

**Minutes of a Meeting of Disserseth & Trecoed Community Council on 14th May 2013
commencing at 7.00pm in Howey Village Hall**

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

Apologies: None

DT 38/13 Minutes
The Minutes of the last meeting held on 9th April 2013 were approved and signed.

DT 39/13 Information from Minutes
None.

DT 40/13 Planning Applications:
None received.

DT 41/13 Correspondence:

a) Powys County Council – Speed Signs A470

I am seeking clarification as to whether the temp TRO for the speed limit WG put in place for the construction works has been extended or not. If not I will ask WG to get Griffiths to remove.

b) Powys County Council – Howey Village

We are currently looking at reviewing parking restrictions across the county and are looking to consult with Community/Town Councils with their respective County Councillors to look at:

- areas like this where old restrictions are no longer appropriate.
- areas where new restrictions might be needed
- areas where existing restrictions might need changing to something different [ie single yellow lines to double yellow lines]

I would be grateful if you could advise if there are any other areas within your Council's area where you think changes are needed. I will then review these with Cllr Williams to agree what proposals are taken forward.

As you may be aware we have had a moratorium on traffic orders since April 2009 and this has been lifted to allow changes to parking restrictions only. However, only a small budget has been provided for this and future financial years therefore it is planned to rank the results of the reviews we are undertaking against each other and implement them in order of priority. Therefore I would be unable to provide a timescale for this until the reviews have been completed and the ranking completed.

Please note that once the reviews have been completed and changes implemented, it is unlikely we will make any other changes within the towns or communities for some time unless there has been a significant change and the changes would be essential for road safety or traffic management purposes. I therefore urge your

members to consider this carefully.

c) Dyfed Powys Police – Parking C1210

In regards to your concern along the C1210 I have sought advice from our traffic offences process unit and have been given the following guidance:

There are three possible offences

1. Unnecessary obstruction: needs to be wilful, someone needs to be obstructed and with a substantial obstruction of more than a transient nature.
2. Leave vehicle in a dangerous position: needs to be left in a manner that it would be obvious to a reasonable onlooker that it was dangerous. Danger is defined as a risk of injury to another road user.

Neither of the above offences is made out by the current circumstances and our normal response would be to ask the person to move their vehicle in the first instance rather than prosecute.

3. Parking with the vehicle facing oncoming traffic. Only committed in the hours of darkness. This offence is absolute with no defence but, again, we wouldn't ordinarily prosecute in the first instance.

We will speak to the houses in question and ask them to consider the above factors when they park their vehicles from a safety point of view.

As you can imagine it would be inappropriate for us to comment on what action the council should take from their perspective but we will obviously support the community as much as possible.

d) Cllr Jane Griffiths – Howey Mobile Post Office

Cllr Griffiths had received complaints about the Mobile Post Office failing to attend the village on several occasions. The Clerk had passed this on the Cty Cllr Williams who had contacted the people running the service who had blamed mechanical failure for this.

Resolved: to write to Post Office Headquarters to point out the lack of service being provided and requesting a copy of the correct timetable.

e) Powys County Council – Glan Irfon Integrated Health

Invitation for 2 members of the Council to attend a tour of the new facility on Weds 15th May at 6.30pm.

Resolved: Cllr G Evans and Cllr J Hamer to attend.

There are 2 open sessions for members of the public to visit the site on Friday 17th May – 3pm – 5pm and Saturday 18th May 10am to noon.

f) Standing Orders:

The Chairman proposed the following change to Standing Order 1:

- s) Public speaking 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.
- t) Meetings shall not exceed a period of (2) hours.

Cllr Myhill proposed the following change to Standing Order 1a:

1 Meetings

- a) Meetings shall not take place in premises, which at the time of the meeting, are used for the supply of alcohol unless no other premises are available free of charge or at a reasonable cost. The Chairman will decide upon the venue for each meeting. Meetings to commence at 7.00pm during winter months and at 7.30pm during BST.

Resolved: to make the changes to Standing Orders as detailed above.

DT 42/13

LDP Candidate Sites

A meeting has been arranged for Monday 20th May 2013 at 7.00pm in Howey Village Hall to prepare a Council response to the proposed sites and completion of the Community Needs Sheet. Members were circulated copies of all the objection letters received from local residents.

Cllr Norris will be unable to attend but had prepared his comments for circulation to members for their consideration.

DT 43/13

Howey School Bell

The school bell is now with Jeffrey Harris who has quoted a price to manufacture appropriate brackets and installation – the quote is for £250.

Resolved: to accept this quotation and proceed with the installation.

DT 44/13

County Councillor's Report

a) **LDP Candidate Sites**

Cty Cllr Williams thanked the Clerk for placing the advertisement in the local newspapers and the members for arranging a special meeting. He

will be attending the meeting on Monday 20th May.

b) Border Changes

Cty Cllr Williams informed members that there is a draft proposal currently in place for boundary changes for the County Council wards. The plan is to join Disserth & Trecoed and Newbridge on Wye Village.

c) Councillors Diary

PCC are currently in the process of producing a web link which will contain a diary of the work carried out by each County Councillor.

d) Consultancy Fees

Cty Cllr Williams has been concerned about the level of consultancy fees paid recently via the Adult and Social Care budget. He, along with the Conservative Group of PCC have put pressure on to the Council regarding this matter and this has resulted in an advertisement being released for the position of Head of Service for Adult and Social Care. This should result in a substantial cost reduction.

e) Street Lighting

Cty Cllr Williams has received a request to have light HY82 a Llwynbrain Villas put on to full night. He asked Cllr Morgan to check the status of light CP05 along the C101. If it is possible he would wish to turn this light off and put on the light at Llwynbrain.

DT 45/13

Any Other Business:

a) Builth Wells Surgery

Cllr Myhill had recently heard that the Builth Wells Surgery is now changing to an appointments system and many residents and members are unhappy about this situation. Cllr Richardson felt this was ironic as the Council and residents had recently fought to have changes made to the local bus service running from Caerwnon Park so that residents could access the morning Surgery appointments. This will no longer be relevant.

Resolved: the write to the Builth Wells Surgery pointing out residents concern at the changes and informing them of the changes to the bus service in line with the existing surgery hours.

DT 46/13

Public Question Time:

a) Howey Mobile Post Office

Mr Keith Holder wished to inform members that he had experienced difficulty with using the payment card machine in the Mobile Post Office. The cashier had said this was due to the poor phone signal

Resolved: to point this matter out in the letter agreed previously.