

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8th March 2022 at
7.00pm on ZOOM**

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

Apologies: County Councillor M. Weale Communication issues.

Absent: D.Bayliss

Others:

Declarations of Interest:Cllr A.Lawrence. PD/111/21 Cllr D.Turner PD/106/21

PD/0010/22 Minutes

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

- 11th January 2022

Cllr Lawrence asked for the comments of council relating to speed reductions in Llandegley be highlighted regarding the involvement of CC M.Weale. Unanimous

Resolved to accept: Proposed Cllr Lyall Unanimous

PD/0011/22 Clerk's update:

The issue of the speed signs, no accuracy update for these are not available. Clerk is still understanding the recharge length before they fail.

**PD/0104/21 County Councillors Report
Not available**

PD/0012/22 Planning:

- **Application Reference: 22/0191/FUL**
Grid Reference: E:311730 N: 263884
Proposal: Engineering Works associated with foul drainage system in connection with Planning Application 20/1742/RES
Site Address: Land Off Old Market Meadows, Penybont, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 5US
- **Application Reference: 22/0142/FUL**
Grid Reference: E:311253 N: 264048
Proposal: Engineering works associated with foul drainage system in connection with planning application 20/1808/RES
Site Address: Land to South off A44, Penybont, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5TY

Proposed that the Clerk write a response that the Community Council is concerned with the ongoing yearly maintenance and who will be liable.

- **Consultation on proposed Glastir Woodland Creation at Craig Farm**

The council supplied with full documentation of this proposed application to the Welsh Government. **Proposed** Cllr Turner the council support this application for the creation of large numbers of native/biodiversity trees. Unanimous.

PD/0013/22 Community Issues:

- **Defibrillator – Penybont**

The Clerk reports that the new cabinet has been installed and Mr M Morgan help with the electrical fitting without charge.

- **The Queens Platinum Jubilee**

A report from Ms Wendy Duggan was read out, with June 3 &5 planned celebrations. It was proposed by Cllr Lawrence that this council contributes a sum of up to £2000 (with receipts) towards the communities' celebrations. Unanimous.

- **Local flooding** (Cllr Turner left the meeting 1935-1945)

The council received a report on the past flooding which involved the Powys Fire Brigade, local community members. On this occasion flooding from the river Ithon came over the banks, into neighbouring gardens of the Ithon Cottages and then flooded a resident's house. It is recognised that the past work from DRW (strengthening the sewage pipes with inserts. Powys County Council, who at present are creating a significant hole to house pumps, may have/are helping to reduce the continual damage. However, from a source, the council have been informed that until NRW deal with the significant rise in silt in the river, which ceased more than a decade ago, and a fact agreed by NRW, the threat, increasingly, of flooding will continued. It was **proposed** by Cllr D.Lyall the council write to NRW to find additional measures that they can take to reduce this more than annual event. Unanimous.

- **Tree Planting**

A recent issue populating the media on trees planted on agricultural, in general discussed. A recent publication circulated, *'The Welsh Government launched the My Tree, Our Forest scheme on 6 December 2021 with the Woodland Trust as the chosen delivery partner. The scheme looks to plant 300,000 trees by the end of March 2023 – offering every household in Wales the chance to plant a tree or have a tree planted on their behalf over the course of its lifetime.* Overall, this council supports the planning of trees.

- **Dolau School**

Remains under threat of closure this September 2022. A legal challenge is under way. Despite more than 250 letters of objection, much support from community councils and County Councillors, Powys are proceeding with a school policy of more than 100 pupils, despite this against the Welsh Governments undertaking for schools to be individually assessed for the value to pupils and communities. Clerk to write to Mrs R Harris, leader of PCC.

- **Railway Station**

Continues to be of great concern. Recent site meetings have not yet resolved its dangerous location of the exit/entrance. A private land owners offer has been made. Further meeting are planned with County Councillor M.Weale leading.

- **Ukraine** – Cllr A. Willemsen

Expressed his concern on the developing issues in Ukraine and in particular the plight of the refugees forced out of their country. It is hoped the Welsh Government will invite communities and families to welcome those making it to Wales. This hope was supported by the council and will make further information on their web site.

- **Wales Air Ambulance**

The council approved a charitable donation of £100.
Proposed Cllr Lyall. Unanimous

PD/0014/22 One Voice Wales

Nothing additional to report from the online meeting, however a recent publication for the conduct of meetings whilst the election process is being held. Also, requirements in the future for community/town councils for the ‘Annual Report’, ‘Training Requirements’.

PD/0015/22 Finance

Expenditure to authorise.

Open Spaces	Membership	£45.00
Zoom	Membership 2022-23	£143.88 inc VAT
The DefibPad	Penybont Defib Cabinet	563.99 inc VAT

Proposed to pay Cllr Ingram Unanimous

- **Insurance.**

The council were advised that the annual insurance premium was due, and the figure quoted was £731.11, this being more than 100% allocated in their recent budget. This is not affordable to this council. A quote from Zurich, a company previously used was £379.98, being within the council’s budget. An examination of the small print was undertaken by the council.

Proposed Cllr D. Lyall to change current policy from Came & Co to Zurich and authorise the payment of £379.98. Unanimous.

PD/0016/22 Correspondence.

A request from Air Ambulance Wales was received/discussed.

Proposed by Cllr J. Ingram a sum of £100 be given as this a matter directly a benefit to this community. Unanimous.

PD/00110/21 Public Questions

PD/000111/21 Hendy Wind Farm (Cllr A.Lawrence left the meeting 2050hrs)

Cllr A. Willemsen updated the current position of the BOAT (Byway open to all traffic) running through the Hendy project. The closure has been further been put in place through May. Two photographs were show to the council of other access points. Proposed that a letter be sent again to Jill Exton, County Side Services. Unanimous

PD/00112/21 Meeting concluded at 9.30pm The Council will now be nin Purda until the next meeting. Next meeting **Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 7.00pm via Zoom, access code to be published.**