

Cyngor Cymuned Basle Hefo Chrugion Bausley with Criggion Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th September 2019 at Bryn Hafren School

065/2019 **PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs F Davies, T Davies, A Lloyd, Mrs L Burrowes

APOLOGIES: R Lewis , D Jones.

County Councillor Lucy Roberts in attendance.

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Steve Eccleshall

Acting Chair T Davies appointed, as Chairman D Jones unwell and Vice Chair S Potter recently resigned, proposed and seconded by Cllrs L Burrowes & F Davies.

066/2019 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared

067/2019 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 22ND JULY 2019**

Agreed and signed – Acting Chairman T Davies

068/2019 **RESIGNATION OF CLLR S POTTER**

Cllr S Potter had formally resigned on 24th August 2019 for personal reasons. All Councillors present extended their thanks to Mr Potter for his help and commitment to the Community Council and asked that this be formally passed onto to Mr Potter.

Councillors discussed the resignation of Cllr Potter which created both another Councillor vacancy and a vacancy on the newly formed Financial Scrutiny Committee.

The Clerk explained that formal notices had been posted around the Community Notice Boards inviting applications from residents to become a Community Councillor and the vacancies had been registered with the Electoral Committee. If there were no applications by the 23rd September 2019, then the Council could Co-Opt any willing parties to become Community Councillors until the next election.

Resolution : - Councillors discussed the Co-Option of Sean Morris, a Criggion resident and it was decided that to avoid holding a further meeting after the 23rd September that if no formal applications had been received then Sean Morris be asked to join as a Community Councillor. Proposed and seconded by Cllrs T Davies & A Lloyd.

Resolution : - Councillors discussed the new vacancy on the Financial Scrutiny Committee, fortunately Cllr F Davies volunteered to take on this role. Proposed and seconded by Cllrs L Burrowes & A Lloyd.

069/2019 **PLANNING**

Ref: 19/1153/HH - Proposal: Replacement of all external windows & doors with new UPVC units. Site Address: Bryn Belin Hse, Belin Mount, Crew Green, SY5 9GN

Resolution : – No objections raised

Ref: 19/1238/RES - Proposal: Reserved matters application following outline approval P/2016/0603 for the erection of 8 dwellings. Site Address: Land Adjoining Bear House, Crew Green, Powys SY5 9AS

Resolution : – No objections raised

Ref: 19/1240/REM - Proposal: Section 73 application to remove conditions 6 and 7 from planning application P/2017/0731 in relation to proposed footway.

Site Address: Land East of Hand & Diamond PH, Coedway, Powys. SY5 9AR

Councillors felt that the original application had been passed with these conditions in place & could see no reason why they should be removed now permission had been granted. Furthermore, the proposed footway aided pedestrian safety at this location which was on a bend and which had already been a concern due to excessive vehicle speeds, which was being monitored by Police & Coedway Community SpeedWatch.

Resolution : – Clerk asked to reflect these views onto Powys Planning.

Ref: 19/1382/HH - Proposal: Erection of an extension & raising of roof height of single storey roofs Site Address: Shotton Farm, Pecknall Lane, Halfway Hse. SY59DP

Resolution : – No objections raised

MATTERS ARISING

- BT KIOSK CRIGGION VILLAGE HALL

070/2019 BT had posted notices on this telephone kiosk, stating that the kiosk was being considered for removal due to its limited use by the Community. The Clerk explained he had already notified BT that the kiosk may not receive much use however it was located by residences, in a secluded area not on a main road, which was prone to poor mobile phone signals and was best placed should there be any emergency arising from walkers etc on the journeys to and from the iconic landmark Rodney's Pillar.

Cllr F Davies then explained that BT had previously changed the ability of the phone box to make it emergency calls only – therefore it was no surprise it had limited use!

Resolution : - Clerk to contact BT and point out the situation of the kiosk and press to have it remain in service.

- HIGHWAYS

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071/2019 Mr Hazel from Bryn Hafren had attended the previous Council meeting (22/07/2019) and spoke of his distress at the flooding of his home and lack of response from Powys Highways. The Clerk met with Mr Hazel the following day noting the blocked drains and had been shown the blocked culvert along the field side of Bryn Hafren. Powys Highways had been contacted and within 24 hours had attended, cleared the drains and accessed the culverts. Mr Hazel wanted the Council and Powys Highways to note his thanks but also asked that the matter be monitored as he believed from the workers present that the pipes between the culverts may be damaged and need repair.

