

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

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

017/2019 **Present:** Councillors, T Davies, R Lewis, A Lloyd, D Jones, Mrs L Burrowes

Apologies: J Oakley, Mrs F Davies, S Potter.

County Councillor Lucy Roberts in attendance
Clerk Steve Eccleshall
Responsible Financial Officer Jane Shaw

Members of the Public – Roger Greenslade, Jane Bungay. Coedway Speed Watch.

Chairman D Jones took the meeting

018/2019 **Declarations of Interest**
None

019/2019 Minutes of the meetings 21st January and 25th February 2019
Agreed and signed

Matters Arising

020/2019 **Coedway Speed Watch**

Roger Greenslade and Jane Bungay made representations on behalf of the Coedway Community Speed Watch group (CSW), giving a comprehensive background to why the Speed Watch group was founded and how it operated. The major concern raised by the group was the amount of speeding vehicles that passed through Coedway and the risks posed to pedestrians and road users and the risk of a fatality if the matter was not dealt with.

Note: - On 17th March apparently 37 motorists were caught by police exceeding the limit, and on the day of this meeting, 18th March, 19 motorists were recorded speeding at Coedway of which 5 of the 19 were then recorded again at Crew Green a few minutes later speeding again.

Councillors heard that attempts by CSW to engage Powys County Council to assist in traffic safety measures had been unsuccessful to this date. It appeared to CSW that Powys CC were trying to delegate responsibility back to Bausley with Criggion Community Council to supply funding for the installation of any safety measures. Figures supplied by CSW suggested that the installation of a flashing “Slow Down” sign could be approximately £5000, and ideally one sign was required at each end of Coedway, totalling approximately £10,000.

CSW made it clear that they were not seeking any financial support from the Community Council as they believed it could add approximately £35 to each household which was untenable.

CSW asked for the Community Councils support, as the CSW is due to meet with Police and MPs on 26th March, in gaining an undertaking from Powys CC to deal with the issue of speeding.

Following the presentation, Councillors deliberated and agreed on the principle that road safety issues needed to be addressed in the Bausley with Criggion Community area, but that this was an issue for Powys County Council to undertake as the Community Council had insufficient funds.

Resolution: - To support CSW actions in gaining road safety measures in principle.

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Planning

Until recently when a Planning Application was submitted, Powys Planning would upload residents observations onto the Online Planning Portal. This could be accessed and assisted the Community Council in identifying community concerns about developments which allowed Councillors the opportunity to support or oppose applications based on concerns raised. This facility has now been withdrawn by Powys County Council in a cost cutting exercise.

Resolution – A letter to be sent to Powys County Council strongly asking them to reconsider as it effectively stops the Councillors from talking into account local viewpoints on development.

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Highways

It was noted that some potholes had been repaired along the upper part of the road above the houses at Crew Green since mention had been made by the Community Council of it being a National Cycle Route and the potential for serious injury. However, the repairs had been observed and appeared to have been done in a hasty manner and had been done poorly – Highways to be contacted on behalf of Community Council for their views.

Other existing long-standing issues not yet repaired: -

Dropped drain at Pecknall Lane.

Resurfacing at Back Lane to the Quarry-

White-lining at the Quarry-

The surface approaching the bridge at Meverley

Further potholes by Pecknall farm gate and by the wood gate

Chevron signs on the sharp bend just before Shotton Farm need replacing

Resolved - Highways to be contacted on behalf of Community Council for their views.

Cty Cllr Roberts will raise the ongoing road deterioration issues to Highways.

Cllr Roberts notified the council that Highways intended to close the B4393 between Crew Green and Llandrinio from 3rd to 21st June 2019, with a potential route around the Criggion Back Lane but at this time the reason was unclear, and she would make enquiries.

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Playgrounds

Shropshire & West Midlands Agricultural Society have kindly agreed to cover the grass cutting at Bryn Hafren School.

The Playground safety inspection is scheduled for May / June 2019.

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Correspondence

Letter received from Jill Evans MEP asking Councillors to oppose a Government project which plans to ask a Welsh Community to host an underground Nuclear Waste Dump for financial reward.

Resolution – Councillors passed a motion not to volunteer to host such a site

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Standing Orders

Standing Orders – Rules and guidance for operating a Community Council – have been reviewed and agreed.

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Finance

Payment to One Voice Wales for 3 courses - £120

Payment to Clerk for mileage and wages £399.85

Proposed T Davies, Seconded L Burrowes

Risk Assessment Review – Reviewed and agreed by all, signed by the Chair D Jones.

Independent Auditors Review – Reviewed and agreed by all, signed by the Chair D Jones.

Bank Reconciliation – Both councillors who usually sign off were absent unwell - RFO reminded all that a full reconciliation forms part of the annual accounts at the end of this month

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Next full meeting scheduled for 29th April 2019