

**Minutes of a Meeting of of Disserseth & Trecoed Community Council on 8<sup>th</sup>  
November 2016 commencing at 7.00pm in The Iron Room**

**Present:** Cllr G Price, H Harwood, S Richardson, J Hamer, D Morgan, V Norris

**Apologies:** Cllr N Mills, P Deakin, C Myhill, G Morris

**TC 76/16**

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were approved and signed.

**DT 77/16**

**Information from Minutes**

None.

**DT 78/16**

**Correspondence**

**a) Powys County Council – Elections 2017**

**Election Dates in 2017**

The elections for all 110 Community Councils will take place on Thursday, 4 May together with the elections for the 73 County Council electoral divisions

***Elections and Costs***

It is important that your Council is aware of and considers these elections when setting its precept. All Councils will need to make a provision in their precept to cover the costs of the election. It is my estimate that the total cost of a contested community ward election, with 1000 electors, would be approximately £1600. These are not definitive, as the following costs are unknown at this stage – ballot papers, hire charges for polling station, count fees and stationery. Where a poll coincides with a contested County Council election, costs such as staffing, polling stations, etc. would be apportioned equally.

We estimate that an uncontested community ward election of around 1000 electors will cost approximately £350. In 2012, Powys County Council took the decision to absorb the costs of poll cards completely as these were despatched before the close of nominations. However, this will not be the case in 2017 and in addition to the above, Community Councils will also be charged for a proportion of poll cards costs, whether there is a contested or uncontested election. The cost for the printing and postage will be approximately 15 pence per elector (not inclusive of VAT) which is based on current postage costs.

**b) Cllr C Hartley - Resignation**

Letter of resignation from Cllr Hartley who has now relocated in Llandrindod Wells. Members wished him well. The Clerk informed members that there is no requirement to advertise the vacancy as it falls within 6 months of the May 2017 elections.

**DT 79/16 Planning Applications**

None

**DT 80/16 Finances**

- a) Vision ICT – Website - £168.00 approved

**DT 81/16 County Councillors Report**

- a) Cty Cllr Williams has made some progress in identifying the owners of the land where the hedge is growing over the old A470. He has passed these details on to PCC.
- b) Caerwnon Park Bus Shelter is now in place. He thanked Cllr Richardson and residents for providing refreshments for the recent opening.
- c) Social Services have a predicted £5.2m overspend for 2016/17.
- d) Cty Cllr Williams is unable to “call in” the application for Cilgynfydd. Cllr Myhill and Cty Cllr Williams have informed local residents of the application.
- e) Discussions are currently taking place about the future of Day Centres within Powys. Members felt this is a crucial service for the residents and carers within the area. The Clerk will prepare a Council response to send to Cty Cllr Williams.
- f) Work is continuing on the LDP.
- g) There is considerable money to be spent on County Council owned farms and a serious level of investment is required.
- h) Following advice from the Clerk Cty Cllr Williams had been in touch with Jayne Griffiths, Community Champion of Tesco regarding a grant for play equipment. Grants are currently closed but will restart in the new year. She will arrange for application forms to be sent to Cty Cllr Williams.

**DT 82/16 Defibrillators**

Cllr Norris reported that the Defibrillator had now been delivered for Howey Village and the one for Caerwnon Park has now been sited. Cllr Norris proposed that the Community Council give a one off donation towards the future running of these apparatus.

**Resolved:** to donate £400 to Friends of Healthcare Builth Wells and District.

**DT 83/16 Budget 2017/18**

The Clerk ran through the budget paperwork and reminded members that there is an expectation for each Town and Community Council to increase their precept to cover the cost of the May 2017 elections.

Members worked through the budget headings and it was agreed to request of precept of £11,450. The Band D figures have not yet been published. The Clerk will notify members of the charge per household when these come through.

**DT 84/16**      **Public Questions**  
None.

**DT 85/16**      **Information**  
None.