

**Minutes of a Meeting of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council on 8th October
2013 commencing at 7.30pm in Howey Village Hall**

Present: Cllr V Norris (Chair), Cllr G Price, Cllr J Hamer,
Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr D Morgan, Cllr C Myhill,
Cllr G Morris, Cllr P Deakin.

Apologies: None

Absent: None

DT 79/13 Election of Chairman

Cllr Myhill took the Chair for this item.

Cllr Norris was elected to serve as Chairman for the forthcoming year. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form in the presence of the Clerk. Cllr Norris thanked members for electing him.

DT 80/13 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr G Price was elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year. He thanked members for electing him.

DT 81/13 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th September 2013 were approved and signed.

DT 82/13 Information from Minutes

There was none.

DT 83/13 Planning Applications:

a) **P/2013/0963** for Full: Erection of holiday accommodation and installation of septic tank at Brynhir, Howey for CME & HLJ Nixon. Cllr Price and Cllr Deakin declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place.

Resolved: to object to this application on the grounds that the existing narrow road is not capable of taking additional traffic.

b) **P/2013/0965** - Full: Erection of single 50kw wind turbine (24.8m to hub height and 34.5 to blade tip height) and associated equipment cabinet at Gwermynach, Llanafan Fawr, Builth Wells. (Llanafan Fawr Community Council)

Resolved: to object to this application on the grounds of the negative visual impact this will have on parts of Disserth & Trecoed.

c) **P/2013/0971** - Variation to Condition 2 of planning approval P/2010/1009 (reduction in hub height to 24.5m and blade tip height to 35.4m - grid ref 307323 259284 at Ty Gwyn Farm, Golf links, Llandrindod Wells for Mr A Porter (Llandrindod Wells Town Council

Resolved: no objection to this reduction.

DT 84/13 Correspondence:

a) John Dalley – Resignation

Letter for resignation from Cllr Dalley for personal reasons, he is likely to be moving away in the near future.

Resolved: to write to Mr Dalley thanking him for all his hard work on behalf of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council.

b) Joanne Nixon – Parking Issues – Cwmbach

Letter notifying the Council of 2 recent road traffic incidents which have occurred within Cwmbach, 1 of which had caused injury to a horse which was being transported. Ms Nixon felt that they had been very fortunate that no serious injury had been sustained, but she feels that it is only a matter of time before this occurs unless something is done about the this situation. Members of the Council have also experienced issues in this area.

Resolved: to send a copy of the letter received to Tony Caine of PCC Highways, Cty Cllr G Williams and Glyndwr James the PCSO for this area.

c) Cllr S Richardson – Hedge Cutting

Email to point out that the hedges at Smithfield and Glangwy Farms which border Caerwnon Lanes are now overgrowing the narrow roadway.

Resolved: to write to PCC's LE Department to ask for hedge cutting orders to be issued.

d) Howey Village Hall – Grant Application

Email to inform that the Hall has had to replace its boiler during the last few weeks.

Resolved: to award a grant of £100 towards the cost of its replacement.

e) Mrs Wendy Thomas – Howey School Bell

Letter from the Church Warden to say that the Bell has now been installed and looks wonderful. Rev Ian Rees will be leaving the parish on 17th November and it had previously been agreed that a small reception be arranged prior to his departure to recognise the installation of the bell.

Resolved: Clerk to arrange this and notify members of details.

DT 85/13 Finance

- a) Geraint Evans – Clerk informed members that she had received a cheque from former Cllr Geraint Evans for £32.50 in repayment of a fee for training he had received.

- DT 86/13 A470 Slippage**
Members pointed out that no work had been carried out at this site and members fear that this is a major safety issue. Cllr Morgan agreed to take photographs of this site to supply to the Clerk. Cty Cllr Williams mentioned in his report that no action had been taken. Members were not happy with this.
Resolved: to write to the Welsh Government (with copies to Tony Caine, Cty Cllr G Williams, Trunk Road Agency and Griffiths Contractors) to express the Council's concern regarding this serious matter and press for immediate works to be carried out.
- DT 87/13 Recycling Chapel Road**
Cllr Price reported that he believes the issue which occurred with the non-collection of recycling may have been a one-off situation. This matter was not pursued.
- DT 88/13 Fir Tree Garage**
Members raised concerns about this area. No tree planting has been undertaken and not work to the entrance has taken place alleviating the problem which is occurring on the A470 with lorries pulling out. In view of the recent notification of application for an Operator's Licence, the question of sub-letting was asked.
Resolved: Clerk to obtain a copy of the Planning Approval and Conditions. To contact the Planning Department to ask about sub - letting and to mention concerns over tree planting and work on the entrance.
- DT 89/13 Website**
Members looked at some photographs. Cllr Morris was asked to arrange for a photograph to be taken on him on a tractor for website.
- DT 90/13 Council Vacancies**
The Clerk reported that CV2 notice of vacancies had been posted for the vacancies which occurred upon the resignation of Geraint Evans and John Dalley. No request for elections had been received. Therefore the Council may enter into a co-option process.

CV4 notices of the intention to co-opt have been posted throughout the community and members were given copies for anyone interested in being co-opted. The closing date for applications is Monday 11th November 2013.
Resolved: The Clerk will endeavour to get editorial pieces in the three local newspapers regarding this.
- DT 91/13 County Councillor's Report**
a) **Howey Village, Parking Restrictions**
Cty Cllr Williams had been asked to contact Highways about the removal of parking restrictions outside of the old shop in Howey, he has been informed that nothing will be done for 6 – 9 months.

b) **Howey Bridge**

At suggestion had come forward about placing a red strip along the right-hand side of the bridge to allow pedestrians to walk along and to clearly indicate this to drivers.

Members discussed this and felt that a path would be the preferred option and asked Cty Cllr Williams to press for this.

Resolved: to confirm this in writing to Cty Cllr Williams.

c) **Land Slippage – A470**

The Trunk Road Agency have inspected this but no work has been carried out. Members felt this was not satisfactory.

DT 76/13

Public Question Time

Mrs Jean Jones asked for clarification on the parking restrictions outside the old shop in Howey. Members felt that the restrictions are still in place.

Resolved: to write to Tony Caine to ask if parking restrictions are still in force and also for an indication of when these restrictions will be removed due to the closure of the shop.

DT 77/13

Information

a) **A470**

Cllr Morris asked members if anyone has an original plan of the A470 layout. If so could they let him have a look at it. Concerns were expressed about the entrance opposite Grove Villa. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Chairman **Date**