

Cyngor Cymuned Basle Hefo Chrugion Bausley with Crigion Community Council

Minutes of the Online Meeting held on Monday 22nd March 2021 starting at 7.15pm

- 015/2021** **PRESENT:** Councillors L Burrowes, R Lewis, T Davies, H Evans, A Lloyd
APOLOGIES: Cllrs F Davies, S Morris and D Jones.
County Councillor Lucy Roberts in attendance
Vice Chairman T Davies took the meeting and noted that the Councillors unable to attend had updated the Clerk / RFO with their views on the matters listed on the agenda to be discussed.
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Steve Eccleshall
- 016/2021** 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**
- 017/2021** Cllr T Davies declared an Interest re Planning App 21/0271 as a being an immediate neighbour
- 018/2021** **MINUTES OF AGM AND LAST MEETING HELD 1st February 2021**
009/2021, was queried by Vice chair T Davies as under the resolution it Showed “County Councillor Lucy Burrowes” instead of “County Councillor Lucy ROBERTS” Minutes amended and then agreed by all present – Copies to be signed by Vice Chairman T Davies
- PLANNING APPLICATION**
- 019/2021** 21/0271/REM Proposal: Section 73 application to remove condition 4 from M15711 following the approval of 19/1802/CLE. Site Address: Lower House Farm, Bausley, Crew Green, Powys SY5 9BN.
Vice Chair T Davies, handed the role of Chair to Cllr R Lewis temporarily as he had a declared Interest in this issue. Councillors discussed this matter, they spoke of the fact that the property had been originally purchased with these conditions and was suitable for a small holding for livestock etc, but that in fact only horses had been kept on the land. All Councillors agreed that with the existing conditions, it reduced the overall market price substantially – which was the aim to encourage the land and premises to be used for agricultural purposes and not just residential use. All Councillors felt that the land should be retained for agricultural use, and as a small holding would assist new or existing agricultural families into the area, if the property was sold. If the conditions were removed the Market price would render the property outside many of the local communities budget and the agricultural use would be lost.
Resolution : - All Councillors voting agreed that the agricultural conditions should remain, that the property was purchased with these conditions, to keep the existing purpose of the property as it currently was, for agricultural use, and the use of those engaged in the work of agriculture. Application refused.
Councillor R Lewis returned the position of Vice Chair to Cllr T Davies
- MATTERS ARISING**
- 020/2021** **Confirmation of Co-Option New Councillor**
Local farmer and resident Huw EVANS was welcomed to the meeting having been co-opted into post at the previous meeting of 1st February 2021. The post had been vacant for 2 years and had been advertised repeatedly throughout this time.

021/2021 Broadband

County Councillor Lucy Roberts informed the meeting that Powys had appointed an Officer to try and improve access to Broadband in the local area. It had been suggested that a scheme may become available where groups of households could obtain a voucher for possibly £5000 to have Broadband installed in a group area. But this scheme would rely on the community coming forward as groups and applying to Powys for the Vouchers. Cty Cllr Lucy Roberts explained she was hoping to arrange a letter to each residence to explain this but needed help from the local community, posters had been put up in each of the Community Councils notice boards to this effect. A member of the community had come forward and was proposing to use social media to spread the word.

Some members of the Council (R. Lewis and S. Eccleshall) then discussed recent visits by BT Openreach Engineers to their addresses where the engineers were discussing access across land to residences to bring fibre Optic broadband to the area in the future

Resolution : - County Councillor Lucy Roberts said she would make contact with BT Openreach to try and find out if this was planned for the area and when it may be implemented as it may be pass the Powys scheme – Update at next meeting.

022/2021 Shropshire Flood Prevention Project

County Cllr Lucy Roberts explained that she had been present for the “*Upper Severn Catchment Based Approach*” meeting, where the Shropshire flood prevention Project was discussed. In essence it appears that the divide between the authorities in England and Wales and the lack of communication between the environment Agency and Natural Rivers Wales remains. This is not helped by funding streams (!) being available to the English Authorities whereas obviously the source of the water flowed from Wales. There appears to be a realisation that there is no “*one size fits all*” solution and suggestions are for a series of “*Natural Flood Prevention Management Solution Schemes*” such as planting trees, managing dams etc. Incredibly it still appears that the major players have different agendas, and that there is apparently NO modelling of what would happen on the Welsh side of Shrewsbury if any water flow was dammed there resulting in more flooding on the Welsh side. It appears clear that one issue on the England side was to free up land for building, which all the Councillors agreed was a folly as it was natural flood land and whatever solution was planned, any properties built there would inevitably flood at a later stage.

Resolution : - County Cllr Roberts & Community Council to continue to monitor the situation, attend meetings where possible highlighting detrimental issues regarding poor flood management.

023/2021 Playground Equipment

The Clerk reported that the installation of the New playground equipment had started that day and was hoped to be completed within 48 hours and therefore could Councillors prepare payment subject to satisfactory completion of the project. The existing equipment still needed to be jet washed, cleaned and repainted but this had yet to be arranged.

