

Minutes of a Meeting of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council on 11th November 2014 commencing at 7.00pm in St John's Hall, Cwmbach

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

Apologies: Cllr C Hartley

Absent: Cllr J Jones

DT 87/14 Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 14th October 2014 were approved and signed.

DT 88/14 Information from Minutes

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

DT 89/14 Planning Applications:

- a) **P/2014/1049:** Householder – Creation of new access at 2 Troedrhiw, Cwmbach for Mrs H Mills
Highways had made an objection to this application due to lack of information supplied. **Resolved:** to contact Planning to indicate the lack of sufficient information to allow an informed decision. However, the Community are keen for the application to be approved to alleviate the parking problems within Cwmbach.

DT 90/14 Correspondence:

a) **Powys County Council – Woodland Area C1233/A483**

Email from Angharad Richards as follows:

“A letter of communication with the owner has been returned as the addressee has gone away. The difficulty with land registry searches is that this will only provide details of the title owner's address at the time that the land transfer.

I am now considering other means of contacting the owner of the land and I will aim to visit the site next week to check the current position on site.” This was noted and agreed to await further information.

b) **Cllr J Griffiths – A483, Speed Issues, Howey**

Email from Cllr Griffiths as follows:

“On the afternoon of Sunday 26th October, I saw an incident which makes me think that it would be a good idea to request installation of a speed camera on the stretch of A483 between the Hundred House turn and the entrance to Llwynbrain. I was walking St David's Church and was passed by two cars, both of which were going at more than 50mph. I was able to watch them as they approached the left hand bend in the road before Llwynbrain and saw no evidence of braking lights being applied or

the cards slowing down. Shortly after they had gone round the bend, I heard what appeared to be someone making an emergency stop.

I headed further along the pavement, passing quite a few people (including children) who were heading from Llwynbrain to St David's for a Baptism Service. One of them told me that there had been an accident - one of the speeding cars had left the road and gone into a tree on the Sunnyhaven side of the road. The other speeding car was parked at the entrance to Llwynbrain and there was another vehicle parked at the bus stop. Several people were standing near the crashed car and there did not appear to be anyone injured.

I am concerned not only about the car occupants but about other pedestrians - this was between 1.30 and 2pm, with the Sunday T4 due to come through. Someone could have been crossing the road at the time when the cars sped round the bend. As I said earlier, there were quite a few pedestrians on the pavement at the time, as well."

Members have discussed speed issues along this section of road on many occasions and have made multiple representations to the Trunk Road Agency and Welsh Government. There will currently be a review of Trunk Roads carried out throughout Wales.

Resolved: to write to the Minister pointing out this recent incident and expressing the Council's concern over continued speeding issues.

c) Welsh Government – Mobile Homes ‘Know Your Rights’ – Amendment (for Info)

Cllr Griffiths had circulated an amendment to the above document for information. This was noted.

Cllr Richardson pointed out that they had identified the error, she has received 3 copies of the document so far and felt this was a serious waste of tax payers money. She is currently preparing some information concerning the duplication of this service.

d) BSW Sawmills – Letter to Resident (for info)

Copy of letter sent to local resident for information as follows:

"I have this morning received your email regarding the "Extension to manufacturing processes at Newbridge on Wye" from our marketing department based in Carlisle, Cumbria.

I am very sorry to read about your concerns and would hope to put your mind at ease with the notes below.

Planning application was called for hearing and reviewed on the 9th October 2014.

There were no objections to the planning application by the Public or Council Members and I confirm that the application was approved.

The objective of the development is to increase the capacity of the sawmill, secure the long term future of our employees and to demonstrate a commitment by the company to the Welsh Forestry Industry in line with our contractual agreements for the supply of raw material with Natural Resources Wales, formally the Welsh Forestry Commission.

I am fully aware of our location within the local community and confirm that the specification, design and machinery selection ensured that the application did not request a change to any of the existing permits governing the site operations. These permits govern : Noise, Light, Environmental pollution, Surface water runoff pollution and Vehicle movements to and from the site.

