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Draft Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 23rd January 2025 in Four Crosses Village Centre at 7.30 p.m
(Meeting also available via zoom)

Present: Chairman Cllr D M E Lloyd presided, Cllrs C M Jenner, W J Lee, E A Jones Mrs V Holloway, Mrs D Kendall, D M Foulkes and N H Savage plus 2 members of the public.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr D C Harris 2025/1

Chairman paid tribute to Frances Buckingham who had died on Sat 18th Jan – she had been a community Councillor for over 10 years and he gave thanks for all the work she had done during that time for the Community. Thanks were also given to the Clerk who had supported her during the last months. 2025/2

Minutes of the last meetings held on Thursday 28th November 2024 and 12th December 2024 had been circulated and were approved and signed by the Chairman 2025/3

Matters arising from meetings of 28th November 2024.

2025/4 (2024/570) North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency have responded to say that they are also disappointed that the results of the pitch monitoring on the A483 cannot be found – if still missing mid Feb they will request another survey. Councillors noted that the request was first made back in April 2021!

2025/5 (2024/571) Powys County Council have confirmed that once a ditch has been constructed behind Y-Berllan, Canal Road that they will jet the pipes to ensure all is clear – Cllr D M Foulkes will prepare an estimate for the work.

2025/6 (2024/572) Clerk asked the Strategic Property Department for an update re: Allotments at either land adjacent Parsons Lane or Oakhurst.- detailed response to follow. Cllr Arwel thought that an Allotment Association would need to be set up first but this has not been previously explained as a requirement.

2025/7 (2024/576) Clerk has forwarded copy of Land registry to Welsh Government re: transfer of the land at the War Memorial to the Community Council

2025/8 (2024/577) New bus shelters have now been installed – the one by the Church House has created a blind spot when exiting Parson's Lane – Trunk Road Agency have confirmed that it has met their requirements – Clerk to take photographs to show that there is a blind spot.

2025/9 (2024/597) Estimate received from Arbserv in respect of the work needed following the re-inspection of the trees at Foxen Manor £180 and Parc Hafod £360 – it was agreed to go ahead.

2025/10 (2024/598) Cllr D M Foulkes & Clerk attended the meeting with Powys County Council in Welshpool Town Hall on Tues 3rd Dec. – Powys County Council were explaining problems of a reduced budget – major complaint from Community Councils was the Highways Dept.

2025/11 (2024/601) Powys County Council have apologized for the delay in dealing with the Freedom of Information Request in relation to money spent restoring the Montgomery Canal and that a reply will follow shortly.

2025/12 (2024/623) Many thanks to Cllr Dave Harris for reading a Lesson at the Llandysilio Carol Service and to Cllr Viv for putting up a tree for the Community Council at the Tree Festival.

Sports & Recreation

2025/13 Maintenance Log for January has been completed by Cllr Mark Foulkes with Cllr Mrs Donna Kendall offering to complete for February.

2025/14 Clerk had contacted the manufacturers re: request for larger signage for the item for wheelchair users. As there is limited space on the actual equipment it was agreed to buy a stencil and mark the tarmac around it.

2025/15 Invoice received from Clira Ltd for £72.00

2025/16 Councillors confirmed with a unanimous show of hands that they were happy to go ahead to add the additional camera to the rear of the Club House at a cost of £2200. It was noted that this money would come

from the capital given at the time of the relocation of the War Memorial.

2025/17 Estimate received from EOM for the work needed following the Electrical Inspection at a cost of £957 + VAT – it was agreed to go ahead and also to add another socket in the Electricity room for the CCTV

2025/18 Confirmation received from Powys County Council that Discretionary rate relief will be applied in respect of the Club House

2025/19 Clerk contacted Scottish Power re: cost of Electricity – they have confirmed that the standing charge is a variable and cannot be fixed and that the Community Council is in a Contract which is due to be reviewed Nov 2025. It was agreed to ask the Football Club to come to the next meeting to discuss the increase in electric costs and also send a reminder re: Invoice for the sue of pitch and Club House during 2024.

2025/20 Remedial work needed following the RoSpa Inspection Reports has been sent to Mr Arwel Jones to prepare a quote

2025/21 Clerk has updated the Football Club re: request to add flood lights & obtained an estimate to add a separate meter at £570. Clerk also sent a letter to go with the Grant application form, as requested by the Club's secretary, advising of the 10 year Rolling Lease on the Football pitch.

County Cllr Arwel update

2025/22 Cllr Arwel explained that the Independent Group have put forward a Budget with a 4% increase rather than the current one under discussion which is 9.8%.

2025/23 Cllr Arwel was asked what had happened in the fraud case where tarmac was unaccounted for. He confirmed that some money had been recovered and Employees concerned dismissed.

