

**Minutes of a Meeting of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council on 13th May 2014
commencing at 7.00pm in Howey Village Hall**

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

Apologies: None

Absent: None

DT 40/14 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th April 2014 were approved subject to an amendment.

DT 41/14 Information from Minutes

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

a) Dog Fouling/Litter Bin, Cwmbach

Cllr Hartley had informed the Clerk prior to the meeting that a dual purpose bin had now been located within Cwmbach. This was welcomed by members.

b) Planning Application P/2014/0329

Cllr Norris, former Chairman had received a letter from a local resident asking the Community Council to call in the above application to the full Planning Committee.

The Clerk explained that the Community Council is a only statutory consultee for planning applications and if residents wish application to be heard by full Planning Committee residents must approach their County Councillor to request this.

c) Cwmbach Churchyard

The Clerk had met with Bryan Price, who informed her that the church is currently pursuing a claim against the Welsh Government. He will contact the Clerk is the Church wishes any support from the Community Council.

d) Domicillary Care

Cllr Richardson had approached the Clerk with individual resident's concerns over the current care being received. The Clerk advised Cllr Richardson to direct any resident with an issue to their own County Councillor or County Councillor Darren Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Care.

DT 42/14

Planning Applications:

- a) **P/2014/0384** Full: Erection of wind turbine (45.07m to tip height and 30.50 to hub height) and control box and all associated works at Wern, Llanyre for AJT Powell. Cllr D Morgan declared an interest in this item and left the room whilst discussions took place. Discussions took place on this application and members resolved to object to the application on the following grounds:
- The introduction of a further turbine would lead to a cluster effect in the area concerned.
 - The negative visual impact on the community of Dissert & Trecoed.
 - This contravenes the UDP 2001 – 2016 policy E3 Wind Power.

Cllr Morris also pointed out that the introduction of a further wind turbine could lead to the requirement to lay a new power line to sustain the turbines in the area.

DT 43/14

Correspondence:

- a) **Powys County Council – Howey School Field**

Email from David Micah stating the following:

“Colleagues have asked the Head of Legal Services whether we are able to pass on the purchaser’s details and to this end Legal are checking whether that information is publicly available at Land Registry. We have attempted to seek the purchaser’s direct permission to pass on their contact details, but have had no response. If we find that the information is already in the public domain (via Land Registry) we will forward it to you.

On the other hand, if it cannot be obtained from that source and the purchaser does not directly respond to our request, we will not be able to give you the details, due to Data Protection laws”

Since receiving this email, the Clerk had tapped into the local grapevine and has now established the owner of this land. She has written to them to ask them to contact either herself or Cllr Deakin. Members will await a response

- b) **Powys County Council – Request for Signage, Cwmbach**

Email from Gwyneth Mills as follows:

I can confirm that I met Mr Graham Morris on site yesterday to discuss the siting of the proposed horse warning signs along the C1210.

Mr Morris indicated that horse riders are travelling the length of the C1210, from the Saw Mills through to Bult Road area. Attached is a plan highlighting proposed locations for warning signs. As it covers two Community Council areas I’ve copied both into this email (together with County Councillors).

Mr Morris also indicated that the riders may complete a circular route, but could not confirm details.

Prior to ordering these works I would like confirmation that both Community Councils are happy with these proposals and any information on a circular route that may be utilised by horse riders on a regular basis.”

Resolved: to inform PCC of the Council’s agreement for the positioning of the detailed signage.

c) Powys County Council – Queen’s Baton Relay – Sunday 25th May

Letter to inform members of the forthcoming event from 2.30pm to approximately 7.00pm on Sunday 25th May on the Lakeside Common. The Clerk is organising this with Powys County Council and give members a brief overview of the events planned for the day. She asked members to circulate information within the community as this is a proud event for Radnorshire.

d) Woodland Area

The Clerk had been contacted by Cllr Myhill prior to the meeting to inform her that a static caravan had now been sited on this land. She had contacted PCC Planning to look into this matter. She informed members that PCC no longer has a Planning Enforcement Officer, all queries are to be sent to an officer in Welshpool.

