

**Minutes of a Meeting of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council on 9th April 2013
commencing at 7.00pm in Iron Room**

Present: Cllr G Evans, V Norris, J Griffiths, G Price, D Morgan,
S Richardson, G Morris

Apologies: J Hamer, J Dalley, P Deakin, C Myhill

DT 32/13

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 12th March 2013 were approved and signed.

DT 33/13

Information from Minutes

a) School Bell

The Bell is now with the Clerk and will be taken to the Fabricator shortly in order to price up the manufacture and erection of a frame.

b) Leaves

Cllr Price reported that these had been cleared as requested.

DT 34/13

Planning Applications:

None received.

DT 35/13

Correspondence:

a) One Voice Wales – Renewal of Membership

Subscription renewal. 657 chargeable dwellings at 26.1p - £171.

Resolved: to renew membership for 2013/14.

b) Powys County Council – Charity Trustees

Further additional information regarding dispensations for Charity Trustees. This was noted.

c) Powys County Council – Integrating Health & Social Care Services

Update on progress with the above project.

d) Powys County Council – LDP Candidate Sites for Disserth & Trecoed

A list and plans of the suggested sites had been circulated to members. This required considerable thought.

Resolved: all members to look at the sites in their area and complete the relevant forms for discussion at the next meeting, prior to the Council submission.

DT 36/13

Finances

a) Confirm Clerk's Salary for 2013/14

This was agreed on the NALC Scale Point 22 at £314.94 per month.

b) Howey Hall Grant – Release - £500 - agreed

c) One Voice Wales – Training - £30 - agreed

d) SLCC – Training (Clerk & Chair) - £141.80 - agreed

e) Zurich Insurance - £243.80 – agreed.

DT 37/13

Grant/Donation Applications

None received.

DT 38/13

IRP – Councillors Allowance

The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 recently extended the remit of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) to include payments to members of Community and Town Councils in recognition of costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, and consumables, among other things.

In its annual report 2012/13 the IRP has given town and community councils the authority to pay up to £100 per Councillor to cover these costs. The IRP has recognised that Community and Town Councillors who receive no payment for the work they do for their communities are left out of pocket in relation to telephone calls and printing, including ink cartridges and postage. The allowance would be paid retrospectively upon the completion of 12 months service.

Members discussed this, and although the general consensus was that individuals may not claim this, it was agreed that this scheme should be put in place to which will then allow members to claim the allowance no matter what their individual financial circumstances are.

Resolved: to adopt the scheme of paying members £100 per annum for expenses incurred to commence 1st April 2013.

DT 39/13

Parking – Troed y Rhiw & Ivy Cottage (C1210)

Cllr Morgan had contacted the Clerk as she had received complaints from residents about the parking along the old A470 outside the above properties. The Clerk contacted Powys County Council regarding this and the following response had been received from Tony Caine of Powys County Council Highways Department:

“The old A470 has been de-trunked and now has the classification C1210. At the moment there are no plans agreed as to what changes will occur to the former trunk road therefore the existing regime will continue.

Outside Ivy Cottage/Troed Y Rhiw there are double white centre lines, this does mean that vehicles should not park adjacent to them since it would force a vehicle to pass it to cross them. This is an offence that only the Police are able to deal with, I have therefore copied Builth Wells NPT in on this email for them to consider what, if any, action is necessary. Previously I had discussed this with the Police and they advised that they did not consider parking there caused an obstruction, however the offence of parking adjacent to a double solid line is failure to comply with a road traffic sign which can be used in this case.”

All local members for this area agreed this is a major safety issue and that there are often many cars parked along this area causing problems when oncoming vehicles are travelling at speed.

Resolved: to contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team in Builth Wells pointing out the Council’s concern over safety, and asking them to support the Council’s application to Powys County Council requesting that the correct road markings to be laid and introduction of specific parking spaces along this road to allow safe overtaking.

DT 40/13

County Councillor’s Report

Cty Cllr Williams sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting.

DT 41/13 Any Other Business

a) C1210 –Temporary Signage

The Chairman asked members to support his proposal to ask Powys County Council to remove the temporary speed signs put by the Welsh Assembly Government and which are not legally required across the whole of this area.

Resolved: to write to PCC Highways to do this.

b) Restrictive Parking Bays – Howey Village

Cllr Norris pointed out to members that there are restrictive parking bays outside the old shop in Howey. It was felt that these were installed specifically for the shop. As the shop is no longer in existence he asked members if they would be prepared to support a request for their removal.

Resolved: to write to PCC Highways Department to request that these bays be removed.

DT 42/13 Public Question Time

a) C1210 – Parking

Mrs Chris Shortland pointed out the members that the cars parking along the stretch from Troed y Rhiw to Ivy Cottage are often parking facing the wrong way and are facing the oncoming traffic