

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

Minutes of the Online Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 starting at 7.30pm

- 112/2020** **PRESENT:** Councillors L Burrowes, F Davies, S Morris, D Jones, R Lewis, T Davies, A Lloyd  
**APOLOGIES:** None – All Present  
County Councillor Lucy Roberts in attendance  
**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Mrs D Santry  
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Steve Eccleshall
- 113/2020** This Community Council meeting was held using the Online platform of Zoom, due to the ongoing COVID Pandemic. The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 state Councils can hold official meetings, with members participating in telephone / video conferencing. There is NO requirement for the Public or Press to attend, as long as decisions / minutes etc are published promptly on the website.
- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 114/2020** Cllr's L Burrowes, F Davies, S Morris and T Davies all declared an interest for Planning Application 20/1545, in that they all knew the applicant socially.
- 115/2020** **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
Agreed by all present – Copy to be signed by Chairman D Jones
- PLANNING APPLICATION**
- 116/2020** Registration of 9 new dwellings - Chelwood View. Site Address: Land Adjacent To Belin Mount, Crew Green, Shrewsbury, Powys, consideration of street name  
At the last meeting Councillors asked that the children of Bryn Hafren School could be given the opportunity to suggest names for this new street which would connect it more to the local Community. The Headmistress of Bryn Hafren had supplied this meeting with a full page of suggestions which the Councillors deliberated on.  
**Resolution :** - Councillors eventually decided that the name they felt was best suited to the new development and new road was "Hafren View" and asked the Clerk to thank the schoolchildren of Bryn Hafren and forward this to Powys Council as the preferred option
- 117/2020** 20/1545/FUL Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of a static caravan (part retrospective). Site Address: Land Belonging to Sycamore House, Between Rock House Farm and The Water Works, Bausley, Crew Green Powys  
The Councillors discussed this application agreeing that the change of use of land was not an issue as long as it related only to the land shown on the application & was not taken as an indication that use of neighbouring land could be changed in the future. The siting of a static caravan was not disputed, however it was noted that this land is outside the Local Development Plan and therefore it was unlikely that planning permission for a permanent residential structure would gain approval, unless it could be shown that there were exceptional circumstances and local need. Councillors were a little concerned that if granted this application may lead to further development on neighbouring land but agreed that as this Land was outside the LDP it should not be an issue  
**Resolution :** - Councillors had no objections to the application subject to a caveat that there was no further development beyond that stated on this application
- 118/2020** 20/1881/FUL Proposal: Repositioning of an access. Site Address: Land Adjacent to Belin Mount, Crew Green, Shrewsbury, Powys  
**Resolution :** - Councillors had no objections to the repositioning of the access, but raised concerns that the drawings supplied did not suggest any "splay" markings to suggest better vision for oncoming traffic and farm traffic leaving the site. It was agreed that the normal suggestion of a 45 degree splayed field of vision should be incorporated for safety and that this should be addressed by Highways before the application was formally approved.

**119/2020** **HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING**

The large and deepening pot hole outside No.1 Bryn Hafren has been raised repeatedly to Highways and they have indicated that they are seeking funding to repair this stretch of road.

**(Update the pot hole has now been filled temporarily)**

A local farmer has written to the Community Council, County Councillor and Powys Highways about the blocked culverts and failing drainage along Criggion Lane

Cllr R Lewis mentioned he had been approached by local farmers adjacent to B4393 who raised concerns about road drainage and ditches etc that were failing

**Resolution :** - County Councillor Lucy Roberts will chase these issues up and the wider issue of blocked drains through Crew Green and along to Llandrinio with Powys Highways.

Powys Street Lighting have now updated that at this time all the street lighting is operational.

**120/2020** **MATTERS ARISING**

**Update on Save Rodney's Pillar**

Cllr L Burrowes explained that SRP was now a recognised charity and had intended to undertake publicity and fund raising throughout the latter part of 2020 but this had obviously been curtailed due to the Covid Pandemic. The SRP are having their AGM in February 2021. Cllr Burrowes explained that due to other commitments she would be stepping down as a trustee. It was agreed that the Community Council needed to have a representative on the SRP group and chairman Darren Jones offered to undertake this from February 2021 and report back to the Council.

**Broadband Pilot Project**

The Clerk explained he had been contacted by Powys asking if Bausley with Criggion would like to be part of a pilot project via funding programme in Powys, to identify the technology and solutions to improve broadband and support the owners of a small number of residential & commercial premises. The offer was made to all Councils throughout Powys, but an expression of interest had been registered by the Clerk on behalf of the Community Council.

