

Penybont and District Community Council

You are summoned to attend a Council meeting of the Penybont and District Community Council to be held at 7.30pm Tuesday 14th November 2023, in main hall of [Penybont Community Hall & Online](#) [HERE](#)

Geraint Evans
Clerk to Community
Council
8th November 2023

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declaration of interest:

Reminder to members. A personal Interest is also a Prejudicial Interest because under the objective, public perception test (Para 12(1) of the Members' Code of Conduct) where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority you also have a prejudicial interest in that business if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest. Forms available from the Clerk.

3. Minutes.

To authorise the Chairman to sign minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on the: -

12th September 2023

Clerk's Update

4. County Councillors Report

5. Planning

- The Ffaldau Waste Re-Cycling Centre, Llandegley, Llandrindod Wells LD1 5U
Proposal: Construction of combined heat and power plant and install a 8.5MW CHP plant with dual purpose to provide heat 4MW thermal.
- 23/1558/Ful: Lower Trewen, Llandegley, LD1 5UF: Timber Holiday Chalet.
- Aberedw Energy Park.
- **For Information:** Spring Rock erecting of storage sheds:
Approved, also Wide Open, Penybont, erection of garage.

6. For mention only: Bute Energy Meeting, (amended 11/11/23)

Thursday 23 November, 2.30-6.30pm at The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.

Friday 24 November, 10.30am-2.30pm at Penybont & District Community Centre, Penybont

Wednesday 29 November, 12-4pm at the Media Resource Centre (MRC), Llandrindod Wells

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7. Community Issues Raised or Ongoing

- Defibrillator Course/Maintenance
- speed sign to 20MPH
- Maintenance of Memorial Penybont.
- Penybont Common

9. One Voice Wales

See attached minutes.

10. Finance

- To authorise

27/09/2023	Clerks legal and society membership	SLCC	£65.00
5/10/2023	Poppy for Remembrance Day	British Legion	£50

- Bank reconciliation.

11. Correspondence

- Wales Air Ambulance
- Llandrindod Twinning

12. Public Discussion ¹

Date of Next Meeting and format 9th January 2024 Councils budget setting for 2024-2025- Hybrid available.

Public Attendance and Involvement at Community Council Meetings

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The Chair may call upon members of the public who have specialist knowledge on an item

being discussed to speak at any time during the Meeting. Community Clerk/RFO Geraint Evans CiLCA(Wales),01982

¹ Standing Orders 2.15C

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 12th
September 2023 at Penybont Community Hall at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs D.Turner (Chair)
R.Buften:R.Duggan:R.Watkins;J.Lawrence

Apologies: Cllr D.Lyall

Absent: Cllr D.Bayliss

Others: County Councillor Morgan

PD/037/23 Declarations of Interest:

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- Cllr Lawrence

PD/038/23 Minutes

To authorise the Chairman to sign minutes of the previous meetings of the Council held on the 14th July 2023

Proposed to accept Cllr Buften Unanimous

PD/039/23 Clerk's update:

- Grass and hedges thought Powys have not as yet been attended to.
- Rhos Swydd. The Clerk gave a presentation in relation to the Common boundaries and the councils responsibilities. For documentation see appendix A.

PD/040/23 County Councillors Report

CC Morgan gave an update of a meeting with Dr Boulting following his presentation on the 'GeoPark'. Dr Boulting is currently in China, and further meetings are expected to take place after January.

- Refuse collection – improving still understaffed.

PD/041/23 Planning:

- 23/1025/HH Wide Open, Penybont, LD1 5TY – Erection of garage.

Resolved to make no adverse comments.

- 23/1116/Ful, Spring Rock, LD1 5UE – Erection of storage shed/maintenance, and associated works.

Resolved to make no adverse comments.

- Planning Enforcement Case: USE/21/0246 - Land Adjacent to Penybont Bridge, Penybont. Planning reply. See Appendix B for documentation and conclusion.

- 23/1178/Ful, Hendy Wind Farm, Revision of access track between Turbines 5 & 6, surface water management plan. *(Cllr Lawrence left the room 2030 hrs returning 2040hrs)*

Resolved to make no adverse comments.

Proposed Cllr Duggan, unanimous.

PD/042/23 Community Projects/Issues:

- **Community Church Seat**

- Councillors were informed that Cllr Lawrence took delivery and installed the seat in the graveyard in Penybont. Picture available to be seen on web site.

- **Defibrillator Courses-** the Clark had found a company who would lay on a course for £350 for 12 persons. CC Morgan suggested contacting St Johns at Llandrindod Wells where the restricted numbers attending would be far greater than the quote. Clerk to make enquiries.

- **Community Hall Broadband-** Councillors were disappointed by the response from the hall to their request.

