

**Minutes of a Meeting of of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council on 13th
December 2016 commencing at 7.00pm in Howey Village Hall**

Present: Cllr G Price, H Harwood, J Hamer, S Richardson,
C Myhill, G Morris, V Norris

Apologies: Cllr D Morgan, P Deakin

Absent: Cllr N Mills

TC 86/16

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th November 2016 were approved and signed.

DT 87/16

Information from Minutes

a) P/2016/1005 – Certificate of Lawfulness Cilgynydd

No decision has been made yet with regard to this application.

DT 88/16

Correspondence

a) Howey Village Hall Committee – Grant Application

Resolved: to award a grant of £400.

b) Powys County Council – Street Lighting Maintenance

The following email was received from Cty Cllr John Brunt:

We are currently undertaking an Invest to Save project to upgrade the street lights to new energy efficient LED lanterns, on all the street lights that have not previously been converted to LED. The project started in Ystradgynlais on Monday and will be working its way up through Powys until projected completion at the end of March next year.

We have taken the decision to hold back on some of the street lighting maintenance as the majority of faulty lights being reported are due to be changed to LED in the forthcoming months and we do not want to double up on the workload. We will however still maintain lights that are in a dangerous condition or if there are several lights off in a row.

We wanted to make you aware that the Street Lighting section have received number of queries regarding this approach, some of which are being escalated to County Councillor level.

I hope you understand the decision we have taken and that you will take this into account when responding.

Clearly where we have genuine safety related issues, traffic conflict areas etc, the team will use their discretion in determining the correct action to be taken. This was noted.

c) Powys County Council – Day Time Activities & Day Centres

The following Press Release was issued on 12th December 2016:

“Changes to day-time activities for older people and day centres need careful consideration before any action is taken, Powys County Council’s cabinet will be told later this month.

Feedback from a wide ranging consultation on day time activities for older people, including day centre provision, will be considered by cabinet on Tuesday (20 December) as part of a review of their operation.

The meeting will be webcast live from County Hall on Tuesday 20 December from 9.30am.

Services users, families and carers voiced their opinion and wrote to the council about their concerns over the proposed options listed in the consultation.

Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Councillor Stephen Hayes said; “It’s clear from the consultation, that day centres are highly valued and play a particularly important role in terms of respite for carers. We also need to demonstrate that a new service really will meet needs before day centre closures begin

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“I will therefore be recommending to Cabinet that extra money is made available in 2017/18 to allow day centre activity to continue in existing localities while an early intervention service is trialled and evaluated.

“We have already begun work to confirm that home support works and is cost effective. We are working with PAVO with a view to expanding their befriending service throughout the county, together with a community health and wellbeing coordinator model which would see well-being co-ordinators in all our main towns.

“While this work is carried out we will continue to talk to town and community councils who have shown an interest in partnership arrangements for funding or management of day services”, he added.

“Clearly the course of action I’m recommending requires council to commit sufficient money in the budget and this will involve a significant increase in council tax. If councillors are not willing to do this the day centres will close. The webcast can be viewed from 9.30am on Tuesday 20 December by going to the council’s webcast portal at www.powys.gov.uk on an internet device with Flash or Silverlight software installed. The webcast will also be made available in the webcast archive afterwards.”

This was noted.

- DT 89/16 Planning Applications**
a) **P/2016/1094** - Full: Erection of an agricultural building at Neuadd, Disserth, Builth Wells for KW & GM Hammond
- DT 90/16 Finances**
None.
- DT 91/16 County Councillors Report**
a) Overgrown Hedge A470. This has now been cut back.
b) Caerwnon Park Hedge. This has now been cut back
c) Christmas Trees. Cty Cllr Williams has placed trees within Howey Village and at Caerwnon Park with help of Mike Evans.
d) Telephone Complaint to PCC. Cllr Harwood asked what the policy is within PCC to responding to telephone complaints. Cty Cllr Williams was not aware of this and would look into this matter.
e) Cllr Price mentioned the flooding which is occurring outside Cefn House in Howey. Cty Cllr Williams will look into this matter immediately.
f) CPRW Meeting. Cllr Norris had recently read that PCC Planning Committee were instructed not to attend a particular meeting with regard to wind farms. Cty Cllr Williams confirmed this was the case.
g) Cllr Hamer asked what PCC are doing with the money they save affecting the services of the poorer people within the community, such as day centres. Cty Cllr Williams suggested he would need definite examples of these to comment correctly.
- DT 92/16 Budget 2017/18**
Resolved: to adopt the Precept set for 2017/18 as £11450.00
- DT 93/16 Public Questions**
None.
- DT 93/16 Information**
None.