**121/2020** **Car Park Ownership – Bryn Hafren School**

The Clerk advised Councillors that Bryn Hafren School were enquiring about the ownership of the carpark area at Bryn Hafren School with the council noticeboard and container (Not the larger Car Park). Councillors were unsure regarding the ownership and it is clear from Land Registry maps that they are inaccurate

**Resolution :** - Clerk to view existing Council records to try and identify any historic title deeds and to speak with previous Clerk Jane Shaw who was very knowledgeable about these issues. Councillors agreed to make local enquiries and feed back to the Clerk.

**122/2020** **Bryn Hafren School – Playground Markings**

The Council had received a request from Bryn Hafren School asking if the Community Council could help fund new playground markings as the originals had faded. A series of ideas with costings had been supplied by the school outlining the educational nature of each set of potential markings.

**Resolution :** - Councillors agreed that this was a worthy application and for the benefit of the local children. It was agreed to fund the Maths Activity lay out with a projected costing of £700. Clerk to contact Bryn Hafren School and advise.

**123/2020** **Update on Playground Equipment**

The Clerk explained that he had approached local Developers PrimeSave, Salop Leisure and Hanson's Quarry outlining the intention to fund new playground equipment for the Community. PrimeSave had immediately made a financial donation of £500, Hanson's had requested a more detailed application but unfortunately Salop Leisure had not yet responded to any communications despite their presence in the local area. The Clerk also explained that he had become aware of the potential to seek a grant from Powys and had submitted a request to Powys

**Resolution :** - Councillors felt that in these uncertain times with home working being prevalent and the potential for communications to be missed, that it would be worth the Clerk approaching Salop Leisure again to see if the original enquiry had been received.

**124/2020 Dental Care Provision in Powys**

A request had been received from Llandrindod Wells Town Council to support them expressing concerns over the NHS Dental Provision Crisis in Powys and put pressure on Powys Teaching Health Board to improve the provision within our county.

**Resolution :** - Councillors agreed that the provision of many NHS services in Powys appeared lacking compared with English neighbours and asked the Clerk to write on the Councillors behalf to The Powys Teaching board expressing their concerns.

**125/2020 Shropshire Flood Prevention**

Cty Councillor Roberts & Councillors Lewis, T. Davies, A Lloyd, L Burrowes and RFO S Eccleshall had attended the recent Zoom Meeting between the Stakeholders and Councillors and members of the Community from Llandrinio, Ardleen, Bausley with Criggion. It was clear from the meeting that the basic premise that something had to be done about flooding and increased water levels was generally supported. However, it still seemed to many that the plans seemed to be heavily led by the English counties and Powys did not seem to be aware of concerns and impact and appeared to be “late to the show”. There was no up to date modelling of the impact of 1m, 1.5m & 2m rises in water level West of Shrewsbury. Stakeholders said that there was consideration to use any flooded areas as Wetland Wildlife Reserves. This was not appreciated by the majority of attendees who regarded the loss of farming, residential areas and other businesses as having more importance to the Community. It is believed that there is a further Zoom meeting scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**Resolution :** - Councillors agreed that the major stakeholder for Powys and the CEO Dr Caroline Turner be contacted by the Chairman and the concerns felt brought before them.

**126/2020 Community Defibrillator at Hand & Diamond Public House**

The Community Council had agreed earlier in 2020 to fund a second Community Defibrillator at The Hand & Diamond Public House. Cllr Morris was able to report that the defibrillator was to be installed on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Councillor’s agreed that in early 2021 there should be a small promotional event to make the Community aware that this new lifesaving resource was available and that it may be suitable for some press coverage once the situation regarding the Pandemic was clearer.

**FINANCES**

**127/2020** The Bank Reconciliation to 8<sup>th</sup> December, Bank statements and the ongoing Budget for 2020 – 2021 were reviewed and agreed by the Councillors.

**Resolution :** - Proposed by A Lloyd, seconded by R Lewis. Documents including copies of bank Statements, to be signed by Chairman D Jones as a true record.

**128/2020** The Clerk reported that a VAT Refund for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 had been agreed by HMRC and £492.21 was due to be refunded back to Bausley with Criggion

The Clerk outlined the proposed budget for the period 2021/2022 & explained his financial reckonings for proposed expenditure. It was agreed that the Precept Request from Powys should not be raised and would remain at £24 for each Household as it had done for the past 2 years.

**Resolution :** - Proposed by T Davies, seconded by L Burrowes. Documents to be signed by Chairman D Jones as a true record.

**129/2020** Invoice from Society of Local Council Clerks Annual Membership - £80.00  
Invoice from Association of local Council Clerks Annual Membership - £40.00  
Reimbursement to Clerk for setting up Zoom Pro Account - £143.88  
Clerks time sheet and wages reviewed for November 2020 - £380.00

**Resolution :** - all payments agreed. Proposed by F Davies, seconded by R Lewis. Invoices, to be signed by Chairman D Jones as a true record.

**130/2020 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

A new Planning Application had been received by the Clerk on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Therefore the next Community Council meeting scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020.