

**Minutes of the Remote Annual Meeting of of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council on 2nd
June 2020 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr G Price S Richardson, H Harwood, D Morgan

Apologies: Cllr S Bridgewater

Cllr Price took over the Chair for this meeting in the absence of a Chair.

DT 32/20 Election of Chair

Cllr Morgan nominated Cllr George Price as Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Harwood.

Resolved: Cllr Price was elected unanimously as Chair for 2020/21.

Cllr Price thanked members for his nomination.

DT 33/20 Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Richardson nominated Cllr Derwyn Morgan as Vice Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Harwood.

Resolved: Cllr Morgan was elected unanimously as Vice Chair for 2020/21.

Cllr Morgan thanked members for her nomination.

DT 34/20 Declaration of Interest:

None.

DT 35/20 Minutes

The minutes of meeting held on 10th March 2020 were confirmed and signed subject to one amendment.

DT 36/20 Information from Minutes

None.

DT 37/20 Planning Applications

19/0643/Ful – Erection of Motocross Track at Rhydblaudd.

The Clerk had been made aware that amendments to this application have been published on the PCC Planning Portal during May. The Council had not been notified of these objections. Letters from the Highways Authority and NRW were read out in full to all members.

The Clerk had contacted a member of the Planning Department who would look into why the Community Council had not received notification of these updates.

Members agreed unanimously that there are still many issues with this application and agreed that the initial objections to this application submitted following the meeting on 11th February 2020 should stand.

Resolved: Initial objections submitted in February 2020 to stand.

DT 38/20 Correspondence

a) Builth Wales Community Support – Covid 19 Grant

Members considered the amount of work carried out by BWCS during the Covid 19 pandemic, particularly within Caerwnon Park and Cwmbach.

Resolved: to award a grant of £500 for the support given to the community of Disserth & Trecoed.

b) M Pleszkan – Resignation

The resignation of the Chair was noted and accepted.

Resolved: to send a letter of thanks for former Cllr Pleszkan for his hard work on behalf of the Community Council.

DT 39/20

Finances

Ratification of payments made during lockdown

- a) Howey Hall Room Hire - £75 - approved
- b) Howey Hall Grant £500 - approved
- c) Zurich Insurance - £257.60 - approved
- d) LRS Audit – Internal Audit Fee - £33.10 - approved

New payments to be made:

- e) Clerk's Out of Pocket Expenses to 31.03.20 - £103.75 – approved.

DT 40/20

Annual Accounts & Internal Audit

a) Approval of Annual Accounts 2019/20

The annual accounts were circulated to all members for discussion.

Resolved: these were approved by all members.

b) Internal Audit

The Internal Audit had been carried out and the report presented to members. No issues were raised.

DT 41/20

Approval of Sections 1 & 2 of Annual Return

Sections 1 & 2 of the Annual Return were approved by the Council unanimously.

DT 42/20

Co-option

a) Application

An application was received from Geraint Evans, a resident of the community.

Resolved: to co-opt Mr Evans to one of the vacancies.

b) Co-option Advertisement

A new co-option advertisement had been produced and published in the website. A closing date of Monday 6th July at 12 noon was listed. Members were asked to circulate this to anyone who might be interested. Currently there are 2 vacancies.

The Casual Vacancy arising from the resignation of former Cllr Pleszkan has been advertised to enable 10 local electors to call an election. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, Powys County Council has notified the Clerk that if an election is called this would not take place until after 1st February 2021.

DT 43/20

County Councillor's Report

- a) Cllr Williams reported that lots of work within PCC had taken a back seat during the current pandemic, with many officers being redeployed to other areas. The statistics show that around 80 people from within Powys have died as a result of Covid 19, with over 50% from Care Homes. Many carers have also contracted the virus but have been unable to obtain tests as these were prioritised for Healthcare staff. There was also a huge lack of PPE for all Health and Care Services for some time.

There is a new testing site on the Royal Welsh Showground and anyone wishing to access a test, can contact the site directly:

- Members of the public and critical workers can request a home testing kit. This is available online at <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>, by ringing 119, or by ringing 18001 119 if you have speech or hearing difficulties. Through this link, Powys residents can also book at mass drive-through testing centres in neighbouring counties, which can offer a handy alternative for people living on the county's borders.
- Members of the public and critical workers can request an appointment at a drive-in testing unit – in Powys this can currently be booked by emailing powysresourcing@wales.nhs.uk or calling 01874 712600, or by visiting the Health Board website at www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/coronavirus-testing
- Hospital inpatients and care home residents are tested in their hospital or care home

Cllr Williams feel there will be a full enquiry into this pandemic and the way it has been handled in the UK once this is all over.

- b) Scrutiny meetings had been cancelled, however online meetings are now taking place to continue the work.
- c) The work of Children's Services continues and there has been a reduction in agency Social Workers from 45 to 28 which will be a significant saving.
- d) Work on potholes on B roads and lanes had been suspended as staff had been seconded to carry out other works during this pandemic. It is hoped this will return over the next few months.
- e) Cllr Williams is extremely concerned about the affect this pandemic will have on the economy and on the local businesses and retail outlets.
- f) The Mid Wales Growth Deal projects are being finalised which will include funds for the Royal Welsh Show Ground for the development of a Conference Centre.

DT 44/20

Information

a) Broken Fence – Howey Village

The Chair reported that the broken fence on the exit to the village had not been repaired yet. Cty Cllr Williams was reminded on the location and agreed to chase this up.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the first remote meeting and thanked everyone for their input.