

**Minutes of the Meeting of of Dissert & Trecoed Community Council on 9th October 2018
commencing at 7.00pm in St John's Room, Cwmbach**

Present: Cllr M Pleszkan, H Harwood, G Price, D Morgan, S Richardson, N Mills
Cty Cllr G Williams

Apologies: Cllr P Deakin

DT 70/18 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2018 were confirmed and signed.

DT 71/18 Information from Minutes

DT 72/18 Public Speaking

None

DT 73/18 Chairman's Briefing Notes

a) Clerk's Contract

The Clerk's contract of employment was presented to members and agreed. The Clerk signed the contract which was witnessed by the Chair.

The Chair has forwarded three further documents for the Clerk to consider prior to the next meeting.

b) Highfield

The Chair had spoken with Alistair Knox of PCC who agreed to speak with the County Council Solicitor within 14 days and respond to the Chair. No contact had been received yet. Cllr Price felt the Council need to be careful not to get too involved in this situation.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Mr Knox to chase this up.

c) Annual Leave

The Clerk will be on annual leave from 19th to 26th October 2018.

d) Powys County Council Tri Towns Group

The Chair had attended a couple of meetings with regard to this group which is focussed around Llandrindod Wells, Builth Wells and Rhayader and the communities in between.

The group had been made aware of up to £3m funding available for capital and revenue projects, however applications would need to be submitted before the end of December. A couple of ideas had been floated; a cycle path to link the three towns and communities, a Virtual App to provide visual information. The Chair felt that both projects would require considerable background research and work and that the deadline was too short to prepare an effective bid. He felt the group has good intentions however time is against them.

- DT 74/18 Correspondence**
- a) NHS Direct – 111**
Notification of the new number to telephone for medical services – 111.
 - b) Powys County Council – Dog Banning Orders**
Information of the introduction of Dog Banning Orders. Concern was expressed that this would affect those people using the Groe in Builth Wells. No orders within the Community Council boundaries were identified.
 - c) Powys Teaching Healthboard – Builth Wells Dental Services**
Notification that new routine appointments would commence in December 2018.
 - d) Royal British Legion – Commemoration Service**
Open invitation to members and residents to attend the Commemorative Service on Sunday 28th October 2018 at 3pm in the Holy Trinity Church, Llandrindod Wells to commemorate the end of the World War 1.
- DT 75/18 Planning Applications**
None.
- DT 76/18 Finances**
- a) One Voice Wales – Training - £40 - approved**
- DT 77/18 Annual Audit 2017/18**
The Clerk presented the returned Audit to the Council. This had been unqualified and had included 2 advisory points which were noted. The Clerk explained that PCC had not invoiced any Councils for the May 2017 election costs, but had reduced the final precept payment received. This had caused issues with most Town & Community Councils within Powys. The Chair thanked the Clerk for her work on this matter.
- DT 78/18 Appointment of Internal Auditor**
Resolved: to appoint Lee Stephens as Internal Auditor for 2018/19.
- DT 79/18 County Councillors Rep**
- a) Children’s Services**
CSIW are now in Powys County Council carrying out an inspection on Children’s Services. PCC will await their report. The existing budget is likely to be exceeded significantly.
 - b) Scrutiny**
PCC is looking at appointing a forth Scrutiny Committee.
 - c) Powys Health Board**
Officers had been identified committing fraud of £700,000. This is not connected to Powys County Council. Cty Cllr Williams felt that a Scrutiny Committee is required.

d) Redundancies

Senior management is being restructured which will lead to redundancies. Previously the maximum weeks redundancy had been 55 weeks, this has now been reduced to 30 weeks.

e) Chief Executive

Former Chief Executive had ceased employment at the end of September and an advertisement has now been released for a new Chief Executive. Cty Cllr Williams confirmed that someone outside of the authority will be appointed. The Acting Chief Executive will leave at the end of 2018.

DT 80/18

Information

a) Resignation

Cllr Nick Mills submitted his written resignation from the Council as he is being re-posted within his job. He thanked the Council and Clerk for their support over his term.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mills on behalf of the Council for his hard work on behalf of the Community Council. Members wished Nick well.

b) Hedges, Caerwnon Lane

Cllr Richardson reminded members that it will soon be time to cut back the hedges on Caerwnon Lane. Cty Cllr Williams will contact the land owners to arrange this.