

**Minutes of a Meeting of Dissersh & Trecoed Community Council on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
commencing at 7.30pm in Howey Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr G Evans, J Griffiths, V Norris, C Myhill, P Deakin,  
J Dalley, S Richardson, D Morgan

**Apologies:** None

**Absent:** Cllr J Hamer, G Morris, G Price

**DT 57/13**

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were approved and signed.

**DT 58/13**

**Information from Minutes**

There was none.

**DT 59/13**

**Planning Applications:**

- a) **P2013 0648** – for: Full: Installation of a 50kw micro generation wind turbine (24.9m to hub and 34.5m to blade tip) with control box and all associated works including a landscaping scheme (grid ref 305625 252803) at Maencowyn, Llanelwedd for Mr & Mrs T Gethin. (**Llanelwedd**). Following research from the Chairman and Cllr Myhill: **Resolved:** to object to this application due to the detrimental and adverse visibility impact this will have on the parish of Dissersh & Trecoed, particularly on the West side of the A483 and the communities beyond.

**DT 60/13**

**Correspondence:**

a) **Trunk Road Agency – Parking in Layby A470**

Email from Dean Williams stating he had recently met with a local resident to discuss this matter and have referred the observations to the trunk road highway authority (Welsh Government). As Tony has stated, currently the highway authority or the Police could only take enforcement action if an offence is evidenced. I have asked staff members that patrol this route to check if any offences, for which we can take action, are occurring. You may wish to pass on your concerns to the Police so that they can also monitor. Members noted this.

b) **Post Office – Howey Mobile Post Office**

Email from Helen Hampshire as below:

“I’m sorry to hear that local residents are not receiving the level of service that they expect. I do appreciate the concern that this matter has caused you and others members of the public and please accept my sincere apologies for this. We take complaints of this nature very seriously. Following receipt of your email I can confirm that I have investigated your concerns in full and can now provide you with a detailed reply. The Howey outreach stop is one of several with Llandrindod Wells as the core.

As you are already aware there have been numerous problems over the last few months and we met with the local Assembly Member last month

to address several of the generic issues, such as reliable, timely service, customer service, and reliability of equipment.

The van being late or not attending at all have been genuine (for example problems with the electric charge and also the heater broke in the very cold weather of a couple of months and took longer than anticipated to be fixed).

The Sub Postmaster at Llandrindod Wells has now employed a new driver and to date he has been very helpful to customers, courteous and the service has been more punctual and reliable. We have stressed the need for this to continue and for better communication between the outreach site and the mobile service if it is going to be late for any reason. All feedback is certainly helpful in terms of us ensuring we strive to deliver excellent service as we are very aware of the important service the mobile van for customers in communities where they do not have direct access to their own post office. I can assure you that we will continue to work closely with the community to ensure that the service levels continue to improve and any that any issues are highlighted and are dealt with in a timely process to ensure minimum disruption is caused.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention and I can assure you that your continued custom is valued. I'm confident that the above action will improve the service. We do rely on customer feedback to improve our service so please feel free to contact us if you have any further issues. Complaints no 1-2524313501.

Cllr Norris commented that the service seems to be running well currently.

**DT 61/13**

**Finance**

- a) Howey Hall – Room Hire - £75 – approved.

**DT 62/13**

**Annual Audit 2012/13**

The Audit form had been returned from BDO Stoy Hayward and no issues had been raised. The Council confirmed the audit as correct and the Chairman signed before resubmission to the Auditors.

**DT 63/13**

**County Councillor's Report**

Cty Cllr Williams sent his apologies via Cllr Myhill who reported the following on his behalf:

- a) **Fallen Wall, Howey**

Wales & West Housing have agreed to pick up the cost for the repair of this wall. Members were pleased to see a successful outcome.

- b) **A483**

The re-cambering of the road outside Pencerrig has now been completed.

**DT 64/13**

**Members Training**

The Clerk notified members of the Training Programme for Sept – Dec 2013 which is being facilitated by One Voice Wales as below. The following members requested to attend.

The Council – 19<sup>th</sup> Sept – Bishop Bevan Hall, Brecon  
The Councillor – 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Bishop Bevan Hall, Brecon  
The Council as an Employer – 26<sup>th</sup> Sept – Strand Hall, Builth Wells  
Understanding the Law – 5<sup>th</sup> Dec– Bishop Bevan Hall, Brecon  
Council Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> Octo – Strand Hall, Builth Wells (V Norris, J Griffiths)  
Local Government Finance – 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Strand Hall, Builth Wells (D Morgan)  
Health & Safety - 9<sup>th</sup> Oct– Bishop Bevan Hall, Brecon (P Deakin)  
Chairing Skills – 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Bishop Bevan Hall, Brecon  
Community Engagement 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Bishop Bevan Hall, Brecon

**DT 65/13**

**Community Council Website**

Recently the Welsh Government has made provision for a grant of £500 for each Town and Community Council to establish a website.

This money will be provided to all Council's including those who have an existing website.

There is a 2 stage process, the first being that the County Council writes to all Town and Community Councils requesting whether they wish to receive the grant. The second stage is for Town and Community Councils to advise the County Council how that grant funding has been used, as the County Council will be required to account for this to Welsh Government.

I expect to receive a letter within the next week to 10 days, asking if the Council wishes to receive the grant. The intention is that Town and Community Councils should respond Wyn Richards of PCC by the end of July so that I can arrange for the payment to be issued with their precept payment in August.

**Resolved:** to request the money from PCC to fund a new website via Vision ICT.

**DT 66/13**

**Public Question Time**

There were none.

**DT 67/13**

**Information**

**a) Builth Wells Surgery**

Cllr Richardson had attended the recent public meeting along with many concerned residents. Dr Walters had explained the issues with the existing system and although residents were not too happy they could understand the need for change. A further public meeting will be held to discuss the changes and the Ambulance response times.

**Chairman** ..... **Date** .....