**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at Penybont Community Hall at 7.30pm & Online**

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

**Apologies**:

**Absent:** Cllr D Bayliss

**Others:** County Councillor Morgan

The Chairman opened the meeting by informing that Mr Steven Williams (Noddy) had recently died. He recalled that he was a committed member of the community always willing to help. A period of silence followed in remembrance.

**PD/026/23 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*

* Cllr D. Turner declared in item PD/031/23

**PD/027/23 Minutes**

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

* 14th March 2023

Proposed to accept Cllr Lawrence Unanimous

**PD/028/23 Clerk’s update:**

* The requirement to publish the councils annual report was presented. Resolved to be published, Cllr Lyall, unanimous.
* Clerk reported that two matters of ‘declaration of interest’ had been circulated. Should councillors need further advice to contact him.
* Councillors required to authorise for the year 2023/4 for Financial Regulation: Standing Orders. Resolved to approve Cllr Watkins Unanimous
* To authorise and for the chairman to sign ‘risk assessment for 2023’ Resolved, to authorise such Cllr Lyall Unanimous.

**PD/029/23 County Councillors Report**

Roundup of the current County Council of meetings and events attended given. Matters relating to Llandegley drainage and clearance of cattle grids, council to use new online reporting facilities. Reported that refuse collections are improving. Attended the joint meeting of local communities at the Strand Builth Wells to hear the questions and answers to/from Bute Energy. (report published on council web page)

**PD/030/23 Planning:**

Nil applications

**PD/031/23 Community Projects/Issues:**

* **Community Church Seat**

Further estimates to be obtained.

* Rhos Swdd – building on Common Land. The Clerk will undertake enquiries.
* Welsh Governments legislation to reduced 30mph to 20mph. Documentation supplied to councillors and agreed to support.
* Severn Arms Public House: The council was informed of growing concern relating to the excavations to the rear and close to the river Ithon. Much work and money has been spent to ensure the river no longer floods the houses at Ithon Terr. The clerk to write to NRW to enquire if such excavations will effect river flow into the houses.

**PD/032/23 One Voice Wales**

 No reports

**PD/033/23 Finance**

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| Internal Audit | Mrs Price | £49.50 |
| Safelincs | Replacement Electrode equipment | £368.08VAT to be reclaimed. |

**Proposed for payment Cllr Watkins, Unanimous**

* Monthly bank balance sheet presented.
* To authorise the circulated accounts to the Wales Audit office to be signed by Chairman: Proposed Cllr Bufton Unanimous

**PD/034/23**

**Correspondence**

* 20’s Plenty for Us Noted

• Letter from community member re NRW (see attached additional information on subject) Noted

• Air Ambulance Donation - Noted

**PD/035/23 Public Discussion**

* Mr Hulse – drains at Llandegley

 Cattle grids A44 & A488

* An issue relating to households that do not use mobile phones (poor signal) and only have the elder type of house (BT) phones. The concern being the number of power cuts to the village, leave those people vulnerable to no communications or facilities to contact emergency services. - Clerk to investigate the matter.

*\*\*It was noted by the Clerk that the public had connection issues to this meeting. He will check to see where the issue lay. \*\**

**PD/036/23 Date of Next Meeting at Penybont Community Hall**

11th July 7.30pm- Hybrid available.