

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th April 2019 at Bryn Hafren School

028/2019 **Present:** Councillors, T Davies, S Potter, A Lloyd, D Jones, Mrs L Burrowes

Apologies: J Oakley, Mrs F Davies, R Lewis.

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

Chairman D Jones took the meeting

029/2019 **Declarations of Interest**

None

030/2019 **Minutes of last meeting 18th March 2019**

Agreed and signed

Matters Arising

031/2019 **Coedway Speed Watch**

Roger Greenslade had passed his thanks to the Council for the supportive response to the Speed Watch group (CSW) and its meeting with Highways.

Highways had attended Coedway and were now aware of the concerns raised by CSW. Proposals had been suggested by Highways in relation to Safety signage – such as chevrons on the approaches to Coedway. Also, Highways had noted that an informal layby had been created at some stage on the verge at the top of the Bank heading west which they felt was a possible hazard.

In correspondence from Highways following the meeting it was suggested that this layby be reinstated back as a verge to prevent vehicles stopping at the brow of the hill and narrowing the carriage way or its vision to motorists. They noted there was resistance to the loss of the layby by some residents on the Bank.

Councillors noted that in this correspondence Highways suggested that any changes to the verge / unofficial layby would need the support of the local Community Council and that if not supported Highways would notify CSW that there was no local support for carrying out any works or erecting safety signage in Coedway.

Councillors felt that this suggestion put the onus on the Community Council whereas the verge was clearly the property of the Highways department and Road Safety was clearly within their remit.

Resolved :- To write to Highways stating this matter that it was ultimately a Highways issue and clearly within their responsibilities and remit.

032/2019 **New Community Speedwatch – Crew Green**

Cllr Roberts stated that she was aware that a resident in Crew Green was interested in possibly setting up a Community Speedwatch as they had concerns about speeding. They had asked that monitoring devices be installed to assess traffic flow, but Highways had responded that this was last done in 2014 and therefore was unlikely to be repeated in the near future. It was believed that the concerns focussed on the 50mph approach to Crew Green, but that Police enforcement had been judged to be more appropriate at the 30mph area and no other concerns had been raised on the 50mph area.

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Highways

All the Highways maintenance issues that had been raised in many previous Council meetings had been again raised to the Highways department following the last meeting on 18th March – in particular concerns raised about the one area of repair that had been made, on the road above the houses at Crew Green, but to such a poor standard it was unlikely to last. A reply was requested in time for the meeting of 29th April, but none received. A further request was made on 25th April but again there had been no reply.

It was debated that all these issues about poor road condition had been raised numerous times by the Council with no great response, but when a contentious issue such as Coedway was raised, Highways stated that the Community Council should be the deciding factor.

Furthermore, one new repair had been undertaken in previous days outside No.1 on a 130 degree downhill bend, on a National Cycle Route and on a route used by buses. This repair was again very poor, with loose chippings and tarmac scattered widely and had obviously been compressed by lorry tyres to compact. The poor repair was obviously a hazard to cyclists and motorcyclists as well as other motorists

Cllr Roberts reported that on the approach to the bridge to Molverley from Bausley that wire had been pulled from the bridge structure and no protruded into the roadway causing a risk.

Cllr Roberts stated she was next due to meet with Highways on 17th May 2019 and would raise concerns with them.

Resolved :- To contact Highways to raise the matter of substandard repairs and safety issues to all road users at these locations.

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Playgrounds

Cllr T Davies and the Clerk agreed to visit the playground area above Bryn Hafren in the next week to assess its condition and report back.

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Correspondence

Email from Abermule Community Council seeking support in contesting a Powys decision to build a recycling plant within their Community.

Resolved :- Councillors agreed to support Abermule as it was a rural village similar to Bausley with Criggion and also its proximity to the river should there be any contaminated run off.

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Finance

Councillors Allowances – Councillors must formally opt out of receiving any payments for their roles should they not wish to claim – Forms issued.

Salary Payment to RFO to 31/03/2019 £63.36.

HMRC PAYE £117.80.

Clerk Salary to 30/04/2019 £223.05.

Proposed T Davies, Seconded L Burrowes.

Year Accounts to 31/03/2019 and Review and approval of the Audit, submitted for approval.

Proposed T Davies, Seconded L Burrowes, signed by the Chair D Jones.

- Reserves noted – Held for possible playground refurbishment

Annual Governance Statement read out to each Councillor for agreement.

Proposed A Lloyd, Seconded S Potter.

Bank Reconciliation – Both councillors who usually sign off were absent unwell

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Next full meeting scheduled for 20th May 2019