Resolution : - Councillors requested that Powys Highways be contacted and the state of the Culvert and any remedial work, clarified.

072/2019 Cllr Lucy Roberts informed Council that Spud Lane had now been cut back to allow free passage and was clear. She also mentioned receiving a resident's complaint that the grass verges along the lower part of Bryn Hafren had been cut badly and did not look nice. Councillors discussed this issue and concluded that the grass cutting was for safety not aesthetics, however County Cllr Roberts did offer to review the situation.

No other specific Highways issues raised

- **ENVIRONMENT WALES ACT 2016 SECTION 6 AND HEDGEROW SURVEY**

073/2019 New legislation has been enacted requiring the Community Council – amongst many other statutory bodies – to compile an annual report on its activities during that period and the impact – positive and / or negative, on the environment. In addition, Councillors were made aware of correspondence outlining how the community could assist with Hedgerows and wildlife using a new App on a Smart Phone.

Resolution : - It was agreed that the Clerk should compile and submit the annual report in accordance with Section 6, Environment Wales Act 2016 and details regarding the Hedgerow survey should be uploaded onto the Community Council Website to make the local community aware.

074/2019 - **PLAYGROUND AND GRASS CUTTING**

The independent safety report of the playground previously noted that some of the rubber mats by the play equipment were starting to move and required attention.

Resolution : - Mats to be moved back into place - Clerk to contact Dave Wellings.

Council agreed that research should be done to assess the cost etc of replacing the mats with a composite playground flooring material

Resolution : - Clerk to make enquiries and establish quotes

075/2019 - **SCHOOL CAR PARK WALL AND BANK CUTTING**

The brick retaining wall in the car park area outside the school gates (Community Council property) had been raised as a concern after it had been damaged in places by vehicle impacts and deterioration of the bricks by weather damage. In addition, in many places the top row of bricks were missing. An independent assessment by a local contractor proposed repairing the missing / damaged brickwork and possibly installing a sacrificial timber wall at the narrowest pinch point where vehicles turn into the school property to protect the brick wall in the future. The estimate to undertake such work was approximately £1600.00.

Councillors agreed a "sacrificial timber wall" would assist but noted concerns that it may narrow the entrance further. It was suggested that the section of wall most likely to be damaged be replaced itself with the sacrificial wall comprising upright steels with treated railway sleepers slotted in, which would mean no reduction in access width.

The Bank above the wall needs cutting back, Cllr T Davies offered to do this

Resolution: - Clerk to seek 3 quotes to undertake such work and Cllr T Davies to cut Bank when possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

076/2019 Invitation from the Cerdd Dant Bro Nansi Festival 2020 committee asking for support to raise £40k to stage the event by sponsoring a prize.

Resolution : - Councillors agreed to sponsor a prize for £20 to assist this cultural event

Invitation received from Montgomery County Recreation Association to attend a conference to assess what the current levels of recreational facilities are in Powys.

Resolution : - No Councillors available to attend this event.

077/2019 FINANCE

- **Lloyds Bank mandate update**

Clerk explained he was mired in a bureaucratic situation with Lloyds but was hopeful the new signatories would be enacted in the near future

- **Bank Reconciliation**

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented a copy of accounts for past 3 months to the Council for their consideration, these accounts have yet to go before the Financial Scrutiny Committee. Signed as viewed by Acting Chair T Davies

- **Audit Review Results**

These have yet to be returned from the Auditors.

- **Payments**

- Clerk salary and Mileage July to September 2019 not ready for submission.
- Time release Auditors Fee 2019 £125.00
- David Wellings – Playground Assessment £120.00
- Criggion Churchyard Annual Grant £600.00
- Criggion Village Hall Annual Grant £600.00

Expenses above agreed by Council and cheques issued accordingly

Clerk requested permission to attend Training by One Voice Wales on the Use of IT, Websites and Social Media on 2nd October 2019 at Howey LD1 5PT. Training is subsidised by a Bursary which should limit the financial impact on the Council accounts.

Resolution : - Proposed and Seconded by Cllrs T Davies and A Lloyd

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

078/2019 Next full meeting scheduled for 18th November 2019