- **Speed Signs to 20MPH-** Clerk advised that their community electric signs were capable of being adjusted when the areas of 20mph were known.

- **Speed Signs footings unsafe for ladders-** Cllrs will together put slabs or make safe the areas, together with a footpath sign at Llandegley.

- **The Pales-** Cllr Turner informed the council that the Pales had now been acquired by Addoldai a Church Charity for redundant chapels of non-conformists' churches in Wales. He suggested that this council would benefit from hearing from the new owners.

PD/043/23 One Voice Wales

Clerk published the last minutes of OVW and suggested that until a permanent member was found, councillors would request the clerk to respond to matters.

PD/044/23 Finance

14/7/23	Recycled Furniture	Community Bench Seat	£408.00*
1/8/23	Mr G Evans	½ year salary	£1117.50**
1/8/23	Mr G Evans	½ year home costs	£156.00
19/8/23	Mr G Evans	Land Registry Search	£39.90
*=VAT to be reclaimed **= Liable to PAYE			

Proposed to pay Cllr Duggan unanimous.

- Bank reconciliation reports submitted.

PD/045/23

Correspondence

Nil

PD/046/23 Public Discussion

- Mr Hulse brought to the council attention matters relating to speed signs and public footpaths, dealt with by above entry.
- Ms Jill Jenkins brought to the attention of the council, the bridge at the rear of Sevens Arms, maybe attracting persons throwing rubbish into the river. Councillors agreed to monitor the matter.

PD/047/23 Date of Next Meeting at Penybont Community Hall 14th November 7.30pm- Hybrid available.

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23/1484/FUL | Construction of combined heat and power plant and install a 8.5MW CHP plant with dual purpose to provide heat 4MW thermal output and electrical power 2.5MW electrical output, for the business itself as well as supporting the national grid and local community with excess power (resubmission of 22/1631/FUL) | The Ffaldau Waste Re-Cycling Centre Llandegley Llandrindod Wells LD1 5UD

Reference	23/1484/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-12479693
Application Received	Sat 23 Sep 2023
Application Validated	Mon 09 Oct 2023
Address	The Ffaldau Waste Re-Cycling Centre Llandegley Llandrindod Wells LD1 5UD
Proposal	Construction of combined heat and power plant and install a 8.5MW CHP plant with dual purpose to provide heat 4MW thermal output and electrical power 2.5MW electrical output, for the business itself as well as supporting the national grid and local community with excess power (resubmission of 22/1631/FUL)
Status	Pending Consideration
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available

There are 9 documents associated with this application.

There are 0 cases associated with this application.

There are 2 properties associated with this application.

Dear Powys Council Planning Department,

I write to you in relation to the resubmitted/current planning application reference PP-12479693 for the proposed construction of a combined heat and power plant (CHP) at The Ffaldau Waste Re-cycling Centre, Llandegley, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5UD.

Following concerns from both Powys Councils ecologist Emma Guy and by NRW regarding ammonia emissions from the exhaust outlet on our proposed CHP installation and consultation with Mr Luke Jones Powys Councils Planning Officer we decided to withdraw our original application ref. Powys 22/1631/FUL to seek ways to address ammonia levels and mitigate for them.

After investigating a number of options to mitigate the emission levels, we have sourced an ammonia scrubber unit that can be attached to the CHP units exhaust systems filtration, this captures and removes in excess of 99% of ammonia from our systems output. The company is a German manufacturer called Tholander who not only supply ammonia scrubbing technology but guarantee their scrubber units performance. (see attached letter confirmation)

Tholander have provided a solution that will reduce our CHP unit's ammonia to such a low level it cannot be detected in the flue gas, in excess of 99% will be removed in this process, effectively giving us practically Zero output.

We are convinced that this mitigation measure will satisfy previous concerns and we are hopeful that our planning application can now proceed especially as this was the only obstruction to achieving permission.

In addition to capturing the ammonia sulphate particles we have taken the further mitigation measure of seeking collection and final disposal of the ammonia using a fully qualified and permitted company situated in Cardiff.

Deliver / collection by Tradebe Gwent WMC Permit EPR/SP3531SK for bulking up prior to disposal (D15) then Transfer to Castle Environmental, Cardiff Permit EPR/LP3439HM Physico-Chemical treatment - Neutralise sulphuric then raise pH to drive off ammonia, re-capture in scrubber and then recovery.

We would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to source the mitigation technology enabling the opportunity to continue with our proposed project.