Planning

2025/24 (2024/589) 24/1215/FUL change of use and alteration of building from vehicle maintenance to offices, removal of dilapidated buildings, rerouting of public right of way, change of signage, replacement fuel tank, installation of vehicle wash and associated works at Transport Depot, the Old Creamery, Four Crosses for Arla Food- Footpaths Officer and owner met with Cllrs C M Jenner, D M Foulkes and Clerk to view the alternative route which was considered acceptable behind the building as containers had been cleared and there was ample room and lighting.

2025/25 (2024/590) Minutes attached following a meeting with Doug Hughes (Architect) working with Eaglescourt developments held on 12th Dec at 10.00 in Old School House. Clerk will remind for an update in February.

2025/26 Update re: 24/1565/FUL Erection of 2 poultry houses at Domgay Farm – further consultation responses had been received – Countryside Officer had requested a route for the diversion of the Public Footpath and Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust requested a survey.

2025/27 Planning permission has been granted to:-

i) 24/1330/HH – extension and alterations at Oaklands, Four Crosses for Mr O Jones.

ii) 24/0018/REM vary condition 26 at Wychwood, Four Crosses– re: play equipment. It was noted that a financial contribution of £25000 will be made towards the nearest play facilities at Foxen Manor.

2025/28 Planning department have amended the wording of 24/1469/RES - reserved matters at Wychwood, Four Crosses.

2025/29 Planning permission requested for:-

i) 24/1833/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved for erection of a rural enterprise dwelling, installation of sewage treatment plant and all associated works at land south west of Domgay Hall for Martin Evans Poultry Ltd. Councillors considered the guidance under TAN 6 with regard to development in the Open Countryside and it was felt that the functional need could be met by another dwelling, either belonging to the applicant's group or in the locality and it was agreed to Object to the application.

ii) 25/0085/REM Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of approval 22/2049/FUL (amended plans) at land adjoining The Stables, City House. There were no objections to the change in design but Councillor's felt that the solar panels on the roof should remain.

Correspondence

- 2025/30 Consultation received from Welsh Gov on proposals to increase planning fees – Clerk responded
- 2025/31 Play Sufficiency assessment survey sent by Powys County Council – completed by the Clerk
- 2025/32 Local Policy and Innovation Partnership Community Survey received from Welsh Gov – completed by the Clerk
- 2025/33 Minutes received for info from the Llanfyllin and surrounding area Locality Network meeting.
- 2025/34 Clerk & Council's Direct for circulation
- 2025/35 Invitation to St David's Day Conference from Dyfed-Powys Policy on Tues 4th March focusing on evidence-based policing taking place at headquarters in Carmarthen.
- 2025/36 Email from The Valuation Tribunal for Wales who are currently recruiting for volunteers to join the Board.
- 2025/37 Update from Joint Commissioning Committee to explain that progress is being made to implement a dedicated road-based emergency service for rural and coastal areas
- 2025/38 Notification from EDF Renewables that consent has now been granted for Garn Fach Wind Farm – they are still however, waiting details of the actual grid connection.
- 2025/39 Links received via One Voice Wales to the Strategic Spatial Energy plan draft methodology – looking at cutting carbon emissions to zero by 2050
- 2025/40 details received of the Police & Crime Commissioners Budget Consultation – forwarded to Councillors as closing date was 6th Jan 2025.
- 2025/41 Details received from Mid and west Wales Rescue Service looking for Community Ambassadors.
- 2025/42 Notification from Welsh Gov that Sunday 9th March has been set aside as a Covid-19 day of reflection
- 2025/43 Notification from Welsh Gov on a Law Commission Consultation on Burial and Cremation law in Wales
- 2025/44 Details of Training Courses available Jan – March from One Voice Wales
- 2025/45 Update from Climate & Nature Conference to say that it was held online due to the weather – details to follow online of active Projects
- 2025/46 Thank you letter received from Powys Citizen Advice Bureau
- 2025/47 Details of revised Proposals in respect of the review of the Senedd Constituencies
- 2025/48 Details from Welsh Gov of a consultation on reforms to the compulsory purchase process and compensation rules
- 2025/49 Friends of the Montgomery Canal Newsletter for circulation
- 2025/50 Grasscutting Tenders for 2025 were opened by the Chairman. It was agreed to continue as last year with Mr Andrew Ellis maintaining the Sports & Recreation field and Mr Martin Pritchard maintaining Parc Hafod and the War memorial. Thanks were given to both contractors who had done such a good job in 2024.
- 2025/51 Survey from one Voice Wales on how the Area Committees can be improved – Clerk will respond.
- 2025/52 Thank you to N.I.B's who have installed an extra Noticeboard by the entrance to School/Village Centre – Clerk will obtain an extra set of keys for the School.
- 2025/53 Update from Powys Teaching Health Board to say that they are considering increasing waiting times for planned procedures that will take place in England.- Councillors were extremely concerned over the implications of this.
- 2025/54 Email from Welsh Gov re: new inquiry on Community Cohesion – closing date 31st Jan 2025. Clerk will respond about the problems with communication with Powys County Council and NRW.
- 2025/55 Countryside Officer intends writing to all landowners re: cropping and public footpaths – sample letter attached which was considered acceptable.
- 2025/56 Consultation on promoting a resilient and high performance planning service – Clerk has responded
- 2025/57 Clerk will respond saying that not enough buses if needing to go to Shrewsbury Hospital.
- 2025/58 Consultation received from Powys County Council on the Powys Sustainable Resource strategy – this is looking at Recycling and household waste – Councillors felt that the introduction of a booking system at recycling Centres will lead to an increase in fly tipping.

