

Minutes of a Meeting of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council on 11th February 2014 commencing at 7.00pm in the Iron Room, Cwmbach

Present: Cllr V Norris, G Price, P Deakin, S Richardson, G Morris, J Hamer, C Myhill, C Hartley

Apologies: Cllr J Griffiths, J Jones, D Morgan

Absent: None

DT 09/14

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 14th January 2014 were approved subject to an amendment.

DT 10/14

Information from Minutes

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

DT 11/14

Planning Applications:

a) **P/2014/0026** – Full: Installation of a wind turbine with a hub height of 36.7m and blade tip height of 47.1m (grid ref 301585 263376) and construction of length of track at Upper Cilgee, Doldowlod for Urban Wind Ltd.

Resolved: The Council objected to this application due to the adverse effect this would have on the landscape and the visual impact on the community of Disserth & Trecoed. This is also contrary to the UDP 2001/2016. Members also objected on the likely effect to the television relay mast.

b) **P/2014/0057** – Full: Installation of a wind turbine with a hub height (48.5m height to blade tip, 36.8m to hub) (grid ref 303212 262941) and associated hard standing and access track for Urban Wind Ltd.

Resolved: The Council objected to this application due to the adverse effect this would have on the landscape and the visual impact on the community of Disserth & Trecoed. Members also objected on the likely effect to the television relay mast.

DT 12/14

Correspondence:

a) **Kirsty Williams AM – Cwmbach Churchyard**

Letter from Edwina Hart AM

“Thank you for your email of 15 January regarding St John's Church, Cwmbach, Llechrhyd and the subsidence in their churchyard.

The church has been informed by the contractors that any damage believed to be caused by the construction works needs to be addressed by forwarding a third party claim to the Welsh

Government.

Mr Bryan Price, Parish Administrator, has previously written to the Welsh Government's third party claims department informing them that they were going to submit a claim, but nothing has been received.

Should the church wish to continue with the claim they will need to clearly identify and provide evidence that the works have caused the alleged damage. The claim should be submitted to:

Third Party Claims Unit
Dept. Economy, Science & Transport
2nd Floor South Core
Cathays Park, Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Resolved: to send a copy of this letter to Mr Bryan Price pointing out the Council's support for the church.

b) Cllr J Griffiths– PCC Budget Workshops (for info)

Report from Cllr Griffiths on the above workshop. Cllr Norris, Morgan and Hamer also attended this event. PCC will be preparing a report on this matter which the circulate agreed to circulate to members when available.

This was noted. The Clerk will circulate a report from PCC once this has been obtained.

DT 13/14

Finance

- a) Llandrindod Wells Town Council – Photocopying - £66.35 – **approved**
- b) SLCC – Training - £150 (£125 net) (£62.50 bursary received & £21 from Llandrindod Wells Town Council and Nantmel Community Council – actual cost **£20.50 – approved.**

DT 14/14

County Councillors Report

a) PCC Budget

Cty Cllr Williams reported that PCC is currently working on its budget for 2014/15 with a view to reducing by £20m. There is likely to be hundreds of redundancies therefore reducing staffing costs.

b) Chairman of Radnorshire

As Chairman of Radnorshire Cty Cllr Williams had been given a budget of £1000 to spend within Radnorshire. He has given £200 to Howey Church, Howey Chapel and Cwmbach Church. He has also given a grant of £150 to the Cubs towards expenses for the Cubjam.

c) ALN in Schools

Proposals are in place to remove the special needs units from schools and integrate the pupils into mainstream learning.

Cty Cllr Williams is currently working with a parent who is a resident of his area, who has a special needs child who currently accesses the Cefnlllys School Special Needs Unit. He has arranged a meeting with Myfanwy Alexander, Portfolio Holder for education to discuss this.

d) Parking in Cwmbach

Cty Cllr Williams has now met with Mrs Mills and Cty Cllr John Powell to discuss installing a drop kerb outside the land they have purchased to enable them to remove their vehicles from the roadside. It is understood that this will be carried out in a short while.