Very best regards
Shawn Jones
Agriviro



Notes

All measurements in mm

ECOTEC

Orchard Street,
Worcester,
WR5 3DW
Tel: 01905 761690

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Powys Environmental

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Drawing Title:

Site Layout

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Created By

Date

G.L

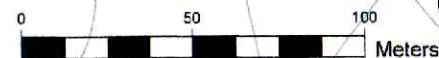
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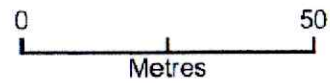
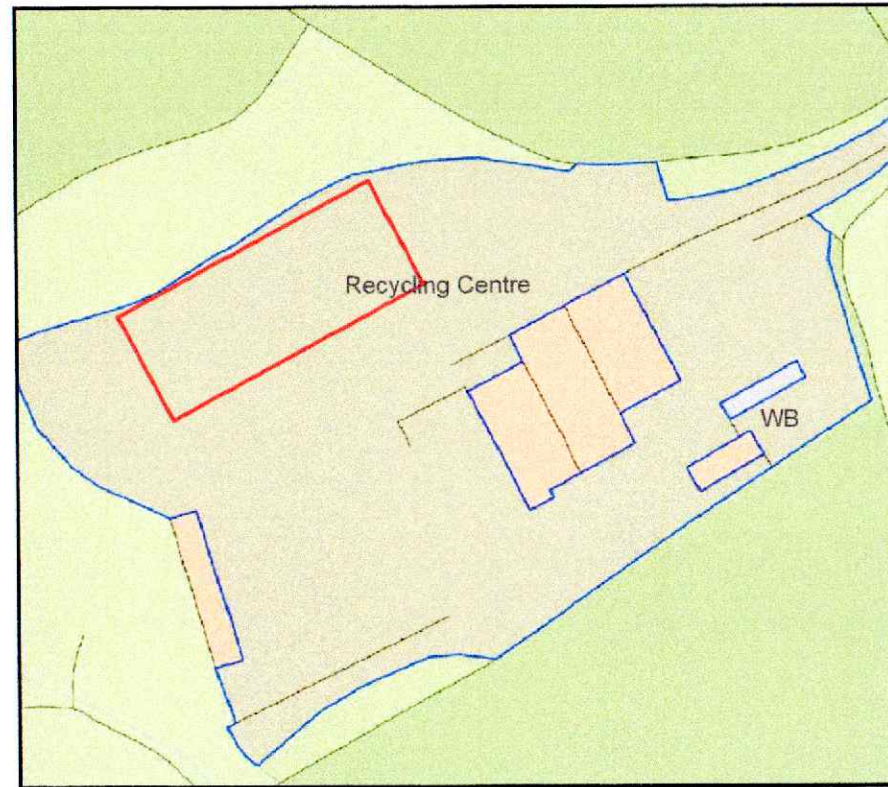
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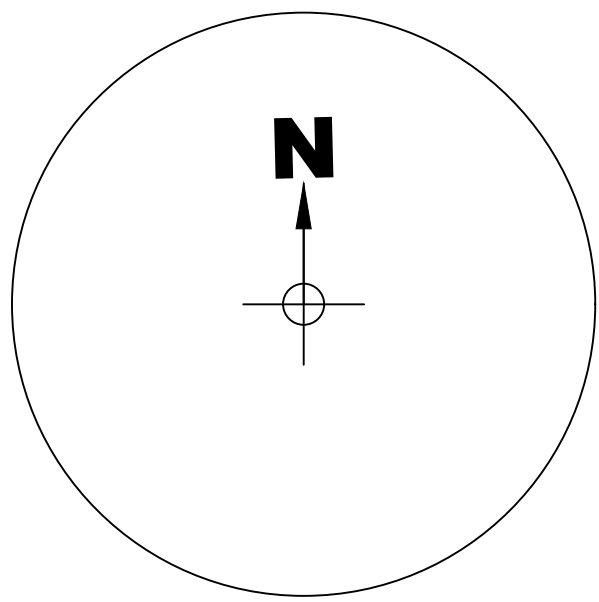


Proposed CHP plant



Plan Produced for: Mr Tim Richards
Date Produced: 05 Oct 2022
Plan Reference Number: TORQM22278180013347
Scale: 1:1250 @ A4





