

**Minutes of the Meeting of of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council on 8th January 2019
commencing at 7.00pm in Howey Village Hall**

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

Apologies: Cllr P Deakin, Cty Cllr G Williams

DT 01/19 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2018 were confirmed and signed.

DT 02/19 Information from Minutes

a) ALP

The Clerk reported that over 35 responses had been received supporting Llandrindod Wells Town Council's request to keep the ALP within Powys.

DT 03/19 Public Speaking

None.

DT 04/19 Chairman's Briefing Notes

a) Issues - Howey Loop Road

Chairman's notes as follows:

Immediately before the last Council meeting, we received a communique concerning parking and traffic issues in Howey, this was deferred until January 2019 pending further investigation.

I will withhold the name of the sender, place of work and contact details at their request.

A number of issues had been raised which I will list:

- The number of delivery vehicles in the area close to the bridge and parked vehicles therefore causing motorists having to reverse out of the village the wrong way.
- Concern that on the left-hand side next to the bridge the yellow lines have been tarmacked over by a trader.
- Concern that a fuel tanker is delivering fuel for the taxis and block the road, the same for brewery and recycling.
- Powys County Council have issued a licence for a further 15 mini buses, therefore will cause additional parking issues.
- Concerned no parking was made available or provided by the creche when approval was given by PCC.
- Very disappointed by responses from PCC who this individual feels that PCC do not want to upset local businesses and has now approached D & T for help.

I visited the site on Boxing Day morning and as you can see from picture 1 double yellow lines are in evidence on both sides of the road, a commercial vehicle has parked illegally.

Picture 2 shows taxis and mini buses parked in an off road location with clear double yellow lines.

Picture 3 shows no yellow lines from the illegally parked van, it appears that the area where the yellow lines should be having been painted over with bitumen paint.

Picture 4 shows that even with parked mini buses on the bridge access is still passable for emergency vehicles.

Having looked at the situation and will be guided by D & T Council and our County Councillor I feel that this is a matter for PCC planning and Enforcement to investigate and decide the most appropriate course of action.

Members discussed this matter with the following resolution:

Resolved: to pass a copy of the Chairman's notes to Cty Cllr Gwilym Williams to take up with Powys County Council Highways Department. To reply to the correspondent indicating the above.

b) Issues – Road Maintenance

Chairman's notes as follows:

Whilst I appreciate that Local Authorities are suffering with budget deficits across the UK especially within Road repairs and maintenance especially now that we are entering the last quarter of the financial year.

My concern is roads within D & T Especially one example the old road between Cwmbach and the "T" where the old turning for the Wood yard before the bypass was constructed. The road surface is deteriorating very quickly as per photographs 1 & 2, available on the night of the Council Meeting, it certainly would be prudent for PCC to resurface this section of road and as the road is no longer accommodating heavy HGV vehicle this refurbishment would last a considerable number of years and negate regular patching or minor repairs.

From a Health and Safety point of view even when driving at low speeds especially after heavy rain fall it can be difficult to control motor vehicles on the current road surface and therefore prove to be hazardous for other road users, i.e. cyclists especially we are promoting more usage of our excellent countryside and fauna.

Open to discussing by D & T Council and County Council representative.

Members discussed this matter and other areas within the community where repairs are required.

Resolved: to pass the Chairman's notes and photographs on to Cty Cllr Williams to contact Powys County council about.

Cllr Morgan will forward photographs of the issues along New Road to the Clerk to be forwarded to Cty Cllr Williams.

- DT 05/19** **Correspondence**
a) **Howey Village Hall – Grant Application for 2019/20**
 Resolved: to award a grant of £400 for 2019/20.
- DT 06/19** **Planning Applications**
None.
- DT 07/19** **Finances**
None.
- DT 08/19** **Budget 2019/20**
Members set the budget for 2019-20 with the following resolution.
Resolved: to request a precept of £11,500, with a Band D Product of £549.15 equating to an annual charge of £20.23 per household, and increase of 71p per annum per household from 2018/19.
- DT 09/19** **County Councillors Rep**
Cty Cllr Williams had sent his apologies for the meeting. He had verbally reported the following:
- a) **Council Tax**
This is likely to increase by 8%. The Chair felt that this figure is likely to increase one Town & Community Councils have submitted the precept requests.
- DT 10/19** **Information**
a) **Fallen Wall – Highfield**
The Chair reported that Alistair Knox of PCC is dealing with this matter and the following resolution was agreed.
Resolved: to write to Alistair Knox to thank him for all his work looking at the existing contract and his work on the new contract to ensure this is in favour of Mr Quincey.