

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 9th June 2021
online conferencing using Zoom at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs D.Turner (Chair);A.Willemsen D.Lyall ; Cllr D.Baylis:
J.Ingram:L.Watkins

Apologies: L.Lawrance

Absent: Nil

Others: County Councillor M.Weale

Declarations of Interest: Nil

PD/0066/21 Minutes

To authorise the Chairman to sign minutes of the previous meetings of the Council held on the

- 12th May 2021
- 12th May 2021 AGM

Resolved to accept: Cllr Lyall Unanimous

PD/0067/21 Clerk's update:

See specific items for updates.

PD/068/21 County Councillors Report

Reported that he had just returned from a meeting relating to the potential closure of Llanfihangel Rhydithon C.P. (Dolau School). He stated the meeting was positive and he left that the outcome was very hopeful.

PD/0069/21 Planning:

- Mellowcroft, LD1 5UF, Ref:21/0905/REM
Removal of condition 4.

Resolved: This council has always supported applications relating to this property and the benefits locally. This condition relating to the technical issues of the entrance and its repositioning is outside the council's ability to comment on but a lawful access must be permitted.

Proposed Cllr D. Lyall, Unanimous

PD/0070/21 Community Projects/Issues: Partially suspended during the public restrictions.

1/. Flooding

Cllr Turner reported ongoing liaison work. There is some frustration in that Dwr Cymru have supplied an emergency water pump, with the outflow below the flooding water line, thus needing the area to be dredged. National Resources Wales (NRW) will not agree to the dredging of this location.

2/. Speed Signs

These have now been purchased and delivered. At a site meeting with PCC, further restrictions were put in place, and these are now being met.

3/. Road markings at Llandegley

Following a site meeting by CC Weale, Clls Turner and Willemsen and resident Mr Hulse. A number of issues, practically and legally attached to the new speed limit of 50 MPH were discussed concerning the new solid white lines outside of the church. A suggestion by Cllr Turner involving a short survey with the residents was promoted. It was agreed to go back to Tony Caine about the stripped box that has been painted on the road and to ask him to reconsider this as it has had a significant impact on the safety of turning right at this junction.

4/. Flooding at Mile Lane/Old Castle Farm.

Cllr D.Baylis raised an ongoing problem in land adjacent to Mill Lane towards Old Castle Farm and Alpine View, the drainage piping and culvert continually flood the land, would PCC check for blockages. Clerk to contact PCC

3/. Llanfihangel Rhydithon (Dolau)School

In addition to the report from CC Weale, Cllr Turner completed the public consultation document by PCC on behalf of the community council, objecting to its closure. This consultation is now closed.

PD/0071/21 One Voice Wales

From a lengthy meeting Cllr Willemsen reports

- Building better relationships/working together with Radnorshire Wildlife
- Was there an interest within small councils for the employment of 'Lengthsman'. *Clerk to prepare advice note for next meeting.*
- Matters relating to decisions made by council under Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

PD/0072/21 Finance

- Expenditure to authorise.

Jim Elliot	Heritage Fund	£730.87
Powerprint	Heritage Fund	£94
WPG	Heritage codes	£156.60
Visionict	Creation of Council web page	£1440
Thomas Turner	Heritage Fund	£500
Ms Annes Gruffydd	Heritage Fund for translation to Welsh	£1000

Mr M Grenyer	Heritage Fund- installation of signs	£120
Messagemaker	traffic warning signs	£5176.85
Visionict	Operation London Bridge	£42

Proposed to pay Cllr Ingram Unanimous

PD/0073/21 Correspondence.

- Reply letter from Mr Morris Powys Planning (matter discussed in PD/0064/21) in that he has required a full copy to include the ‘red line’ planning boundary to be sent. Noted

PD/0074/21 Public Questions

- Complaint from a visitor/camper staying at Mellowcroft that at 5am lorries were using the common to Hendy Windfarm and could be heard tipping their loads, causing a disturbance. (Mentioned in minutes (PD/0063/21))
- Mr Hulse confirmed that some safety work had been carried out securing displaced kerb stones following matters he had previously made.
- Larch Grove, Llandegley, during heavy rain periods, is has resulted in a property being damaged, inside, by the runoff of rain from the access road to Hendy Windfarm. *Clerk to write about the issue to Hendy Ltd to maintain drainage on their access also to PCC Highways to maintain their drainage points on the A44.*
- During periods of ‘no rain’ the commons track from the A44 to Hendy Windfarm maintained by the windfarm, during use by HGV’s, is causing a large dust cloud. It is believed this is as a result of the original footings using, made to withstand its heavy use, is now coming to the surface and being blown away as dust clouds. *Clerk to write to Hendy Ltd re maintenance.*

PD/00078/21 Hendy Wind Farm

Cllr Willemsen reported on an unannounced visit to the Hendy Windfarm site, together with a local resident on 22/5/21.

- The examination was from the ‘Boat & Common.
- Slit traps on the common were in good order
- Slit traps at the original Turbine are broken or missing this also at ‘batching plant’
- The ingredients making up the main track (tarmac forbidden to be used under Common regulations) has developed a smooth surface which when dry is blowing about. There is a possibility this may have caused the ‘yellow water’ reported in PD/00052/21.

- Overall, the site is clean and tidy, however, there is a development of a dump site into the corner of one of the fields.
- PCC at the 'boat' and at the access to Turbine 7, there are large ditches where water is gathering, this in all probability in the event of a run-off would damage their current work. It was generally raised the council's disappointment that tendering rules have altered and the current work in being undertaken from a firm outside of Powys, (Oswestry). CC Weale reminded all the successful allocation of work to keep it local and was given the phrase, the '*Powys Pound*' during his term of office. CC Weale thought it important to raise the matter with Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Planning and Housing, Mr Ian MacIntosh.

PD/0079/21 Next Meeting

Wednesday 14th July via Zoom. Access via this [LINK](#)