Access

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Parking

Over-edge Rain Gardens

Proposed timber chalet

Raised planting beds

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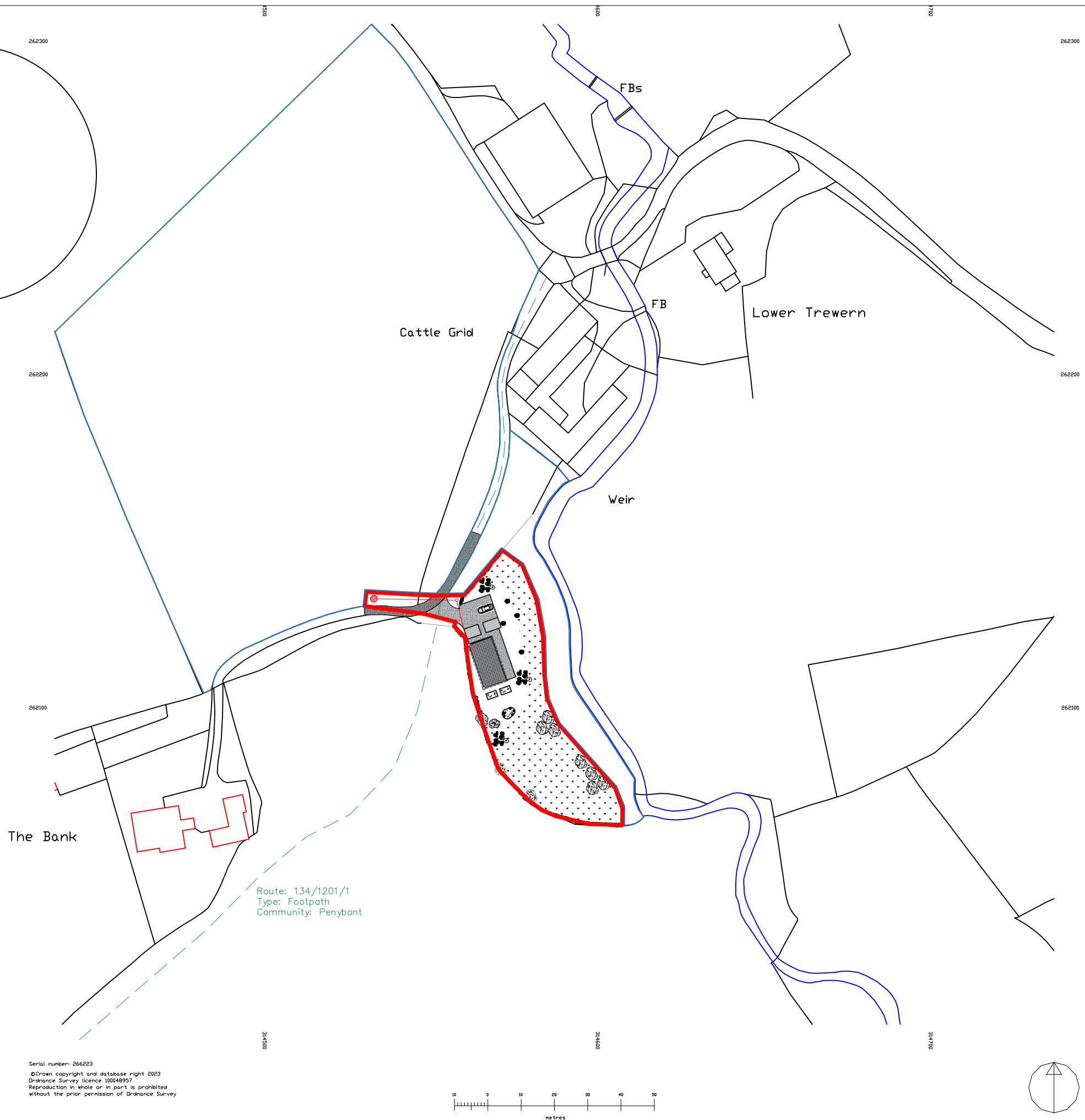
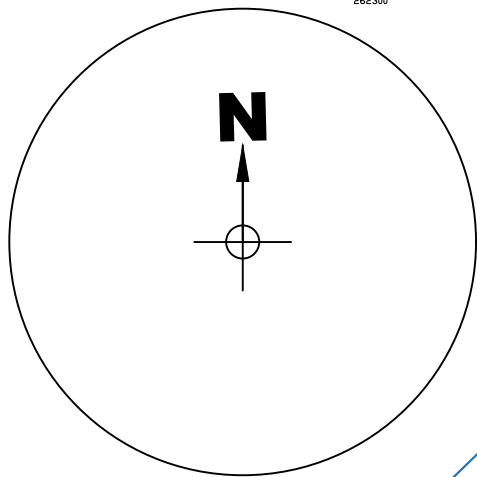
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TIMBER CHALET

DATE: AUG 2023

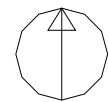
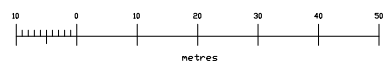
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REF:
BLOCK PLAN
PL.01 REV B



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- Owned Adjoining Land
- Planning Application Outline
- Public Right of Way
- Watercourse

NAME:
LOWER TREWERN TIMBER CHALET
DATE: AUG 2023
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DRAWN BY: AJ
REF: LOCATION PLAN PL.03 <u>REV A</u>

Penybont & Llandegley Community Council

Prepared by:

Gwyneth Evans

Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Date:

4/11/23

Approved by:

Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

Date:

Bank Reconciliation at 01/11/2023			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2023		4,764.99
	ADD		
	Receipts 01/04/2023 - 01/11/2023		6,375.00
			11,139.99
	SUBTRACT		
	Payments 01/04/2023 - 01/11/2023		2,349.93
A	Cash in Hand 01/11/2023 (per Cash Book)		8,790.06
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 01/11/2023	0.00	
	Unity Trust Bank 01/11/2023	8,790.06	
			8,790.06
	Less unrepresented payments		
			8,790.06
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		8,790.06
	A = B Checks out OK		

Hello, we're Bute Energy.

