

**Minutes of a Meeting of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council on 9th June 2015
commencing at 7.00pm in Howey Hall**

Present: Cllr G Price, P Deakin, C Myhill, J Hamer, C Hartley,
D Morgan, V Norris, G Morris

Apologies: Cllr S Richardson

DT 53/15 Minutes of Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12th May 2015 were approved and signed.

DT 53/15 Minutes

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

DT 54/15 Information from Minutes

The Chairman reported that the one way sign along Chapel Road had now been repaired and replaced.

DT 55/15 Correspondence

a) Powys County Council – Recycling Collection

At the end of the financial year 2014/15 Powys achieved the statutory recycling 52% which we are delighted about and have thanked residents and traders using the recycling services for their efforts to date and to continue with their efforts.

However, the council needs to achieve a recycling rate of 58% in 2015/16 to meet the next statutory target and will need to improve its recycling rate further as there is still too much rubbish going to landfill.

This is a very expensive option for council tax payers which can be avoided if Powys residents make an effort to reduce, reuse and recycle their rubbish wherever possible.

We have also been reviewing the materials that we collect to ensure that we recover as high a quality recycle as possible. The higher quality the material we collect the more income we will generate and less costs will be incurred during its recovery. One of the materials that causes great difficulties is plastic film. It is extremely difficult to find a market for, and also adds additional cost to the sorting process, for very little benefit.

Therefore, from the 1st of June the council will no longer collect plastic film - stretchy plastic items such as carrier bags, magazine wrappers and bags and bubble wrap at the kerbside or at recycling centres. Clean plastic bottles and tops, pots, tubs and food trays, food and drink cans, aluminium foil, metal bottle tops and jar lids and aerosol cans can still be recycled in your red plastic and cans box.

Most other Welsh local authorities do not collect plastic film because of the problems with its recovery. Plastic bags can be reused, used to line your rubbish bins at home, can be recycled at most supermarkets or placed in your wheeled bin.

Powys County Council has also recently been announced as one of the

top performing Welsh councils in an independent report into the Recycling Carbon Index for the UK for 2013/14. The report shows that the CO2 emissions savings from Powys County Council's waste and recycling services have increased by 2% since 2012/13 from a figure of 102 to 104 in 2013/14.

b) Powys County Council – Planning Presentation

Invitation to attend presentation on 6th July 6pm to 8pm in County Hall. Members were asked to contact the Clerk if should they wish to attend.

c) Powys County Council – LDP

The Deposit Plan is now out until consultation to 4.30pm on 20th July 2015.

The document will be available to view on Monday 8th June at Gwalia 11am – 7pm

DT 56/15

Planning Applications

a) **P/2015/0425** – Householder: Erection of rear extension at 3 Oak Way, Caerwnon Park for Mr G Devon. Members believed that the work had already been started on this application. **No objection.**

b) **USE/2014/0000244** – Cilgwynfydd Plantation – Planning Enforcement.

Email from Angharad Richards, Planning Officer as follows:

“We do not appear to have received a retrospective planning application or certificate of lawfulness and although the applicant had sought to contact me by phone and I tried to contact him back he has not returned my phone call. With this in mind I am preparing a Planning Contravention notice as this will hopefully emphasise the seriousness of the matter to the landowner and inform the necessary enforcement action. Members welcome this.

DT 57/15

Finances

- a) HOWLTA – Subscription - £12.00 – Approved
- b) St John's Church – Room Hire - £90 – Approved.

DT 58/15

Council Vacancies

An application had been received from Nicholas Mills.

Resolved: to co-opt Mr Mills to the Council.

DT 59/15

County Councillors Report

a) Cty Cllr Williams had recently met with the Cabinet Leader to discuss the issues with lack of progress on LE items in D&T. He confirmed that the footpath repair at Cwmbach will now be undertaken during June.

b) The applicant had confirmed that a second application has now been sent to PCC for the drop kerb at Troed y Rhiw.

c) There had been an on-going issue with the new slip road from Oaklands to Brookfield, Dolfor and Hideaway. He confirmed that the works will be commenced soon.

- d) There has been an issue with the white lines at Pont yr Ithon Bridge. He has arranged for these lines to be removed and placed in the correct position.
- e) Cty Cllr Williams reported that the grass on the roads has now been cut after he had put pressure on PCC.
- f) It has now been confirmed that the path leading from Howey Hall to Goylands will be swept next week.
- g) Cty Cllr Williams will be meeting with Brent Campbell of PCC with regard to pot holes in the community. The Chairman will attend this meeting also. Members were asked to let make Cty Cllr Williams aware of any issues.
- h) Cty Cllr Williams had received complaints about the tarmacking of the footpath between Goylands and Millview Close, this had been carried out by Western Power.

DT 60/15

Public Questions

a) Footpath – Goylands Close to Millview Close

Mr Holder informed members that many residents were aggrieved about this path being tarmacked; this now constitutes a change of use, an established right of way, he questioned the ownership of the land and who is responsible for maintenance and liable for insurance.

Members had a long discussion on this matter and it was felt that this is a matter for the residents to approach the land owner and/or Western Power. Members agreed to meet on site following the meeting.

DT 61/15

Information-

None