Cllr Morris told members that a further caravan is located on this site which is well hidden amongst the trees and had been there for many years.

Resolved: Clerk to inform Planning of this and await further response.

e) Fly tipping, New Road

The Clerk had received an email from Tracey Harley informing members that the fly tipping is on private ground and therefore PCC is unable to remove it. The Clerk will clarify this.

DT 44/14

Finance

a) **Howey Village Hall – Release of Grant - £250.00** - approved

b) H Nixon – Internal Audit - £44.00 – **approved**

No issues were identified during this audit.

DT 45/14

County Councillors Report

County Councillor Williams sent his apologies for the meeting as he had to attend a Governors meeting The Clerk will contact him with any relevant issues.

DT 46/14

Public Rights – Council Meetings

Cllr Morris pointed out at the last meeting that the Chairman had

allowed members of the public to speak during the meeting, despite the Clerk advising him otherwise. He felt this brought the Council into disrepute and open to possible legal issues. Cllr Morris stated that this must stop and that he would not be prepared to remain on the Council if this continues.

In response the Clerk pointed out there is a designated section on the agenda for public speaking, with defined criteria as below, however she is not comfortable with public speaking during a Council meeting:

Public Speaking Procedure – Introduced 13th December 2011

The following criteria should be followed:

- a) If there are a number of the public in attendance each address would be limited to 3 minutes per person.
- b) All questions and answers addressed through the Chair.
- c) If on the same topic, then two people to represent the whole group.
- d) May put any relevant question to the Council or Community Councillor.
- e) There will be no discussion in answering the question or visa versa.
- f) Where the six month rule applies, the question may be put, an answer shall be given providing it had already been discussed and any new fact relating to that topic an explanation of Rule 36 and whether Special Reasons apply or are requested by a Councillor.

Resolved: to put the matter of Public Speaking on the June agenda for discussion.

DT 48/14 Community Action Plan

The Clerk had put a request on the SLCC Forum for examples of Community Action Plans from similar size community councils. However she had received many responses stating that only larger councils tend to prepare such plans.

Cllr Norris had not had time to look at plans. Members discussed this issue and the Council was split as to a way forward. The Clerk suggested that Cllr Norris forward her the list of Councils he had received and she would follow these up for the next meeting.

DT 49/14 Public Questions

a) LDP

Mr Mike Evans asked why the Community Council had not been

given up to date plans for the UDP. The Clerk explained that Cty Cllr Williams had mentioned this a few months ago and she was aware that further consultation will take place in June. Mr Evans mentioned that Chris O'Brien of PCC LDP Department had visited other Community Councils and left plans with them. The Clerk was not aware of this.

b) P/2014/0329 – Erection of Dwelling at Greengates, Howey

Cllr J Jones declared an interest in this matter and left the room whilst discussions took place. Mr Paul Holder asked a question on behalf of the applicants. He asked for it to be minuted that the Chairman had allowed a member of the public to speak during discussions on this application. The Clerk pointed out that this would be minuted following Cllr Morris' comments.

DT 50/14

Information

a) Grass & Hedge Cutting Howey

Cllr Griffiths reported **Resolved:** Clerk to contact Cty Cllr Williams about this. Overgrown hedges are on the approach road between the A483 and the turning for Goylands Close not in Goylands Close itself.

Also, it is not the hedge bordering St Davids Church but sections of hedge between the Hundred House turning off the A483 and the church.

The footway leading from the main road by Crossways Cottage and the lane past the old school is becoming blocked by vegetation such as nettles and brambles not by grass.

b) Pavement, Cwmbach

Following Cllr Morgan's complaints at the last meeting regarding the crumbling pavement in Cwmbach, Cllr Hartley had received complaints from elderly residents and one property has removed its fence leaving a large drop which they feel is a health and safety issue.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Cty Cllr Williams regarding this.

c) Refuse & Recycling Collection

Members mentioned that new refuse lorries had been purchased and now all rubbish and recycling is being thrown in the same lorry. The Clerk pointed out that all refuse is taken to a Transfer Station to be mechanically sorted.

Chairman **Date**