Our goal is to make the Welsh weather work for Wales with new wind-power harnessed in our energy parks.

You may have already been briefed on our Nant Mithil project and on the Green GEN Cymru Towy Usk grid connection project. Now we'd like to share our developing proposals for two new energy parks in Powys:

- Bryn Gilwern Energy Park, located to the east of Llandrindod Wells
- Aberedw Energy Park, located to the east of Builth Wells

There's endless potential for renewable energy in Wales, particularly from the wind. Our energy parks in Wales will deliver 25% of the green energy that the Welsh Government says we need to get to Net Zero, playing a pivotal role in meeting their target for 100% renewable electricity in Wales by 2035.

The UK Government, Senedd and Powys County Council have made it clear that renewable energy is a key part of our future energy security.

At Bute, we're doing our part by creating a family of wind farms, solar PV projects and battery energy storage, harnessing the power around us to increase renewable energy in Wales. This is why we're proposing the Aberedw and Bryn Gilwern Energy Parks. Together, 34 turbines will provide 192 megawatts (MW) of clean renewable electricity – the equivalent annual electricity needs of approximately 175,000 homes. The turbines will be up to 200/220m in height.

We're committed to ensuring that our projects deliver maximum benefit to the local community. As part of our plans, we'll be establishing a Community Benefits Fund for each park to help support local projects and the neighbouring community. For every megawatt of energy generated, there'll be £7,500 invested in the local community – that's the equivalent of £57.6 million over the 2 projects' 40 year lifespan.

The benefits don't stop there, we'll power investment, jobs, and skills, creating new opportunities for people in Wales, and rural communities, benefitting communities today, and for future generations.

But we can't do this alone, that's why we're engaging with you, and soon will be engaging with the wider community. Given the close proximity of the two energy parks we are running the project programmes concurrently, as well as a joint consultation process. We have taken this joined-up approach so that the community can understand the projects together.

We understand that there are a range of opinions on our proposals and we want to hear them. We're planning a public consultation this November and we'd like your feedback on our approach to engagement and your ideas on community benefits. We'd be grateful if you could contact us on aberedw@bute.energy / bryngilwern@bute.energy or phone: 01597 730133 to arrange a time to meet either online or in person so we can brief you on the projects. Ideally, we'd like to meet during the coming weeks, in the run up to consultation launch on 8 November, if possible.

We look forward to hearing from you and look forward to working with you on our journey to a greener and wealthier Wales.

Best regards

James Nicol

Senior Project Manager

Bute Energy

Hello

Bute Energy is bringing forward proposals for Aberedw and Bryn Gilwern Energy Parks in Powys.

Our emerging proposals are at a very early stage and we're carrying out a non-statutory consultation to find out local views. Our consultation is **now live** and we've attached our community newsletter which you're welcome to share with others. This newsletter will also be arriving in the post at over 8,000 local addresses over the next few days.

If you're interested to meet the team and have a chat, come along to one of our events to find out more:

- **Thursday 23 November**, 2.30-6.30pm at The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.
- **Friday 24 November**, 10.30am-2.30pm at Penybont & District Community Centre, Penybont
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Further information is available on our websites:

[aberedwenergypark.wales%20] aberedwenergypark.wales or
[bryngilwernenergypark.wales] bryngilwernenergypark.wales

You can find further information about our proposals, register for updates and complete the feedback form online. We'll provide regular project updates on the website.

The consultation period ends on **Wednesday 20 December 2023**.

We look forward to meeting you at one of our events.