Accounts

- 2025/59 Bank Accounts at 23rd January 2025;-
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| Current Account | £ 1318.78 |
| Sports & Recreation Acc | £ 2062.01 |

Deposit Account £22014.38

Parc Hafod £27010.54

Bank statements were checked and signed by Chairman Cllr D M E Lloyd

2025/60 Permission requested to pay:-

i) Clira Ltd £72.00 under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976

ii) Jackson Fire & Security UK Ltd £121.80 (Service Fire Extinguishers + Emergency Lighting) under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976

2025/61 Clerk left the room while Chairman circulated details of the Staff Working Party's recommendations – these were agreed unanimously with the Clerk's hours increasing to 10 per week from the 1st Jan 2025 and the increase in pay rate backdated to the 1st April 2024. Councillors thanked the Clerk for the high standard of her work.

2025/62 Precept 2025/26 was discussed – cost of Electric and maintenance at the Sports & Recreation Field will result in an overspend. It was agreed that some Grants will need to be reviewed and that any increase should be restricted to 9%. This will increase the Levy to £35.18 and produce a Precept of £19692.00.

2025/63 Updated member's Allowance form had been received from one Voice Wales which was circulated to Councillors for completion and return to the Clerk.

Complaints

2025/64 Highways have confirmed that they are currently working on ranking schemes for inclusion in the programme this year – still not confirmed if they have costed the work to improve drainage at entrance to Village Centre/School and also by Domgay Chapel. Cllr Arwel will remind.

2025/65 Clerk requested more grit for lane leading to Bryn Mawr

2025/66 Resident's of Parc Hafod have also requested if they could have a grit bin – Clerk will ask

Highways

2025/67 Gully emptier and jetter have visited Canal Road – it was noted though that not all of the drains had been cleared.

2025/68 Blocked drain reported up Courthouse Lane

2025/69 Exposed wiring on FC267A reported to the Lighting Dept & now repaired.

2025/70 Cllr Arwel will ask Highways Dept if they had contacted owner of yard re: flooding at Pentreheylin Bungalow and whether a joint meeting had been arranged.

2025/71 Highways Dept have been asked if they could add reflective strip to the base of each chicane to try and prevent them being hit by vehicles

2025/72 Complaints received over Christmas period of tyre marks by the Underpass – Clerk will remind nearby residents that the Underpass is for pedestrian use only and has previously requested extra bollards

2025/73 Clerk notified Trunk Road Agency and accidents on the A483 due to flooding. Trunk Road Agency have now confirmed that signage will be erected on a flashing electronic display saying either 'Flooding' or 'Road Closed'. Councillors felt that 4 signs were needed – two either end of the actual flood and the others positioned in Llanymynech and on the Roundabout to warn motorists in time for them to take an alternative route.

2025/74 Reminder that Llandrinio Bridge will be closed for repairs from 24th to 28th Feb 2025

2025/75 Clerk to ask Highways Dept if more information could be added to the 'Road Closed' sign currently positioned on the Roundabout while repairs to the road are carried out on the B4393 by Vyrnwy Caravans. If it said Road Closed 1.5 miles ahead this would give vehicles the opportunity to access properties located before the road works.

2025/76 Complaint received about speed of contractors building at Cae Offa – Clerk will contact Pickstocks.

2025/77 Clerk to ask highways Dept if grass could be removed off the pavement from Tangles leading to Llandrinio as the width is now restricted.

2025/78 Cllrs have noted that more vehicles are parking opposite Tangles on the double yellow lines – Clerk asked for a reg number and time of day and this could then be passed to the PCSO.

2025/79 Clerk to remind Trunk Road Agency that although drain has been cleared on A483 by Ty Coch it has still not been connected to any soakaway.

Any other business

Meeting closed 9. 20 p.m

Next Meeting:- Thursday 27th February 2025