

**Minutes of the Meeting of of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council on 15th September 2020
commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr D Morgan, H Harwood, G Evans, S Richardson, S Bridgewater, D Hillman, R Blunden.

Apologies: Cllr G Price

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr D Morgan, the Vice Chair chaired the meeting. The Chair welcomed Cllrs Hillman and Blunden to their first Community Council meeting, although he had previously been a member and Chair of the Community Council a few years ago.

DT 57/20 Declaration of Interest:
Cllr S Bridgewater – DT 60/20a

DT 58/20 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2020 were confirmed and signed subject to one amendment.

DT 59/20 Information from Minutes
None.

DT 60/20 Planning Applications

a) **20/1209/FUL** - Grid Reference: **E:306058 N: 256061**
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural livestock building -Site Address: Land at Maes Y Cae, Disserth, Builth Wells, Powys LD2 3TL. Cllr Bridgewater declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place
No objection.

b) **20/1163/FUL** -Grid Reference: **E:305205 N: 258667**
Proposal: Change of use from public house / restaurant to a dwelling
Site Address: The Laughing Dog, Howey, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 5PT.
No objection.

Cllr Harwood was concerned about the public access defibrillator at this site. The Clerk will discuss this with the owners of the building.

DT 61/20 Correspondence
None.

DT 62/20 Finances

a) Microshade Business Consultants – IT Backup - £418.80 - approved
b) SLCC – Subscription Contribution - £40.87 - approved

DT 63/20 Website Accessibility
New legislation is coming into place where Town & Community Council websites must be fully accessible. The Clerk had asked the current website hosts to check the site, however, it is not possible to make this site accessible.

A quote has been obtained from Vision ICT for £1120 to build the website with future annual hosting for £175.

Resolved: to purchase a new website from Vision ICT as quoted to meet with new accessibility legislation.

DT 64/20 National Pay Award

The Council was notified of the National Pay Award of 2.75%.

Resolved: to adopt this award with back pay from 1st April 2020.

DT 65/20 County Councillor's Report

- a) Cllr Williams welcomed Cllr Evans, Cllr Blunden and Cllr Hillman to the meeting and explained that if they have any County Council concerns they could email him directly.
- b) PCC officers had been to look at the fence at the edge of Howey village and programmed the work. Cty Cllr Williams will check if this has been done shortly.
- c) A PCC Budget Seminar had been held recently and it is looking like there will be debt of £7.5m at the end of the financial year.
- d) The county of Powys has been placed under "watch" status following increased cases of Covid 19 in the area.
- e) There have been ongoing issues with Social Services – Children's Services is overspent by £3.5m and Adult Services by £7m.
- f) Some time ago PCC set up an improvement board to look at PCC as a whole, this was made up on members from external groups. This work is coming to an end shortly and PCC will be setting up a new board in house to continue the work.
- g) Salt bins will be located shortly outside Brynderwen on New Road and on Caerwnon Lane.
- h) Cllr Richardson asked if Cllr Williams could arrange for the hedges to be cut back on Caerwnon Lane.

DT 65/20 Information

a) Sewage Issue

Cllr Bridgewater reported continuing issues with sewage seeping out by Crossways Cottage. He had taken a photograph at 6.30am on 25th August, 2020. This has been an ongoing issue for many months.

Resolved: Council to write to Welsh Water and ask for this matter to be sorted out urgently. The Clerk will forward the image taken by Cllr Bridgewater to Cty Cllr Williams.

b) Millview Close

The Clerk had attended a police meeting and had been informed that this month's community focus is on Millview Close in view of recent issues.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.