If you have any questions, please email aberedw@bute.energy / bryngilwern@bute.energy or call 01597 730133

Best regards,

Aberedw and Bryn Gilwern Project Team

DRAFT Minutes of the Brecon & Radnor One Voice Wales Area Committee that took place online at 7.00pm on Monday 9th October 2023

Present:

Cllr Clive Easton	-	Llanwrthwl CC (chair)
Cllr Mark Hammond	-	Builth Wells TC
Megan Pryce (clerk)	-	Llanwrthwl, Llanafan Fawr, Treflys and Duhonw CC's
Cllr Alan Austin	-	Llanwrthwl CC
Cllr Angela Yates	-	Old Radnor CC
Cllr John Morris	-	Vale of Grwyney CC
Cllr Gareth Jones	-	Aberedw CC
Cllr Alan Pryce	-	Clyro CC
Cllr David Evans	-	Rhayader TC
Cllr Geoffrey Lewis	-	Clyro CC
Cllr James Prothero	-	Hay on Wye TC

Alun Harries (AH), Mid Wales Development Officer, One Voice Wales.

At the start of the meeting a presentation was made by Mr Justin Horrell, Digital Project Manager, One Voice Wales about his role and the project. This was followed by a number of questions about the project.

Justin, also a town councillor at Ystradgynlais, remained for the duration of the meeting. He is contactable directly at JHorrell@onevoicewales.wales and is happy to receive queries directly from councils.

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chair

Cllr Clive Easton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Declarations of interest

None declared.

4. To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2023

The minutes were approved subject to a minor change regarding the two schools referred to.

5. Actions and matters arising from the above minutes (not otherwise on the agenda) or previous meetings

- a. Wind Farms – the Freedom of Information request discussed at the last meeting

It was resolved that the FOI request should be sent to Welsh Government as previously discussed.

ACTION: CE and GJ to discuss the final wording of the letter.

- b. Powys Health Board Stakeholder's Group

AH said that he had again written to Powys Health Board following on from the last meeting but had received no response. Following discussion it was resolved that this matter be left at his stage as it was no longer considered to be a priority (see also 10 below).

- c. The Passif Housing Development at Clyro

AH said that he had spoken to a project officer at Powys County Council about this and there was no information or data available in order to assess the impact of the various energy initiatives that are part of the development.

- d. Radnorshire Wildlife Trust

The information provided by the CEO James Hitchcock after his presentation at a previous meeting of the Area Committee had been circulated at the time. There is no further information to add at this time.

6. News and reports of good practice from Councils

- a) Builth Wells TC – MH reported on the development of a Friendship Agreement project between Builth Wells TC and Blaubeuren in Germany.
- b) Llanwrthwl CC – AA said that considerable progress had been made with the project to protect and enhance the rights of way in the area and that this was being supported by very enthusiastic volunteers.

ACTION: AA to prepare a presentation to the Area Committee at the next meeting.

- c) Rhayader TC – AA referred to the youth club initiative that had been successfully introduced by the town council.

ACTION: Rhayader TC to be approached for further information about a presentation to the Area Committee at a future meeting.

7. Reports from bodies on which the Area Committee is represented:

- a. The National Executive Committee (NEC) of One Voice Wales: Cllr Mark Hammond (meeting 15th September)

MH provided a brief report about the meeting and AH will circulate the minutes of the NEC meeting with the draft minutes of this evening's meeting.

- b. Powys Public Services Board

AH said that he had circulated information to members received from a named contact at Powys PSB last week. An event for town and community councils in Powys is to take place in the coming months and further information will be circulated when received.

8. The Wales Air Ambulance Service at Welshpool – Cllr Mark Hammond.

MH provided an update to members. He stated that it was vitally important that town and community councils across Powys should now respond directly to the consultation that closes on 5th November. It appears that the project is being driven by the need to reduce costs and the likely favoured option is to relocate the current Air Ambulance Station away from Welshpool and merge existing services at Ruthin.

ACTION: CE & MH to formulate an appropriate letter to be sent on behalf of the AC as part of the consultation process.

9. Town and Community Council multi-location meeting arrangements, including the recent survey of arrangements amongst councils in Brecon & Radnor.

CE said that it was important that all town and community councils undertake their business in accordance with the legal requirements and that the auditors address these matters as part of their work of auditing local councils. Any shortfall should be identified and addressed accordingly, otherwise there was no point in having these requirements in place.

AH provided a summary of the survey he had undertaken to try to establish a more accurate picture of how councils were operating hybrid meetings in Brecon & Radnor. This involved approaching those councils directly or scrutinising their websites to gather the required information:

Of the 63 town and community councils in the area (58 are in membership of OVW):

- 27 clearly provide the necessary facilities;
- 1 is imminently in the process of doing so;
- 12 are able to provide such facilities if requested by councillors or members of the public;
- 15 clearly do not provide such facilities (mainly due to connectivity issues and lack of broadband);

- 8 councils did not respond to messages left for them or their website does not provide sufficient information.

AH said that he had shared the above information with the Regeneration Department (Broadband Project) at Powys CC and they are very keen to support all town and community councils across the county in meeting the requirements to provide hybrid council meetings. They had already worked closely and provided considerable funding to many councils already and they want to hear from others. Their contact details are: Broadband@powys.gov.uk – Clifford Shapland and Mike Lewis.