Resolution : - Councillors agreed, matter carried over to the financial section of the meeting.

024/2021

The Clerk reported that the 8th May was the commemorative date of “VE Day” Victory in Europe, which signified the end of hostilities throughout Europe on 8th May 1945 from World War 2. Because of the unusual layout of Bausley with Criggion Community there is no outside Memorial area, Village Green, or focal point to recognise events in the Community other than the Village hall which is further towards Criggion. At the local Churchyard there are the graves of those from the area that have fallen in conflicts worldwide but other than that no memorials. The Royal British Legion are offering the iconic “Tommy” signs for sale to mark the fallen. There are a variety of options. The Clerk asked if Councillors wished to purchase some of these signs for the Community.

Resolution : - Councillors all agreed that this was a good idea and needed to be done. The options were examined at Councillors agreed to purchase two signs to be mounted on lamp posts along the B4293, where most people travelled along and through the Community, with the wording “*Lest we Forget*”. Matter carried over to the Financial section of the meeting.

025/2021 Local Councils, Communities and others throughout Wales and England are being encouraged to play a role in celebrating the NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers on MONDAY 5th July 2021 to celebrate the 73rd birthday of the NHS and to raise funds. Suggestions are Raising flags, the Nations toast at 1pm, afternoon tea at 4pm, the ringing of Church bells 73 times representing each year of the NHS at 8pm. Councillors debated this item. Everyone agreed it was a good idea to draw the community and the country together to celebrate the excellent work the NHS, carers and frontline staff do, but all the Councillors questioned the day MONDAY. Notwithstanding it was the date of the 73rd NHS Birthday, everyone pointed out that many will be at work, children will be at school etc and that the preceding day Sunday would have made far more sense.

Resolution : - Councillors agree that the event should be marked but taking into account work and school commitments it was agreed that it was unlikely to gain much attendance at any event. Therefore, Vice chair T Davies and Cllr L Burrowes agreed to ask the local Criggion church if they would ring the church bells at 8pm.

026/2021 Highways

A number of items regarding the state of roads in the area was listed:-

- Fallen drain cover on B4393 opposite the water treatment plant at Crew green,
- The ongoing complete deterioration of the road surface outside No. 1 Bryn Hafren,
- Potholes by the hand & Diamond public house – Coedway,
- Potholes along B4393 by Lane End farm,
- Potholes and road deterioration above the Hawthorns all up towards the Bulthy,
- Potholes and drainage along Criggion Back Lane,
- Culverts along B4393 between Crew Green and towards Llandrinio,
- Road damage, downstream side of the bridge on the B4393 near Lane Farm. Both sides of the bridge have been eroded by flooding,
- Fly tipping in laybys on B4393 and along Criggion Back Lane.

Resolution : - County Councillor Lucy Roberts agreed to chase all these items up with Powys Highways as a matter of urgency

027/2021 Save Rodney’s Pillar

The work of the SRP is definitely worthwhile and important to the Community and definitely needed to be done to protect and save such an iconic landmark. It had come to Councillors attention that there was some frustration from members of the SRP over lack of representation by Councillors from Bausley with Criggion. This was discussed and several issues were apparent.

- A representative to the SRP would have to become a formal Trustee of the charity. As the majority of the Councillors were engaged in farming and / or other full time work they did not feel they could commit to becoming a formal Trustee.
- The Chairman D Jones had spoken with the SRP to see if a non trustee role could exist but was told this was not possible.
- In addition, the majority of the Councillors had some links with Criggion Estates, and there was the thought that the current direction the SRP were following could bring Councillors into conflict with their employers – the Estate.
- Finally, although it was noted that there was some frustration by the SRP with the community Council, the Clerk confirmed that he had received no communication from the SRP regarding this matter at this time.

Resolution : - Councillors agreed wholeheartedly to try and support the fund raising required to undertake works on repairing Rodney's Pillar, but as before none were able to commit to becoming a Formal Trustee.

FINANCES

028/2021 The Bank reconciliation and Lloyds Bank statement were presented to the Councillors for their information, and the Clerk / RFO reported that the Budget for this period was still on target. Agreed by Councillors – proposed Cllr L Burrowes, seconded Cllr R Lewis.
Invoice for Bryn Hafren Playground Markings – ThermMark - £700.00
Ray Parry Playgrounds – New Playground Installation - £11796.00
Annual membership of One Voice Wales - £107.00
Stationary Invoice – Clerk / RFO S Eccleshall - £4.95
Clerks timesheet and Wages reviewed for 21st January to 19th February 2021 - £264.85
Clerks timesheet and Wages reviewed for 20th February to 16th March 2021 - £275.15
HMRC PAYE final Quarter - £162.40
Royal British Legion Industries Ltd – “Tommy” - £405.00
All payments reviewed and signed off by Councillors present, proposed Cllr L Burrowes and seconded Cllr A Lloyd.

029/2021 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Community Council meeting is scheduled for 10th May 2021