

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at Bryn Hafren School

038/2019 **Present:** Councillors, S Potter, A Lloyd, D Jones, Mrs L Burrowes

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

County Councillor Lucy Roberts in attendance

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Steve Eccleshall

Chairman D Jones took the meeting

039/2019 **Declarations of Interest**

None

040/2019 **Minutes of last meeting 29th April 2019**

Agreed and signed

041/2019 **Matters Arising**

042/2019 - **Highways Matters**

Councillors discussed correspondence with Powys Highways regarding the attempt by Powys to draw the Council into siding with either Coedway Speedwatch OR residents opposed to losing potential parking should safety measures be incorporated. Councillors felt that the issue of safety had been raised to Powys and it was within their mandate to ensure the Highways were safe.

Council also noted that Powys were not normally so interested in the Councils views on other occasions.

On a separate issue regarding a complaint lodged by the Community Council regarding the poor standard of road repairs and outstanding road repairs raised by the Council over the previous 12 months, a response has been received from Powys Highways stating they are investigating the matter and will make contact.

Resolution : – Clerk to follow up.

Powys will be putting in a road closure between Crew Green and Llandrinio to undertake road / bridge repairs in June / July 2019. At this time County Cllr Roberts explained the closure was planned for a 3 week period but the dates had not been finalised at this stage and she would monitor the situation.

Resolution : - County Cllr Roberts to update Council

Residents of the houses at Bryn Hafren had approached the Clerk to complain about rainwater run off down the hill, which overflowed from the drains and apparently saturated their gardens, especially the lowest property at 1 Bryn Hafren.

Resolution : - Clerk to approach Highways to see if drains could be cleared.

043/2019 - Appointment of Representatives to Financial Scrutiny Committee

Councillors discussed the formation of a Financial Scrutiny Committee, as an independent oversight of the Council's financial matters. This was welcomed by the new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to assist him as he fully learned his new role.

Resolution : – Cllr Steve Potter and Jane Shaw made it known they were willing to be the representatives. Proposed Cllr L Burrowes, seconded Cllr D Jones. All in agreement.

044/2019 - Playground and Grass Cutting

Cllr T Davies and Clerk Steve Eccleshall had visited the playground area and noted that some of the rubber mats by the play equipment were starting to move and would require attention.

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

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

Resolution : - Clerk to make enquiries

Bryn Hafren school had requested clarification regarding responsibilities in relation to areas requiring grass cutting

Resolution : - Clerk to research and liaise

045/2019 Correspondence

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION FROM Cllr J OAKLEY – Cllr Oakley has been on the Community Council since 1985 and notified the Council that it was his wish to retire from this post. Chairperson D Jones commended Cllr Oakley's involvement and continued hard work over the past 34 years and asked that Cllr Oakley receive thanks for his community commitment.

The Council discussed that other Councillors may have to resign their posts due to change of circumstances and that this would leave vacancies that would need to be filled.

Resolution : - Clerk to research the best method of advertising vacancies. Councillors to make enquiries within the community for volunteers to Co Opt as Councillors

Letter received from Eisteddford Urdd asking for volunteers to assist with the event in 2022 and attend a public meeting on 19th June 2019.

Resolution : - Councillors unable to attend.

Communication from One Voice Wales acknowledging our membership and asking for a councillor to be a representative. Ongoing commitments were discussed, and the Council asked if OVW would accept the Clerk as a representative

Resolution : - Clerk to inquire if this role would be acceptable as a representative.

Communication from One Voice Wales AGM, requesting if this Council had any motions of a National or strategic nature it wished to raise at the next AGM

Resolution : - No Motions raised.

046/2019 Finance

Clerk salary and SLCC attendance and mileage £456.50

Final invoice from outgoing Clerk / RFO £182.05

Both amounts proposed by Cllr Lloyd and seconded by Cllr D Jones – Both amounts agreed.

Chairperson D Jones, commended the outgoing Clerk & RFO Jane Shaw for all her hard work, good advice and commitment to the Council over her 10 year tenure, and thanked her for continuing to assist and advise on the Financial Scrutiny Committee.

047/2019 - **Criggion Churchyard request for Annual Grant**

Letter received from Criggion Parochial Church Council to apply for annual grant towards upkeep of Churchyard. Trees within the grounds need cutting back and the estimate is £1500.00.

Resolution : - Council to request a copy of recent accounts before being in a position to agree a specific amount – Clerk to contact Criggion Parochial Church Council

048/2019 Next full meeting scheduled for 22nd July 2019