

**Minutes of a Meeting of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council on 9th September
2014 commencing at 7.30pm in Howey Village Hall**

Present: Cllr G Price, J Hamer, J Griffiths, S Richardson, J Jones,
C Myhill, V Norris, C Hartley

Apologies: Cllr P Deakin, D Morgan

Absent: Cllr G Morris

DT 71/14 Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 8th July 2014 were approved and signed.

DT 72/14 Information from Minutes

The Clerk confirmed that all actions had been undertaken from the last minutes.

DT 72/14 Planning Applications:

a) **P/2014/0738** – Full: Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery and fodder at The Willows, Cwmbach for Mr P Nixon.

b) **2014/0765** – Full: Erection of hay and implement store at Elancot Howey for Mr G Cleaton. Also supporting letter from Mr G Cleaton

c) Letter from applicant. Planning Consent currently assists under application P/010/0906 granted on 11/10/2010 which runs out on 10.08.15. The reason for the new application is that when we measured the site to be dug out we found it was three meters further in to the field than it should be, according to the PCC the old ordnance survey map was used. Trees were immediately planted to screen this site. The application is to move the shed to where it is intended to be placed. Cllr Price declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place. **No objection**

d) **P/2014/0773** – Full: Erection of a primary operations building and centre core drop sorter and stacker building, extension to existing drop sorter building, extension to the existing treatment plant building, erection of a covered storage area for biomass fuel, to include the demolition of existing structure connected to the sawmill for BSW Sawmills.

Resolved: to request that Cllr Williams ask for this application to be 'called in' before the Planning Committee.

Members held a lengthy discussion regarding this application.

Resolved: to object to this application pointing out the following concerns:

- The Council feel that application will have an impact on neighbouring communities and therefore feel that neighbouring Town & Community Councils should have been consulted on this application.
- We note from the application that it states 'none of the neighbours have been contacted by the applicant'. My Council would request assurance that the Planning Department have made contact with neighbouring properties regarding this application.
- It is noted that the old Ordnance Survey map has been used to prepare this application, this map does not include the new A470 route and therefore could be misleading.
- There are concerns about the expected increase in traffic levels
- Concerns that there will be sufficient parking space due to the increase in traffic caused by this application
- Major concerns about the access road and the impact this may have on traffic using the A470
- Concerns regarding increased noise levels
- Increase in light pollution - there is no mention of installation of appropriate downward facing lighting
- Major concern that the Highways Department have no objection as this involves a private access road and A470 (trunk road). This fails to recognise that the C1233 is impacted by this application. This road is often blocked by lorries accessing the site.
- Concerns that lorries may stack on the high speed A470
- If this application is approved, we would wish to see an Independent Noise Survey carried out for this site.
- However, we would wish to point out that we welcome the proposal to cover the Biomass shed.

DT 73/14

Correspondence:

a) Powys County Council – Invitation to Budget Sessions

Invitation to budget sessions on Monday 6th October 2014 either 10am to 1pm or 2pm – 5pm with a choice of 4 workshops:

Table 1 – PCC Budget proposals 2015/16

Table 2 – PfHB Budget proposals 2015/16

Table 3 – Challenges facing adult social care

Table 4 - Community delivery

Members were asked to contact PCC directly to book sessions.

b) Powys County Council – Planning – Fir Tree Garage

Email from Planning Officer Gemma Bufton confirming that she has now received correspondence from R&B Transport Ltd regarding the breach of conditions.

Within his correspondence it is noted that the planting will be undertaken between late autumn and early spring (next available planting season) he further confirms that the trees have been purchased and maturing ready to be planted. Planning Services have confirmed with Mr Booth that they will be monitoring the site to ensure works are completed in full accordance with the

details as approved and dates set within his email.

With regards to the access works he has noted my comments and is in the process of obtaining quotations for these works. Planning Services will keep you updated on this matter and when further information has been received.

Members have concerns that the entrance area is breaking up and the appropriate gates have not been installed. It has also been reported that cars are being sold from this site.

Resolved: to contact the Planning Officer for a further update and to point out the additional comments.

c) Welsh Government – A470 Land Slippage

Confirmation from Edwina Hart AM that all repair works have been funded the Alun Griffith Contractors. This was noted.

d) Cty Cllr M Mackenzie – A470 Issues & Welsh Government Response

Copies of letters from Cty Cllr Mackenzie and Edwina Hart AM. The Clerk had subsequently received a response from Edwina Hart AM stating:

“As noted in my letter of 10th July, the junction you refer to has been designed in accordance with national standards with signs for Cwmbach provided both in advance and at the junction. We continually monitor safety along the network to identify any future improvements.”

Resolved: to write to the Minister pointing out that the initial request was for the installation reflective bollards and ask if this would be possible.

e) Powys County Council – Changes to Kerbside Collections

Letter informing of some kerbside collection changes within D&T – Brynteg to Howey will change to a Tuesday. The Clerk has put a copy of this on the website. This was noted.

f) Howey YFC – Application for Grant

Application towards running costs of Howey YFC.

Resolved: Cllr Myhill declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place. **Resolved:** to award a grant of £150 towards this running of this group.

DT 74/14

Finance

a) Howey Hall – Room Bookings - £50.00 - approved

b) BDO Stoy Hayward - £246.00 – approved

c) St John’s Church – Room Bookings - £60.00 - approved

DT 75/14

County Councillors Report

a) Millview Close Bin.

This has now been replaced.

b) Cwmbach Entrance

No further work has been carried out. This is awaiting planning permission. Cty Cllr Williams will speak to the residents regarding this.

c) Salt Bins

These are still to be replaced.

d) Care

Reach has now been dismissed from their contract for care within Powys County Council.

e) Seat

PCC is not prepared to fund a replacement bench.

f) Budget Savings

Although some savings have been made, PCC will continue to cut services to achieve the required budget cuts.

g) Local Growth Zone

Cty Cllr Williams has written to Sue Boulter from PCC Regeneration to ask for local growth zone monies to be made available for Disserth & Trecoed. He will keep members posted on the outcome.

DT 76/14 Public Questions

There were none.

DT 77/14 Information

a) Griffiths Contracts Site A470

Cllr Myhill asked for this item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

b) Publication of Agenda

Cllr Jones had been contacted by Mrs S Holder stating that no agenda had been put on display for this meeting. The Clerk and Cllr Griffiths confirmed that the agenda was placed on the noticeboard and in the Laughing Dog on Wednesday 3rd September 2014.

Chairman **Date**