I note also your reference to our removal of mature trees that screened the site. Unfortunately I am at a loss here and confirm that in the eight years that I have managed the site, no trees have been removed from the site boundary.

You are very welcome to visit the site and look at the proposals in more detail. Should you wish to do so, please call me at the Sawmill to make an appointment.” This was noted.

Cllr Morris and Cllr Myhill identified ongoing issues following the receipt of further information and licences from PCC and BSW.

Resolved: to write to BSW and ask for details on the number of lorries entering and exiting their site over a 24 hour period.”

Resolved: to write to PCC Planning to point out that the Community Council were not issued with re-consultation documents which contained the Noise Survey and to question this. Also to request a copy of the Noise Movement Plan 2011/12. Cllr Myhill pointed out there is no noise restriction during day time hours within regulations.

e) Friends of Healthcare In Builth Wells & District - Defibrillators

Letter as follows:

“The Friends would like to use some of its legacy monies to help each community have at least one Defibrillator sited in its area.

To do this we would like to work with your community council to consider a number of sites and to identify a group of people who would take day to day responsibility for the device.

We have been advised that there are few of these AED defibrillators available throughout this region and the Friends feel

that supporting a local community, in obtaining a defibrillator, is an effective use of some the legacies left to the former Bulth Wells Memorial Hospital.

We are happy to work with Village Hall committees, local YFC clubs, with the aim of having a device in place as soon as possible.

It would be useful to share the cost of these devices between the Friends and the communities, some communities have already raised some funds raise to help support the costs of their devices.

I hope you can bring this information to your council sheet' and a simple agreement sheet which the Friends and the Ambulance Trust would appreciate completion if you decide to join our project.

For further information and 'e' copies of the documents do not hesitate to contact myself on the above e mail address."

This matter was discussed by members, however it was felt that specialist knowledge would be required and a significant time commitment which members would be unable to commit to.

Resolved: to reply to this letter apologising but declining the offer made.

f) Powys County Council – Fir Tree Garage.

The following response was received from Dunya Fourie, Planning Officer:

"I do not have an update regarding this complaint. I am currently dealing with a number of complaints which have required further action and a such I have not had to opportunity to visit the site as yet. I would hope to visit the site within the next month and shall provide an update once this has been done." This was noted. The Clerk will monitor this situation and press for a reply.

DT 91/14 Finance

None

DT 92/14 County Councillors Report

a) Meals on Wheels

The cost of this service will be rising from £4.50 to between £6.91 and £7.00.

b) Play Areas

PCC will shortly be writing to the Community Council to ask if it would be prepared to take over the Llwynbrain Play Area via Community Asset Transfer. Cty Cllr Williams felt that this is a heavily used area and asked the Council to consider this when notification was received. Members had considerable concern over this matter.

c) Local Growth Zone

Cty Cllr had now received a reply and had been informed that there is no money under this scheme for Disserseth & Trecoed.

He will be meeting with Jenni Thomas, Regeneration Manager on 20th November at 4pm to discuss possible grant funding. Cllr Deakin will accompany him to represent the Community Council. Member were asked to forward any ideas to Jane/Gwilym prior to the meeting.

d) Mobile Homes

Cty Cllr Williams will be meeting the Secretary of State for Wales along with some representatives from Caerwnon Park and Sunnyhaven to discuss tax banding. He agreed to notify Cllr Griffiths of the date and time to enable her to attend also.

e) Footpath, Cwmbach

Cty Cllr Williams has been notified that no repairs will take place until the drop kerb is in place. He will continue to press for works to be undertaken.

f) A483 Speed Issues

Cty Cllr Williams reiterated the information provided by the Clerk over the Trunk Road Speed Reviews.

g) A470 – Housing Defects

Cty Cllr Williams has been made aware of 10 cases of cracks appearing in properties since the construction of the new A470. He has gathered together evidence which has now been sent to the Minister for action. He indicated that if no agreeable takes place he will forward this to the Public Services Ombudsman.

DT 93/14 Public Questions
None

DT 94/14 Information
None.

Chairman **Date**