DT 15/14 Horses on C1210

Cllr Morris had asked for this matter to be placed on the agenda at the last meeting. He stated that as part of the A470 application. It was stated that the C1210 would be designated as a Bridleway. Currently the presence of horses on this road is increasing. He asked if the Council would request warning notices for this area. It was also suggested that signs should be purchased for the C1233 and New Road.

Resolved: to write to PCC Highways to request that signs be placed on both ends of each of the 3 roads.

DT 16/14 Community Council Website

At the last meeting Mr Colin Austin had approached the Council to ask if he could advertise his Window Cleaning business on the website. Members agreed to discuss this at the February meeting.

Some discussion took place regarding this and it was resolved that a page be placed on the 'Home Page' designated as 'Community Services'. This would include local services which are available within the community (small community enterprises); with the exception of limited companies and larger businesses. This would be maintained by the Clerk and entries would be at her discretion.

The Clerk had also been approached by a local business to ask if they could advertise for staff on the website. It was agreed that the job title, employer and employer contact details could be advertised.

Resolved: above actions to be undertaken by the Clerk at her discretion.

DT 17/14 Community Action Plan

The Chairman asked members what they felt the Council could do for the community.

This sparked a lengthy discussion in which the limited budget and facilities of the Council were mentioned. Some members felt that they continually give time for the community.

The Clerk felt that the introduction of the Community Council website was a valuable service for the community. Members agreed.

The Chairman asked members to consider this matter and to bring any ideas back to future meetings.

The Clerk suggested a section on the website for community suggestions. This was agreed.

Resolved: Clerk to insert a page for suggestions.

DT 18/14 Meet Your Councillor

At the previous meeting Cllr Griffiths felt that the Council should organise a 'Meet Your Councillor' event.

Cllr Griffiths had been unable to attend the meeting, so the Chairman summarised what he felt was the idea behind this. Members did not feel that this would take off.

Resolved: not to proceed with this suggestion at this time.

DT 19/14 Public Questions

a) Mr Mike Evans referred to the matter of the overgrown hedge at 36 Goylands. The Clerk confirmed that many emails had been sent over this matter and she had received confirmation from Ian Davies, LE Manager, that PCC had been unable to receive a response from the owner and therefore they could cut back the hedge and charge the owner. This email was received on 12th December 2013.

The Clerk informed members that the role of the County Councillor is to act as a conduit and liaise between the Community Council and PCC officers to ensure that issues are addressed quickly and efficiently. She confirmed that this is the situation with many other Town and Community Councils. The Chairman asked Cty Cllr Williams if he would chase this matter up. Cty Cllr Williams agreed.

b) Mr Keith Holder mentioned that a large lorry visiting Three Wells is causing issues along Chapel Road, and is causing damage to the verges and is also having to reverse a long distance to turn at the Chapel. Cty Cllr Williams will look into this matter.

DT 20/14 Information

a) Chapel Road

Cllr Price mentioned that there are several issues relating to Chapel Road which need addressing i.e. overgrown hedge, large lorries using the road, damage to verges etc.

As these were health and safety issues it was agreed to contact Tracey Harley of PCC regarding these.

Resolved: to ask Tracey Harley to ring Cllr George Price to arrange a site visit.

b) Wind Turbine - Ty Gwyn - P2013/0971 – Planning Application

Some members had noticed the erection of the wind turbine under the above planning application. As part of the original planning application it was stated that only the tip of the turbine would be visible from Disserth & Trecoed. Now this has been erected a large proportion of the turbine is now visible.

Members expressed concern that the turbine may well have been erected in a different location to that stated on the planning application.

As this matter was deemed to be urgent the following resolution was agreed.

Resolved: to contact PCC Planning Department to ask them to check that this turbine had been erected in the correct position, and also ask for clarification on the visibility.

Chairman **Date**