

**Cyngor Cymuned Basle Hefo Chrugion
Bausley with Criggion Community Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th November 2019 at Bryn Hafren School

079/2019 **PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs F Davies, T Davies, A Lloyd, Mrs L Burrowes, R Lewis, D Jones

APOLOGIES: S. Morris.

County Councillor Lucy Roberts in attendance.

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Steve Eccleshall

080/2019 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared

081/2019 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 16th September 2019**

Agreed and signed – Chairman D Jones

082/2019 **PLANNING**

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

This matter was discussed again as it had been reported that neighbours to the proposed development had been unaware of revisions to the original plan. Apparently, Notices had been posted in one position showing the revisions but NOT in others, causing concerns in the Community. Councillors reiterated that the original application had been passed with the conditions to install a footpath and 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 again.

Ref: 19/1629/RES - Proposal: Application for reserved matters following approval of P/2017/0299 (outline) for the erection of 9 no. dwellings and associated works.

Site Address: Land Adjacent To Belin Mount, Coedway, Crew Green, Powys

Resolution : – No objections raised, welcomed by Councillors as appearing to be reasonable sized plots and designed as family orientated.

MATTERS ARISING

- **BT KIOSK CRIGGION VILLAGE HALL**

083/2019 After lobbying by the Community Council BT had decided not to remove the kiosk facility outside Criggion Village Hall, acknowledging that it was well suited for Emergency Services contact should the need arise.

- **VACANCY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR**

Unfortunately the vacancy remains at this time.

- **HIGHWAYS**

084/2019 Councillors reported that Potholes were becoming an issue again along with the flooded roads etc. Also, it was reported that the street lights to Bryn Hafren School and into the car park were no longer working.

Resolution : - Councillors requested that Powys Highways be contacted seeking an update on the proposed culvert jetting along Bryn Hafren, and highlighting the potholes outside No.1 Bryn Hafren, along Criggion Lane, Pecknall Lane and outside the Radio Station at Criggion. In addition, Powys to be contacted regarding the defective Street Lighting

- **POWYS COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES**

085/2019 Councillors discussed the proposal from Powys regarding the formation of Community groups to clear footpaths etc but at this time the Council were unaware of any issues with footpaths etc.

086/2019 - **NORTH MONTGOMERYSHIRE LOCAL FORUM**

Clerk to the Community Council had attended this meeting on the 7th November and reported back to the Council. Currently there is a proposed National Development Framework being considered by the Government, however instead of being a consultation process it appeared the NDF was in fact heavily weighted towards Wales being divided into 3 regions with Powys falling under Swansea / Llanelli. Attendees felt that this meant Powys and rural locations would not be treated favourably with funding and attention being diverted to the city areas etc. an alternative suggestion with 4 regions creating Powys as East / Mid Wales which would allow better access to funding and services and recommended by an independent report appeared to be being ignored. Furthermore, the NDF appeared to have a hidden agenda towards Renewable Energy with 20% of Wales being earmarked for huge windfarms up to 30 Hectares in size and an increase of Turbine heights from 120m to 250m despite reports showing the proposed areas had adverse terrain and low wind measurements. The Forum noted this would impact on residents, deter tourists, not create jobs for Welsh families etc. The Forum had voted to write direct to the Welsh Assembly expressing these concerns.

Resolution : - Councillors agreed with all the concerns raised and asked that the North Montgomeryshire Local Forum be notified of its support in this matter, and to monitor the situation closely.

087/2019 - **Playground Resurfacing**

Three independent quotes had been received to remove the existing matting and replace the floor surface with a rubberised wetpour material. These quotes ranged from £12,400 to £14,000. Councillors were concerned that in spending this money on a surface alone meant there would be no further funding available to renew / service the actual play equipment.

Resolution : - Clerk requested to investigate alternative more financially viable solutions to ensure the current matting stayed in place and remained safe, allowing any funds left over to be considered for the actual equipment which Councillors felt would be more beneficial to the Community.

088/2019 - SCHOOL CAR PARK

Three Independent quotes had been received for repairing the School Car Park wall which had sustained both weather and collision damage. The quotes ranged from £2100 to £6990.

Resolution : - Councillors voted to proceed with the quotation supplied by R Hilditch of £2100.00. Clerk to inform all tenders the result and to liase with R Hilditch for a works date.

CORRESPONDENCE

089/2019 Requests received for financial assistance from Powys Citizens Advice Bureau and Powys Dyslexia Support Group. Councillors felt that our Community is too small to offer assistance to these organisations except in extenuating circumstances.

Resolution : - Not to providing funding at this time.

090/2019 The NHS Community Health Council had written to ask if Councils wished to participate at meetings. County Councillor Lucy Roberts explained that she was a representative on this forum and was happy to liase between the Community Council and the forum.

Resolution : - Councillors thanked County Councillor Roberts for her assistance.

FINANCE

091/2019 - CLERKS CONTRACT

It had come to light that the contract of employment for the Clerk / RFO had inadvertently not been drawn up when the new Clerk / RFO had taken up post in November 2018. An employment contract was presented to the Community Council for their consideration and Clerk / RFO Steve Eccleshall left the meeting for Councillors to discuss the content (20.05 – 20.15hrs). Once debated the Clerk / RFO re-joined the meeting and Chairman D Jones explained all Councillors were happy with the contract and it had been accepted. Proposed L Burrowes, seconded A Lloyd

092/2019 - AUDIT REVIEW RESULTS 2018 - 2019

Unfortunately, the auditors highlighted several administrative issues which resulted in the audit being labelled as “Qualified”. The administrative issues raised had generally been resolved in the past 4 months.

Resolution : - Clerk / RFO to ensure all issues raised were dealt with before the next Financial Audit.

093/2019 - INITIAL PRECEPT DISCUSSION 2020 / 2021

Not all the financial information was available to Councillors for them to fully discuss the Precept at this meeting.

Resolution : - Community Council to meet on Monday 9th December to fully discuss the forthcoming Precept calculation.

094/2019 - LLOYDS BANK MANDATE UPDATE

The new signatories have now been enacted by Lloyds. RFO presented a letter to the Council asking Lloyds to close the secondary bank account and transfer proceeds into the current account and also to notify the Community Council of all signatories listed on the accounts so that previous signatories could be removed. Proposed T Davies, Seconded F Davies – Agreed and letter signed by Councillors present

Resolution : - Clerk / RFO to pass letter to Lloyds for enactment.

095/2019 - BANK RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation reviewed and signed as witnessed by Chairman D Jones subject to Financial Scrutiny Committee

Resolution : - Accounts to be reviewed by Financial Scrutiny Committee before January Community Council Meeting.

096/2019 - PAYMENTS

Clerk / RFO Salary and Mileage (July to November 2019) - £688.35

David Wellings, annual fee and adjustment / repair to playground matting - £170.00

Sponsorship of Welsh cultural event Cerdd Dant Bro Nansi festival - £20

HMRC PAYE payment - £48.80

Expenses above agreed by Council and cheques issued accordingly

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

097/2019 Precept meeting scheduled for 9th December 2019