23) - National Lottery Funding for Projects to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. – forwarded to hall committee. Clerk to speak to Marc Williams, Maescar CC.
- f. One Voice Wales (24.2.23) - Wales Air ambulance Service where it is confirmed that the service will continue to operate out of Welshpool Airport until at least 2026.
- g. Powys (27.2.23) - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Annual Report - February 2023
- h. One Voice Wales (1.3.23) - We know the adventure sector is extremely important not just for business & employment in Wales, but also for connection to nature, exercise and mental health, wellbeing and so much more...

**So how can we ensure that the adventure activity sector gets the support it truly deserves at the highest possible level?**

Well, we believe the numbers from this new survey will really help.

There are two surveys – the first is a survey for those of you that offer adventure activities in Wales, (business survey) and the second is a survey to forward out to those who have been on adventures in Wales (participant survey). Here are the links to both:

Business Survey:

English – <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OATBusiness/>

Welsh - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BusnesTGAA/>

Participant / Visitor Survey:

English

- <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OATSurveyEnglish/>

Welsh - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OATCymraeg/>

- i.
- j. Ystradgynlais Town Investment Plan (2.3.23) - Powys County Council has appointed consultants to work with local stakeholders, Ystradgynlais Town Council and the business community to

complete a Town Investment Plan for Ystradgynlais. The consultants are asking for feedback on the draft plan. You can see the draft at this link and reply online, or in person in Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall on 2nd March.

<https://powystowninvestmentplans.info/index.php?contentid=115>

- k. Powys (3.2.23) - As you and your Council will know the Powys Standards Community Sub- Committee deals with Standards matters affecting Town and Community

Councils. It consists of 9 Members (the maximum number permitted) made up

as follows:

- 5 Independent (Lay) Members serving on the main Standards Committee (they must be in the majority)
- 3 Community/Town Councillors representing town/community councils (one each from each of the three shire areas of Brecknockshire, Montgomeryshire and Radnorshire),
- 1 County Councillor (appointed by the main Standards Committee from amongst the four County Councillors serving on the main Standards Committee).

The appointment of Town and Community Councillors to the Community Sub-

Committee is undertaken by the main Standards Committee following a postal

nomination exercise and a postal ballot in the event of their being more than one

nomination for the shire in question

- l. One Voice Wales (6.3.23) - Jenny Grubb, a River Quality Liaison Manager with Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water. We will be inviting Jenny to speak to members of both Area Committees in Powys. *It may be of interest to you to know we have recently published updated river modelling information and information on our long term proposed phosphorus removal programme - this can be found on our website here- <https://corporate.dwrcymru.com/en/community/environment/river-water-quality/sac-rivers>*
- m. One Voice Wales – Brecon and Radnor Area committee meeting at the Strand, Builth Wells 7pm Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>.
- n. One Voice Wales – Llangors CC looking for a clerk closing date April 3<sup>rd</sup> (40 hours per month)

- o. PAVO – Survey regarding local community strengths.

14. AOB:

- a. Cllr Edwin Roderick asked if there was a bus shelter by Llywel Church, been contacted by a local resident with regards to the state of the road, had passed on at the time due to illness. All present noted it is school bus pick up point and vehicles parking there.
- b. Chair proposed the CC come up with a survey of holiday homes and residents with regards to use of the bus, Dave said he would do a questionnaire. Residents from Llandovery and Llandeilo coming to Brecon to use the Banks in Brecon, would benefit from a bus connection. Cllr Edwin Roderick said bus would be everyday. Lee Walters in a letter regarding transport links in Powys said to improve Sennybridge area, Traws Cymru T6 bus to be better utilised. Wants to explore options to improve options in Trecastle area. All present agreed clerk to share information with Llandovery Facebook page.
- c. Janice inquired regarding the land by the Chapel, clerk noted nothing to date. All agreed clerk to write to David and note a local resident will tidy up the ground.
- d. Janice requested more snowdrop bulbs, all present agreed purchase.
- e. Chair noted that the wooden fort in the park had been covered again in graffiti, parents at a recent hall function had noted it. Writing up the climbing part and on the steps. All agreed images to be put on the Trecastle facebook page and website. Chair noted the goal posts had been broken. Chair to add vandalism to next Hall Committee newsletter .
- f. Chair noted the mole hills were in hand.
- g. Cllr Edwin Roderick noted that tenders for Sennybridge School in by end of March, hopefully build will start end of year.
- h. Richard noted lights were on by the bus stop, have been reported.
- i. Chair asked about bus shelter upkeep, Janice noted Ivy been cut just awaiting it to die off. Richard noted Callwen Bus shelter in plan when weather improves.

15. Date of next meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023