10. Suggested priorities for the Brecon and Radnor Area Committee for the 2023/24 period

CE said that he wanted the Area Committee to be serving a positive and useful purpose on behalf of town and community councils in the Brecon and Radnor area and to represent those councils effectively. He added that there appeared to be a lack of participation and willingness to get involved in the work of the Area Committee and attendance levels seem to have dwindled during the last couple of years. With this in mind CE had asked councils for some suggested priorities for the Area Committee for the next 12 months. Three councils had returned suggested priorities and these were circulated before the meeting.

Following discussion it was agreed that the following be adopted as the priorities of the work of this Area Committee for the next 12 months:

- a) To continue to try to improve working relationships between town and community councils in the Brecon & Radnor area and Powys County Council;
- b) To represent the views of town and community councils about the various wind farm projects and also the likely construction of hundreds of electricity pylons in the local area;
- c) To share good practice being undertaken by town and community councils across Brecon & Radnorshire;
- d) To present the views of town and community councils to the ongoing review of the Welsh Air Ambulance base at Welshpool;
- e) To continue to work closely with the Wye and Usk Foundation.

The chair said that it was important that examples of good practice be shared with town and community councils and that any local success stories of partnership working with Powys County Council, Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority, and any other organisation should be highlighted and communicated to other councils, particularly the contact details of individuals who have provided valuable assistance in addressing local matters and helping to solve problems within council areas.

ACTION: Member councils to provide examples of good practice of working with other public authorities and local organisations, including Powys County Council and the Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority to AH.

11. The Democratic Health of Town & Community Councils Project – suggestions for increased participation by local people in the work of local councils

Following discussion it was resolved that member councils should consider this matter further. CE mentioned councillor mentoring schemes.

ACTION: Member Councils to forward any ideas directly to AH and to bring suggestions back to the next meeting of the AC in January.

NOTE: Member councils should note that a circulation regarding a survey was recently sent to all OVW member councils and the consultation closes on 27th November 2023.

12. One Voice Wales Update
 - a. Annual General Meeting of One Voice Wales 30.09.23

AH said that the AGM was cancelled due to the low take up to attend the event.

- b. Training Programme
 - i. Toolkit training

AH said that a training programme is being prepared for this.

- c. Larger Councils Committee

The next meeting is taking place on 11th October.

- d. Staffing Developments

In addition to the appointment of Justin Horrell as the Digital Project Manager Emyr John has been appointed as OVE's Communications Officer. He is contactable at: Ejohn@onevoicewales.wales

- e. Other matters

There were no other matters.

13. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

14. Date of next meeting – 7.00pm Tuesday 9th January 2024 – online meeting

The spring meeting will be held at Builth Wells on Monday 8th April 2024 and the recently appointed Chief Executive of Powys County Council is to be invited to attend.

The CEO of the Wye and Usk Foundation to be invited to attend the summer meeting.

Good Morning Geraint

These are two separate issues; town and community councils are required to provide multi-location meetings since the implementation of S 47 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 – please see chapter 2 of the attached guidance.

People in attendance at meetings are not allowed to make any recording of a meeting unless they have received the prior consent of the Council (in practice this would be via a resolution at that meeting). The relevant legislation that applies in Wales (but not in England) is the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. The public do not have a statutory right to use any means which would allow persons not present at the meeting to see or hear the proceedings of a meeting. Councils are therefore entitled to permit or refuse the taking of photographs or the use of video cameras or audio recording devices (including, for example, a mobile phone) at meetings (s.1(7) of the 1960 Act). In practice of course it will be very difficult for councils to police this requirement, especially when people are 'attending' online.

I hope that this is of assistance.

Best Regards

Alun

Alun Harries

Swyddog Rhanbarthol Gorllewin a Chanolbarth Cymru - Un Llais Cymru

One Voice Wales Mid & West Wales Development Officer

Llandrindod Wells and Area Twinning Association

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Helen Skelton

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10 October 2023

Dear Clerk

Invitation to support Llandrindod Wells & Area Twinning Association

We are contacting all Community Councils in the Llandrindod Wells Area to seek financial support for Llandrindod Wells and Area Twinning Association in the coming 2024/25 financial year.

Your members may be familiar with the activities of the Association over the past 30 years. We signed a twinning charter with the small spa town of Contrexéville, France in 1992. It is in a region of low mountains called the Vosges, a rural area which shares many features with Radnorshire. It has a lively community with a thriving arts and recreation centre. Contrexéville was itself twinned with the German spa town of Bad Rappenau, near Heidelberg and in 2001 a formal twinning charter was signed between Llandrindod Wells and Bad Rappenau.

