

**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**Draft Minutes of a meeting held at Four Crosses Village Centre on  
Thursday 23rd January 2014 at 7.00 p.m**

**Present:** Chairman Cllr Frances Buckingham presiding, Councillors D M Foulkes, W J Lee, C M Jenner, E A Jones, D K Evans, J C Benbow ,C R Gilliard, N H Savage and Mrs P Shapter

**National Grid** representatives Jackie Fenn, Henry Brown and Greg Philimore were present. The recent consultation held in Four Crosses had been attended by 24 people – what they had found in this round of consultations is that less people came but stayed longer and had detailed questions. Main areas of concern expressed at this consultation were visual impact, transport and flooding. Offered to take Cllrs to see a test T-Pylon which was accepted. They explained they were obligated to continue with the connection even though the results of the Public Enquiry are not known. When asked if they would stop their work if permission was not granted they said there were other projects which would still need a pylon route. Jackie Fenn also stated that this pylon route would not be used for connection to a nuclear power station as the underground cable would prohibit this.

Cllrs felt the access roads on either side of the busy A483 could prove dangerous and felt that the construction of the pylons in the floodplain together with any access roads will result in a change in the pattern of flooding and further evaluation is needed. In all other cases a compensatory amount has to be taken out of the floodplain. When asked how many trees were to be felled they could not yet answer as a tree survey is currently being undertaken. They usually replace any felled trees with 4.

They explained the role of Ofgem as a Regulator and as such they would scrutinize the financial records through the development to see if the scheme represented value for money. There was no set amount to judge against as each scheme is determined by merit. Cllrs felt that Ofgem should also take into account the actions of National Grid Agents who have trampled over the feelings and rights of residents. They were concerned to hear of these actions and asked that any further ones should be reported on the 0800 number used on their literature.

Cllrs also asked if the bridges would be repaired at Newbridge and Llanymynech to allow the transportation of the components and to build a compound at Pentre – negotiation's currently underway with Powys C.C Highways who have asked for a survey of all bridges.

Representatives were thanked by the Chairman for attending.

**Minutes** of the Meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 & 3rd January 2015 were circulated, approved and signed 2015/1

**Matters arising from Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 & 3rd January 2015**

2015/2 (2014/471) (2014/422) Footpaths Officer has replied that new bridge is ready to be installed over the Sarn Wen Brook. Residents have written asking if the Footpath could be diverted.

2015/3 (2014/472) (2014/423) County Cllr A E Jones has discussed Invoice with P.I.D.B and Powys County Council for brushing and de-silting Sarn Wen ditch but remains at £1133.00. It was agreed to pay this Invoice but that any future maintenance should be the responsibility

of Powys County Council/Welsh Assembly – site meeting to be organized.

2015/4 (2014/473) (2014/424) Powys County Council have asked for payment for the work needed on the chicanes in advance. It was agreed to pay 50% in advance and the other 50% when completed and to try and complete the work in this financial year.

2015/5 (2014/474) (2014/425) llandysilio-council.org.uk now running – other Community Councils have now progressed their websites and Gloversure have confirmed that training will follow. Clerk to press for this before the middle of February.

2015/6 (2014/475) (2014/426) Powys County Council have acknowledged request under Freedom of Information Act and have responded that £23,424 has been spent on the installation of new traffic lights at Clapton Bridge – this does not include the amount spent on the temporary lights which were supplied by a third party contractor.

2015/7 (2014/476) (2014/427) Powys County Council reminded re: siting of a bus shelter at the bottom of Church Lane. Clerk to arrange a site meeting.

2015/8 (2014/477) (2014/428) Further estimates for seats to installed adjacent to the War Memorial – decision at next meeting.

2015/9 (2014/479) (2014/432) Site meeting held with Hugo Van-Rees Estates Manager for Powys County Council on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 2.30 p.m. He will write to tenants asking them to bring the land back to a reasonable condition and if unable to do so will be given to another tenant.

2015/10 (2014/480) (2014/433) Prices obtained for ‘Take Rubbish Home’ sign for £35.00 without the posts – agreed to proceed.

2015/11 (2014/481) (2014/438) Severn Trent now replaced bollards by the pumping station on Foxen Manor – will use a double padlock to allow emergency vehicles and extra parking. Cllrs queried why the bollards need to be padlocked at all – Clerk will check with planning permission for the pumping station and cllrs will view bollards for discussion at next meeting.

2015/12 (2014/482) (2014/447) Chairman had attended meeting organized on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January re: clustering to maintain local services at Welshpool. Further meeting in Llanfyllin on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January either 2 – 5 p.m or 6 – 9p.m. Cllrs felt the workshops should be consolidated into 2 hours to allow those who are working to attend. Clerk will provide briefing note for those Cllrs unable to attend.

### **Sports & Recreation**

2015/13 Extra bin now ordered for Sports & Recreation Field.

2015/14 RosSpa Play Area Inspection - repairs now completed.

### **Planning**

2015/15 No notification yet received as to when Planning Committee will meet to discuss Four Crosses Pub application P2014 0760

2015/16 Letters of objection to P2014 0978 received from local residents.

2015/17 Public consultation took place on Tuesday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> re: development at land adj Plas Foxen. There were many areas of concern but it was agreed not to respond until a formal planning application is received.

2015/18 Planning permission has been granted to P2014 0956 – Erection of a single storey extension and loft conversion at 5 Y Clawdd, Four Crosses.

