

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 17th
May 2022 online conferencing using Zoom at 7.00pm.

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

Apologies:

Absent: Nil

Others: County Councillor G.Morgan

PD/0114/22 Declaration of Acceptance of Office (Section 83(4) Local Government Act 1972

The Clerk noted that all persons had signed the declaration.

PD/0115/22 **Declaration of Office (Chairman)** Section 83 Local Government Act 1972

It was **proposed** by Cllr D.Lyall that Derek Turner be elected. Unanimous.

Declarations 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

- J.Lawrence (PD/00126722)

PD/0116/22 Minutes

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

- 8th March 2022
- 5th April 2022

Because of the elections, only two councillors present to agree that they were an accurate record.

PD/0117/22 Clerk's update:

Specific complaints from the council relating to the BOAT Resulted in clarification why the track was closed and that it was now fully open. The fences in front of barbed wire was not a matter that could be dealt with by Countryside Services it was owned by Hendy Windfarm. Other matters were replied to and attached to the agenda.

PD/0118/22 County Councillors Report

The chairman gave a warm welcome to the new County Councillor Geoff Morgan for the area and hoped that he would pick the concerns of the previous council.

CC Morgan looked forward in representing the area of Penybont & Llandegley over the coming years. He is at present undertaking familiarisation course within PCC.

PD/0119/22 Planning:

- Update: 20/1808/RES: Land To South Of A44 Penybont Llandrindod Wells LD1 5TY.....Refused.
- Application: Baileyshonllwydd Llandegley Llandrindod Wells LD1 5UE
Erection of a roof structure to cover existing concrete yard (retrospective) 22/0641/FUL.

Discussed and **Proposed** to make no comment on the application Cllr J. Lawrence. Unanimous

PD/0120/22 Training Plan 2022 Policy and Councillors requirements.

The Clerk updated the council as to their legal responsibilities in publishing a training plan by November 2022.

Also presented to councillors was a diary and suggestion of training modules that should be completed by them. To include Basic Induction; Code of Conduct; Planning Aid Wales. Councillors to contact Clerk to arrange dates.

PD/0121/22 Community Projects/Issues:

Introduced by the Chairman seeking the thoughts of councillors on their objectives as local councillors on matters to take forward and achieve in the next five-year period. Councillors were asked to give the matter some consideration as plans need to be laid if they were to be financed by the Section 106 monies from the windfarm.

- **Speed Signs**

The Clerk sort a volunteer to charge the batteries each month as it was some distance for him to travel. Mr S Hulse kindly offered to deal with both units. He also raised the issue of the one at Penybont appearing to operate after the vehicles to passed. Clerk to contact company.

- Penybont Station

The Chairman raised the issue of the dangerous pull-out/in, to the station. It was a matter of serious concern to our former County Councillor, and both community councils. Clerk to write to Crossgates Council and County Councillor to continue with this matter.

PD/0122/22 One Voice Wales

Councillors were given a brief outline about the organisation. It is hoped that a councillor will accept the role as liaison officer for this area, formally held by A.Willemsen.

PD/0123/22 Finance

- Expenditure to authorise.

Mrs TA Price	Internal Audit	£47.25
HSBC (DD)	Monthly Bank Charge	£5.00
VAT	Reclaimed	£183.74
Precept Deposit	Annual Payment 1/3	£2318.00

Proposed to pay Cllr Lyall Unanimous

- Bank reconciliation, supplied to Council
- Internet Banking
The Council account is currently with HSBC Internet Banking. A concern in our auditing is that whilst the council approves each payment and authorises the Clerk to pay, the councillors do not actually take part in the authorisation within the bank. This system is not available at HSBC. Many Community councils are switching to Unity Trust Bank, where such a monitoring system exists. It is the request from the Financial Officer (Clerk) for authority to move accounts.
Proposed Cllr D.Lyall to approve Unanimous.
- Audit 2020-21, not yet returned by Audit Wales, also outstanding fees
- Audit 2021-22, this has been returned from the internal auditor, matters discussed, and recommendations agreed.
- Annual Governance document discussed and approved, Chair to sign-off.
- Powys County Council- invoice for speed sign poles, outstanding from last financial year.

PD/0124/22 Correspondence.

- Silviculture woodlands in the community. Private company wishing to approach the community on private woodland ownership. Councillors asked to consider such environmental matters under community issues. Noted.

PD/0125/22 Public Questions

- **None**

PD/0126//22 Hendy Wind Farm (Cllr J. Lawrence left the meeting 2030)

- The Clerk updated the meeting that the correspondence regarding access track between turbines 5 & 6 and other matters that do not have planning permission or the statement by Hendy being inaccurate, are on the Planning `portal, but no decisions have been made.

PD/0127/22 Next Meeting

- The Council approved the following dates and times for 2022/23.
 - Bi- monthly, 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm.
 - July 12th
 - September 13th
 - November 8th
 - January 10th (budget setting)
 - March 14th
 - May 9th Annual Meeting

Meeting concluded at 2040 next meeting via ZOOM will be on **July 12th at 7.30pm**