Over the years we have organised many twinning exchanges between our three communities. We are proud of the many youth visits, particularly by school children, that have given opportunities for the young people to learn about each other's culture.

The Association draws its support from volunteers in a wide area around Llandrindod Wells who host visitors from our twin communities. We rely on financial support granted from Llandrindod Wells Town Council as well as fundraising activities organised by members of the Committee. Membership of the Association is automatically given to anyone named on the Register of Electors for Llandrindod Wells and the other Community Councils in the area.

In view of the benefits enjoyed by families living in adjoining communities that are outside the boundaries of Llandrindod Wells Town Council area it was felt we should approach each Community Council to seek support. Information about the Twinning Association can be found on our website <http://llandrindodtwinning.wordpress.com/> .

We hope your Community Council will give favourable consideration to our request for financial support in the coming 2024/25 financial year. A contribution from each of the Community Councils surrounding Llandrindod Wells would give comfort to the Association that it is supported in its strategy to enable groups and families from not only the Town but also the surrounding Communities to benefit from twinning activities.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Mark Rolinson

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6 November 2023
Membership Number: 71644

Dear Mr Evans

Why we need the law

Our society has always been ready to go to law to get things done, and we are proud of the results we have achieved in the courts. Today the legal route is more necessary than ever because—after years of financial austerity—commons, greens, open spaces, and paths are all too often neglected by those who are supposed to protect them. That means we must step in and use the courts to safeguard them.

This is why we have now employed an enforcement officer, Jess Tyler, whose job it is to help our local correspondents and other members in prosecuting law-breaking landowners and serving notices on highway authorities to open blocked paths. (Jess's appointment was announced in the latest *Open Space*.)

We have set up a new legal-action fund for this work, to pay for action taken by the society, and for support for members needing legal help. (This replaces the legal fund for members' grants which has been exhausted.) *We need your help with this.*

The types of legal work in which we have engaged in recent years have been varied—and effective. For example, we have:

- intervened in the court of appeal on the Dartmoor backpack-camping case, proving that there is a right to such camping on the Dartmoor commons. We won, but the other side hopes to appeal;
- similarly intervened at Blackbushe aerodrome, Hampshire, saving 46 hectares of Yateley Common from deregistration;
- rescued part of Richmond Low Common, North Yorkshire, from wrongful deregistration, by threatening judicial review;
- in the high court successfully challenged the decision of the National Transport Casework Team to stop up public access at Knowle Green in Solihull;
- with the Trail Riders Fellowship and Ramblers fought and defeated Gloucestershire County Council's application to the magistrates' court to close part of an unclassified road at Redmarley d'Abitôt;
- at Barking Tye in Suffolk opposed a decision by the planning inspectorate to allow a vehicular access road across the common. The high court ruled against us, but our action was well worthwhile because the judgment provided important clarification on the principles to be taken into account



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YES, I should like to make a donation to Open Spaces Society's legal-action appeal

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DONATION AMOUNT

£100 ☐ £75 ☐ £50 ☐ £25 ☐ £10 ☐ other ☐

METHOD OF PAYMENT *(Please delete those that do not apply)*

- I enclose a cheque (made payable to The Open Spaces Society)
- I have made a BACS payment to CAF Bank Ltd
Account name: The Open Spaces Society
Sort code: 40-52-40
Account number: 00035916
Reference: AUT23 plus your membership number
- I have donated online (www.oss.org.uk/appeals/)

It would help if you could scan and email (to lucie@oss.org.uk) or post this document to us in the pre-paid envelope provided. You need not use a stamp, but if you do it will save us the cost of postage.

We are grateful for every donation we receive and, if we have your email address, you will receive an acknowledgment of your support.

Please tick this box if you would like to receive an official receipt. ☐

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You may already be registered with us for Gift Aid, if not please consider doing so:

I would like Open Spaces Society to treat all donations I have made in the last 4 years, and those I make in the future, as Gift Aid donations until further notice. ☐

*I would like Open Spaces Society to treat **only** this donation as a Gift Aid donation.* ☐

I have already completed a Gift Aid declaration for Open Spaces Society ☐

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that, if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Hi Geraint,

Thanks for responding, yes certainly:

In 2022 Wales Air Ambulance attended 264 missions in Powys, 204 were by helicopter and 60 by rapid response vehicle on the ground. 21 of the missions occurred during the night shift (between 7pm and 7am).

Also I think it's useful to emphasise that we respond to the most critically ill and injured, bringing A&E to the patient. It's much more advanced than it used to be (when the crew used to essentially transfer the patient to A&E as quickly as possible), it's now more about sending the most appropriate team of medical staff to the incident for pre-hospital care.

If you need anything else, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Hannah

Hannah Mitchell

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