2015/19 Planning permission requested for P2015 0001 – retrospective application for the formation of a pond at land at Vyrnwy Caravan park, Llansantffraid for Mr C Roberts. – no objections but just to note that permission is needed from Natural Resources Wales.

## **Correspondence**

2015/20 Formal notification received that 7.5 tonne weight limit and no right turn movements have now been prohibited on Newbridge. Clerk to write and say that a pedestrian walkway is needed as very popular with caravaners and also hole in Bridge should be covered to protect pedestrians.

2015/21 Notice of meeting of Montgomeryshire Area Committee on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan at the Community Centre, Llanbrynmair.

2015/22 Nominations invited from one Voice Wales for Buckingham Palace Garden party – outgoing Chairman Cllr D M and Mrs A Foulkes nominated.

2015/23 Report received from Police and Crime Commissioner on public funded CCTV plus Police complaints survey.-noted

2015/24 Update on Powys Local Development Plan received from Powys C.C to say that further evidence is needed. It was agreed that further explanation is needed from Powys C.C as the amount of time spent in responding to previous consultations – Clerk to suggest a Planning Liaison meeting as soon as possible.

2015/25 Consultation received on changes to Community Health Councils in Wales - noted

2015/26 Invitation to join Ageing Well in Wales -noted

2015/27 Invoice from Four Crosses Village Centre for £120 in respect of meetings for 2014

2015/28 Invoice from P & W for grasscutting on Sports & Recreation Field for £2212.80 – clerk to remind re: Parc Hafod hedge.

2015/29 Subscription received for Play for Wales magazine for £25.00

2015/30 November & December e-newsletters from Russell George A.M

2015/31 Open Space Assessment received from Powys County Council – reply sent that Offa's Dyke and Montgomery Canal should be noted as amenity areas.

2015/32 Letter from Andy Elis Garden Services offering work to cut grass and hedges and also trees.

2015/33 Email from Powys County Council to say that Four Crosses sign will need to be moved by Cleveland – Cllrs felt that there was not much choice as to where it could be relocated and that they would leave it to the Highways Dept.

2015/34 Invitation from Llansantffraid & Deytheur Community Council to their next meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7 p.m when Ms Frances Hunt, Chairwoman of Llanfyllin Patient Participation Group will ask any questions/concerns.

2015/35 Invitation from Powys Association of Voluntary Organization's to join them – it was agreed to join as there was no fee.

2015/36 Details from Powys County Council of changes to the management and collection of clinical waste – noted

2015/37 Suggestion from Powys County Council for residents to join together to negotiate better energy tariffs in a bid to improve fuel poverty – noted

2015/38 Details of workshops organized by the Information Commissioner's Office to discuss Data Protection etc –Clerk to ask for more local workshops.

## **Accounts**

2015/39 Balance at 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015

Current Account                    £ 1062.70

Sports & Recreation Acc        £ 325.66

Deposit Account                   £28998.30

Parc Hafod                            £35713.71

Bank statements were checked and initialed by Cllr D K Evans.

2015/40 Permission to pay;-

- i) Powysland P.I.D.B £1133.00 under L.G.A 1972 s137
- ii) Four Crosses Village Centre £120.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112
- iii) Mrs C E Davies Salary £698.18 + Expenses £7.40 01.09. – 31.12.2014 = £705.58 under L.G.A 1972 s112
- iv) H .M Revenue & Customs P.A.Y.E £174.60 under L.G.A 1972 s112
- v) P & W Contracting £2212.80 under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976
- vi) Play for Wales £25.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112

2015/41 Precept for 2015/2016 was discussed and agreed. A Levy of £27.21 producing a Precept of £14752.71 was proposed by Cllr J C Benbow and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Shapter. Cllrs also felt that the compensation received in respect of the War memorial should be used to improve facilities in the village – suggestions to next meeting.

2015/42 Notice received of level of expenditure for S137 payments as £7.36 per elector.

2015/43 Permission granted to pay from Sports & Recreation Account £79.40 in respect of bill from Severn Trent Water.

### **Complaints**

2015/44 County Cllr A E Jones will request road sweeper to pavements

2015/45 Dog Fouling continues to be a serious problem on the Sports & Recreation Field – Clerk to put an article in the Bridge reminding owners of their responsibilities.

2015/46 Improvements to the towpath between Four Crosses and Llanymynech have been welcomed but work is needed to extend around under the Clapton Bridge.

2015/47 Blocked drain had been reported between Rhysnant Farm and Gwernbelliad – Powys C.C had been in the area clearing drains.

2015/48 Complaint of uneven pavement outside Shaftesbury – Clerk will speak to owners

2015/49 Complaint of poor lighting on Foxen Manor – actual street light to be given to County Cllr A E Jones who will then find out whether they need to be repaired or switched to all night.

2015/50 Complaint of potholes as last meeting – these have been reported by County Cllr A e Jones but not yet repaired.

2015/51 Complaints of speed humps continue – Powys C.C will rectify when working on the chichane by City House.

### **Any other business**

2015/52 Chairman had carried out performance appraisal with the clerk.

2015/53 County Cllr A E Jones invited Councillors to a Charity Lunch he is holding on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March in Four crosses Village Centre in aid of Bone Cancer Centre and Llandysilio Church.

Meeting finished 9.50 p.m

**Next meeting is on Thursday 26th February 2015 at 7.30p.m**