

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11th July 2023 at Penybont Community Hall at 7.30pm & Online.

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

Apologies:

Absent:

Others: County Councillor Morgan

The council were please to invite Dr Joseph Botting presenting ‘ A case for a Heart of Wales Geopark’. This being an area with an outstanding geological heritage and a strategy to promote that heritage for the benefit of the local community. He had identified an area from Builth Wells, Disserth, Llandrindod Wells and Penybont and Llandegley, where exciting finds have already been made and subject to local and international interest.

Following this presentation (copy will be made available on council web site) the council will put this matter on the agenda for September.

Council business commenced at 2010 hrs.

PD/037/23 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/038/23 Minutes

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

- 9th May 2023, (amendment raised by Cllr Lawrence – made).
Proposed to accept Cllr Lyall Unanimous

PD/039/23 Clerk’s update:

- Under planning

PD/040/23 County Councillors Report

Roundup of the current County Council of meetings and events attended given. Further meetings to include:

- Schools-over spend relating to heating costs.
- Bute Energy relating to Community Funds
- Refuse collection – improving still under staffed.

PD/041/23 Planning:

- Nil current applications
- Cllr D.Lyall raised the matter of an enforcement notice upon building works at Land Adjacent to Penybont Bridge, Penybont.
Compliance of the enforcement ran out on 22nd June 2023. However further building works appear to be carrying on. Clerk to write to the Planning Enforcement Officer.
- Update: Rhos Swdd, Change of use on Common Land. The Clerk undertook a search of Land Registry where it can be seen a premises has extended their property into the Common Land. Clerk will seek to contact Common Landowners and establish whether consent has been given and whether planning authority was obtained for 'change of use'.
- Cllr Lyall raised the concern over what was meant by the 'General Dispensation dated 9/12/22 relating to 'Renewable Energy'.

PD/042/23 Community Projects/Issues:

- **Community Church Seat**
Councillors were shown a variety of types and materials for a community bench seat. **Proposed** Cllr D Turner recommended the two-seater, recycled plastic bench would be in keeping with the location. Unanimous.

PD/043/23

Cllr Watkins reported that with these meetings being face/face and in different locations in Powys he was unable to attend because of work commitments and it was best for the council to stand down. Until a replacement is found the Clerk will circulate their minutes and deal with any issues locally via email

PD/044/23 Finance

13 May 2023	Land Registry search G Evans	£14.95
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- Cllr Lawrence raised the allocation made in the precept 2023-24 for funds which were available to the Kings

Coronation celebrations. The anticipated application did not take place. *'What will the council be doing with the surplus funds'?* The RFO advised councillors the funds will be held in reserved funds until January 2024, when councillors will be asked how the future use will be made of them.

Proposed for payment Cllr Watkins, Unanimous

PD/045/23

Correspondence

Information only emails received by Clerk, circulated.

PD/046/23 Public Discussion

- Mr Hulse raised a concern over grass verge cutting by PCC, it that left leave the grass areas around lower signs where the grass growth obscures them. Clerk to notify PCC.
- Following the presentation from Dr Botting, would the council ask him whether he or his group are monitoring the path of the Bute Energy pylons and any destruction they may cause.
Clerk to write.

PD/047/23 Date of Next Meeting at Penybont Community Hall

12th September 7.30pm- Hybrid available.