

**Minutes of the Meeting of of Dissert & Trecoed Community Council on 8th October 2019
commencing at 7.00pm in St John's Room**

Present: Cllr M Pleszkan, H Hardwood, S Richardson, G Price, D Morgan
Cty Cllr G Williams

Apologies: None

DT 85/19 Declaration of Interest :
None.

DT 86/19 Public Speaking
No requests had been received.

DT 87/19 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2019 were confirmed and signed.

DT 88/19 Information from Minutes
a) Goylands Hedges
Cllr Harwood reported that these had now been cut back and thanked Cty Cllr Williams.

DT 89/19 Chairman's Briefing
There was nothing reported.

DT 90/19 Planning Applications
None.

DT 91/19 Correspondence
a) Builth Community Community Support – Community Information Fair
Invitation to attend this event on 18th October 2019, 11am – 2pm at Wyeside Arts Centre. Cllr Richardson indicated she hoped to attend. This invitation is open to all members.

b) Powys CAB – Grant Request
There was no evidence to support the application as to how many residents of the community had been assisted and there is no service based within the community. The service currently received £5.7m from Welsh Government.
Resolved: not to award a grant on this occasion in view of the above.

c) Powys County Council – Grass Cutting Costs
The Clerk had obtained a quote from Powys County Council for one additional cut of the urban grass verges in Howey and Cwmbach. These will be considered when setting the budget for 2020/21 at the December meeting. This was noted.

The Chair circulated photographic evidence of the poor standard of maintenance in the area. These examples fell within the neighbouring community.

Resolved: to send copies of these images to Cty Cllr Mackenzie for her information.

DT 92/19 Finances

- a) **SLCC – Subs - £40.87 – approved.**

DT 93/19 Appoint Internal Auditor – LRS Audit

Resolved: to appoint Lee Stephens of LRS Audit to undertake the Internal Audit for 2019/20. Clerk to send instruction to Mr Stephens.

DT 94/19 County Councillors Report

- a) Cty Cllr Williams had chased up several of the outstanding issues with regard to Road and Grounds maintenance with officers within PCC. A tree will be removed by the property owner at Kimberley Villa in Howey. He had contacted the residents along Caerwnon Lane to request they cut back their hedges. There is a blocked culvert by Pont Yr Ithon bridge. He has requested the cut back of hedges along the old A470.

The trees by the junction along the A470 remain uncut and are restricting view, Cllr Williams will report this once again.

- b) A new group has formed within PCC by Cllr J Pugh and Cllr M Weale.
- c) The County Council is basing the budget on a 5% increase in Council Tax, however, Cllr Williams felt this is unlikely to manifest and it is more likely to be an increase of 10% - 12%. Cty Cllr Williams gave his commitment not to support a budget increase at this level.
- d) Cty Cllr M Alexander has now taken over a Portfolio Holder for Children's Services.
- e) Cabinet Leader, Cllr R Harries, is considering appointing 2 additional members bringing the Cabinet up to 10 members, however, she is now developing a business case to support this.

DT 95/19 Information

a) Powys County Council Budget

The Chair reminded members of the survey link circulated by the Clerk to all members – Powys Budget Simulator. He encouraged all members to complete this. The Chair had completed it with a worrying outcome.

b) Old A470 Speed Limit

Cllr Richardson had been approached by residents with concern about the speed limit along the old A470 which is currently de-restricted in parts. There had been a couple of near-misses particularly at the entrance to Caerwnon Lane and residents are requesting a new speed limit of 30 mph along the whole of this road.

The Chair commented that his Sat Nav, shows the road with a 40mph speed restriction. The Clerk felt this would require a Traffic Road Order issued by Powys County Council

Resolved: Cty Cllr Williams will meet with Tony Caine to discuss this matter.

c) Salt Bin

Cllr Morgan once again requested a Salt Bin to be placed prior to the bad weather on New Road on the pitch above Bryn Derwen. Cty Cllr Williams will arrange for this.

d) Flooding Chapel Road

Cllr Price reported flooding on Chapel Road coming from PCC land. He felt this could be a blocked culvert or closed ditch. Cty Cllr Williams will look into this.