

Minutes of a Meeting of of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council on 10th January 2017 commencing at 7.00pm in Howey Village Hall

Present: Cllr G Price, S Richardson, H Harwood, N Mills, V Norris

Apologies: Cllr C Myhill, D Morgan, J Hamer, P Deakin

Absent: Cllr G Morris

TC 01/17

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th December 2016 were approved and signed.

DT 02/17

Information from Minutes

None.

DT 03/17

Correspondence

a) Powys County Council – Cilgwnfydd Plantation

Email from Steve Packer as follows:

I've discussed the matter with Councillor Gwilym Williams who subsequently suggested to a resident that he contact me.

I'm in conversation with the resident who is seeking to provide counter evidence to the applicant's application (which now includes signed affidavits to the effect that he's been living on the site for in excess of 10 years)

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I am awaiting further contact from the resident and will get back to you when I've received it and can form a view on the balance of evidence"

Members noted this and will await further response.

b) Powys County Council – Bupa Residential Care Home Contract

The following information was received in the form of press release.

"Powys County Council has agreed to extend its contract with Bupa Care Homes Ltd to continue to manage 12 residential care homes across Powys over the next two years, Powys County Council's Cabinet has announced.

After renegotiating the contract, the council's Cabinet was satisfied that the new variation to the existing contract made good business sense for the council and the Powys pound.

Councillor Stephen Hayes, Cabinet Member for Adult Services said; "The new contract offers Adult Services significant savings at a time when financial pressures on council services are severe. Ruth Yates, Managing Director North & Wales, Bupa Care Services said: "We are proud of the high quality care that we deliver in these homes. We are pleased that we have reached an agreement with the council which allows sustainable and high quality services for residents to continue but which also

recognises the financial pressures that the council faces.”

The current Bupa contract was due to expire in May 2017, and it was announced in September that the council would explore in principle the option of developing a Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) to manage and operate the homes from that date.

Councillor Hayes added: “Whilst an Outline Business Plan for the development of a LATC highlighted financial benefits and an opportunity to enhance our future residential care homes, negotiations with Bupa continued, resulting in an extension to the contract and a significant saving for the council.

“The new contract will give continuity of service, with Bupa continuing to manage the homes for a further two years. This period will give the council time to explore the potential of an LATC in greater depth.

“We will continue to listen and learn from people of all ages to understand how we can help them meet their future housing needs and lead a healthy, active and meaningful life.

“A future LATC will not only meet the needs of residents and families, but is an exciting opportunity to integrate social care services into the homes and wider community.” This was noted.

c) Welsh Government – Town & Community Councillors Information

Information to promote the work of Town & Community Councils and attract potential Councillors at the 2017 elections. This was circulated.

Resolved: Clerk to distribute a copy to all members at the next meeting.

d) Powys County Council – Boundary Reorganisation.

Invitation for Chair to attend a meeting on 7th March at Bounty Hall at 6.30pm to see a presentation on the review of 22 local authorities. The Chair is unable to attend. Cllr Norris may attend if he is available. However the Clerk will be attending for another Council to will represent Disserseth & Trecoed Community Council.

e) Ashfield Community Enterprise.

Job vacancy for a Horticulturalist, 12 hours per week, £12 per hour for 2017.

DT 04/17

Planning Applications

None

DT 05/17

Finances

- a) **Wales Audit Office – Audit 2015/16 - £208.50 - approved**
- b) **Howey Hall – Room Hire December - £25.00 - approved**

DT 06/17

County Councillors Report

- a) Arlais Day Centre – the decision to close the Day Centre has been postponed for 2 years. Cty Cllr Williams is aware that approaches are being made to the Town Council and outside agencies with a view to taking over this service. He felt that the Community Council should discuss if it is prepared to give a financial contribution to support this service.
Resolved: to place this on the agenda for the February meeting. Clerk to obtain more information.
- b) Christmas Trees – Cty Cllr Williams and Mike Evans have removed the Christmas Tree from the village.
- c) Crossways Park – the residents will be meeting with Cty Cllr Williams and the Licensing Officer to discuss issues which have arisen with the change of ownership within the park.
- d) Village Hall Noticeboard – there is a new noticeboard in place. However this is locked. The Clerk will contact Howard Nixon to discuss the placing of a key.
- e) Footpath – Village to Llwynbrain – Cty Cllr Williams asked the Community Council to contact PCC to ask for this to be swept.
- f) Dog Bins – a new Dog Bin has been placed on Holly Lane and Cty Cllr Williams has been asked to relocate the bin in Cwmbach.
- g) PCC Budget – a Budget Seminar will shortly be taking place. It is likely that the budget will increase by 4 – 5%.
- h) Renewable Energy Developments – Cllr Mills asked Cty Cllr Williams about the plans to accept these on the Gilwern Hill and Cambrian Mountains. Cty Cllr Williams stated that there has been a lot of opposition to this however sites will be included in the LDP.

DT 07/17

Public Questions

None.

DT 08/17

Information