

**Minutes of a Meeting of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council on 10th September 2013
commencing at 7.30pm in Howey Village Hall**

Present: Cllr V Norris (Chairman), Cllr G Price, Cllr S Richardson, Cllr D Morgan, Cllr J Hamer, Cllr P Deakin, Cllr C Myhill, Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr J Dalley

Apologies: None

Absent: Cllr G Morris

DT 68/13

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 9th July 2013 2013 were approved and signed.

DT 69/13

Information from Minutes

There was none.

DT 70/13

Planning Applications:

There were none.

DT 71/13

Correspondence:

a) Howey WI Legendary Annual Quiz

Invitation for Council to enter a team for the above on Wednesday 20th October 2013 at 7.30pm at Howey Village Hall. This was noted.

b) Powys County Council – Bus Stop Review (T4 Route)

Request from PCC from Welsh Government to upgrade bus stop facilities at various locations along the Traws Cymru T4 route between Newtown and Merthyr Tydfil. Plans enclosed showing proposed locations comments were requested.

Resolved:

- i. Howey Village Stops - members had no issue with the proposed changes.
- ii. Llwyn Derw Stops – members objected to this due to the narrow road, 50mph limit, the placement on blind bends. It was also suggested that PCC contact the residents of Llwyn Derw regarding this.
- iii. Sunnyhaven Park – agree to the removal of the existing substantial shelter and replacement of a more appropriate shelter. Consideration should be given to the elderly residents of Sunnyhaven who may use this shelter and additional protection to the elements should be considered.

c) Powys County Council – Changes to Householder Permitted Development Rights in Wales

Letter informing that Town and Country (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2013 – Statutory Instrument Number 2013/1774 (W.177) was made on 15th July 2013 and will come into force on Monday 30th September 2013. The order will soon be published on www.legislation.gov.uk. This provides householders with greater flexibility to enable them to make a wider range of improvements and alterations to their homes without the need to apply for planning permission.

Resolved: Clerk to produce copy of the bill for each member of the Council once this is published.

d) Powys Teaching Healthboard – Talkcare Event

Notification of event to take place on 26th September 2013 between 1.30pm and 4.30pm at PAVO, Unit 30 Ddole Road Industrial Estate. Request to send a representative. This was not

e) St Cewydd's Church, Dissersh – Application for Signage

Letter from Mrs Wendy Robers, Church Warden informing members that they are in the process of applying to PCC for the purchase of a brown tourist direction sign on A483 to indicate the location of St Cewydd's Church at Dissersh. She asked for Community Council's support with this matter.

Resolved: to send a letter of support to the relevant department within PCC or TRA regarding this.

DT 72/13

Finance

- a) One Voice Wales – Members Training - £180.00 - approved
- b) Howey Hall – Room Hire - £75.00 – approved
- c) Clerk's Training – CiLCA - £25.00 (one third fee) – approved

DT 73/13

Website

The Clerk informed members that the £500 Welsh Government grant had now been received within the Precept in August 2013. The Clerk will now commence work on a draft website. She asked members if they had any preference for the front page photographs.

Resolved: members were asked to give some consideration to this matter prior to the next meeting.

DT 74/13

New A470 – Cwmbach Bridge

Former Chairman, Geraint Evans had received a request from Cllr G Morris to defects on the new A470 road which could have a direct effect on public safety. The location could be best described as the flyover above the old A470, Cwmbach, on the embankment directly opposite and on the north side of Red House Farm.

There had clearly been yet another large slippage of earth but on this occasion a good 20ft section of the safety barriers had moved, undermining the strength of their base. Additionally it could be clearly seen that the kerb stones along the same stretch of the road had moved a good inch away from the tarmac. Further evidence of the amount of slippage could be seen from the planted trees on the embankment, they were no longer in straight lines, there deviation was very evident.

He contacted the PCC emergency number, their response was a commendably 20 mins and having contacted the Duty Manager, within 2 hours road traffic lights were in place to prevent vehicles from using this stretch of road.

After 3 weeks the traffic lights have been taken down and there is no evidence that the contractors have rectified this problem.

This matter is before the Council not for any further action to be

undertaken, unless it wished to do so, as PCC are fully aware as are the road contractors, but, as a matter of record that the Community Council has taken all appropriate steps to ensure public safety and should there be a need for further public comment, the Community Council has a record of events.

Members felt this was a serious issue. Cty Cllr Williams had looked into this matter and had met with the Portfolio Holder of PCC regarding this. See minute DT 75/15.

Resolved: to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

DT 75/13

County Councillor's Report

a) New A470 – Cwmbach Bridge

There is concern over who pays for this work. The contractors gave a 2 year guarantee which is up in November 2013. Cty Cllr Evans committed to discuss this matter with Cty Cllr Barry Thomas and report back to the Council.

b) PCC Budget

Reported that the next budget is unlikely to be favourable. It is likely that there will be job losses of 1500 within PCC over the next 3 years.

c) Travelling Expenses

Following Cty Cllr Williams' commitment to donate the travel expenses claimed for his travel from home to County Hall to the community. He reported that his claim had amounted to £510. £390 of this had been for the above travel. He has purchased a sign out of this money for the layby on the new A470 denoting no night parking. The balance of this money will be spent for the benefit of the community.

Cllr Deakin congratulated Cty Cllr Williams on his decision to donate this money to the community. Members agreed.

DT 76/13

Public Question Time

There were none.

DT 77/13

Information

a) Geraint Evans – Resignation

Letter of resignation from Cllr Geraint Evans. He has recently sought to re-train himself in a new career and has been successful in obtaining the position of Town Clerk to Builth Wells Town Council. Unfortunately Builth Wells Town Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month which clashes with Disserseth & Trecoed. He is confident now that the ongoing procedure will be by way of selection and that the Council is now working together for the benefit of both communities.

Members were sorry to hear of his resignation but wished him well in his new career.

The Clerk had posted the relevant notice of vacancy posters in notice boards, the deadline for the request for an election is 26th September 2013.

b) Recycling Collection – Chapel Road

Cllr Price asked for this matter to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. This was agreed.

c) Overgrown Hedge, 36 Goylands Close

Cllr Dalley reported that this hedge is overgrowing the footpath and causing problems for pedestrians. The Clerk will report this to PCC.

d) Fir Tree Garage

Both Cllr Price and Cllr Deakin asked if this matter could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. This was agreed.

e) C1233 Drainage

Cllr Myhill reported on a long term problem which has been ongoing for around 2 years concerning drainage along part of C1233. This is shortly to be resolved following his discussions with Tracey Harley of PCC LE Department.

DT 78/13

Confidential Items

a) Clerk's Salary, 1% Pay Award

A National Agreement had been reached for a 1% pay award to be backdated to 1st April 2013. At Scale Point 23 this equates to an increase of £3.15 per month

Resolved: to implement this increase.

Chairman **Date**