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**Draft Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 23rd March 2023 in Four Crosses Village Centre
at 7.00 p.m
(also accessible via zoom)**

Present: Chairman Cllr Frances Buckingham, Cllrs D M Foulkes, Mrs D Kendall , N H Savage, W J Lee, E A Jones, Mrs V Holloway and D M E Lloyd and 5 members of the public plus Matt Perry Head of Powys County Council Highways Dept (who joined via zoom)

Apologies were accepted from Cllr D C Harris, C M Jenner 2023/112

Chairman welcomed Matt Perry and gave an outline of the concerns of the Community Council over several months of lack of co-ordination and communication with the Highways Dept in regard to cleaning of the gulleys and also use of pavement sweepers. She asked if Powys County Council calculated the extra cost due to non-maintenance. The on-line complaint system was also not proving effective as gave an incident number but if several problems were logged on the same day gave no indication to which problem it referred to.

Matt Perry agreed that more gully emptiers and sweepers were needed in North Powys and was aware of the backlog of maintenance work and agrees that there is a cost attributed to a delayed repair. He will endeavor to ask the Portfolio Holder for more money to add more equipment. He confirmed that the complaints process and recording is currently being worked on to improve the service and that he was happy to receive emails directly if the Community Council had received no response to a problem.

Councillors asked Matt why the Community council was not permitted to hire a sweeper – Matt was surprised that this request had been refused and will discuss with his Area Manager Dave Gardner.

He was also asked why the gully emptiers and sweepers are used frequently on the Trunk Roads to which he replied that this was paid from a different pot of money.

He asked the Clerk to send details of the current problems. Cllr Savage asked if a refund will be given for the non-collection of the Green Bins on Fri 10th due to the snow. Matt asked for full details and he will look into it. 2023/113

Members of the Public were invited to speak 2023/114

a) Matt Perry was asked why Powys County Council have now changed the dual status transport for Llandysilio C.P School when the Cabinet have agreed that any changes would be effective from Sept 2024. Matt replied to say that he is waiting for a reply from the Legal Dept to confirm the date of the any changes He cannot comment until he receives this advice but will remind them for this urgently. He asked that any paperwork relating to this be sent direct to Clive Pinney in the Legal Dept for consideration.

b) Matt Perry was also asked why one complaint sent by a resident regarding Home to school Transport has not been formally acknowledged and dealt with as a complaint. Matt agreed to look into this.

c) Matt Perry was asked that if Powys County Council have made a mistake by implementing these changes sooner should they be made to put it right?. Matt replied that he is waiting to hear from the Legal Dept but if a decision has been made in error then they will put their hands up.

d) Resident said that someone living outside the area has now been allowed free transport on the school bus – Matt said he is not prepared to accept double standards and asked for the full details to be sent to him.

e) Resident said that the changes are taking away parental choice and many will not be able to pay the cost of £400/Term. Matt asked for the full details to be emailed to him.

f) Cllrs joined in the discussion with regard to the Home School Transport to say that buses carrying pupils from Bausley travel through the Village but are not allowed to pick up any pupils from Four Crosses which does not make a lot of sense. Matt agreed and said that a Review is being carried out with a full consultation to follow. He was reminded by parents present that this is a Legal requirement to consult with Schools, Parents and Community Councils.

g) Member of the public wishes to buy a vacant seat on the school Bus rather than have to put her child onto a Public service Bus and has received no acknowledgement from the Transport Department to this request since December. Matt explained that in order to buy a seat the bus has to be P.V.S.R compliant and not all

the buses were. He would look into what other County Councils do.

h) Resident stressed that this change of Policy by Powys County Council is causing a lot of extra stress for children at a critical time of transition in their lives and also causing stress and worry to parents.

Minutes of the last meetings held on Thursday 23rd February 2023 had been circulated. The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. 2023/115

Matters arising from meeting of 23rd February 2023.

2023/116 (2023/74) Summary of responses received following consultation on restoring the Montgomery Canal received from the Canal & River Trust. Community Officer, Katie had agreed to come to the next meeting to give a further update. She will also be asked why leaks in the Canal by Maesteg have not been repaired and also if extra dog bins could be placed along the Canal.

2023/117 (2023/75) No response received as yet from Llandysilio School re: suggestions for King Charles III Coronation – update next meeting

2023/118 (2023/77) Oswestry Town Council have replied re: Bleed Kits and to confirm that they have placed them within defibrillator Boxes. It was agreed to purchase 3 at a cost of £85 + VAT per kit for each of the 3 Defibs in the Village.

2023/119 (2023/105) Planning Officer has replied to say that a Hotel and a Bed-n-Breakfast are both Class C1 – Clerk to double check the listing of the Golden Lion.

2023/120 (2023/106) Clerk had examples of signage to try and encourage dog owners to clean up after their dog. It was agreed to try spraying with a bright colour around the fascies to see if this would highlight the problem and review again in 2 months. Cllrs Mrs Holloway, Mrs Kendall and D M E Lloyd offered to spray the worst problem areas in the Village between them.

2023/121 (2023/108) Planning Officer has confirmed that s106 properties can be freehold or rented as long as the person meets the criteria. Cllrs felt that the occupiers might meet the criteria but the Rent seems far from affordable. Clerk to reply and ask Planning Officer as to who monitors.

2023/122 Clerk would provide a summary of the complaints to Matt Perry head of Highways with a copy to the Chief executive Cllr James Gibson-Watt.

Sports & Recreation

2023/123 Thanks were given to Cllr Viv for completing the Maintenance log for Mrch. She had noted that a small plastic vent at the rear of the Clubhouse had been broken. Cllr Arwel offered to replace and also carry out the monitoring for April.

2023/124 Credit received from Scottish Power of £150.00 – Clerk submitted meter readings and reminded Scottish Power that price has been fixed

2023/125 Llanfechain Football Club have transferred the outstanding Booking Fee of £80 direct into the account

2023/126 Invoice received from Clira Ltd for £72.00. Clerk had made contact with another firm to seek an alternative quote.

2023/127 Clerk reminded Powys County Council for RoSpa Reports – Invoice now received which has been paid and will trigger the release of the Reports.

2023/128 Copy of Insurance and Risk assessment received from T E M Pritchard – Clerk will remind Mr Andy Ellis for these documents.

2023/129 Email had been received from one of the Llanmynech Junior Managers requesting access to the toilets when a match is taking place – Clerk had contacted Mr Stuart Page who had confirmed that he is happy to continue holding a set of keys and will open the Clubhouse if notified in advance. Cllrs agreed for this to continue and thanked Stuart for his help.

County Cllr Arwel update

2023/130 (2023/14) No reply received to his reminder re; monitoring of noise on A483 so he will take it to Matt Perry Head of Highways.

2023/131 (2023/15) No update re: Garages at Llys Rhysnant

Planning

- 2023/132 Clerk attended Training on line with Planning Aid Wales on Mon 6th March – ‘Understanding s106 Planning Obligations’
- 2023/133 Planning permission has been considered by the Planning Committee and granted for 22/2049/FUL _ Erection of a dwelling at land at City House, Four Crosses.
- 2023/134 Planning Officer has sent details of the 3 proposed machinery sheds at Carnbwl/Domgay Hall – Clerk has sent a copy of the Flood risk map which shows they are all within the flood zone and asked what measures have been put in place to ensure that the floodplain is not increased
- 2023/135 Planning permission requested for 23/0220/HH Erection of a single storey sunroom at Maesglas, Brynmawr for Mr & Mrs R Edwards. There were no objection.

Correspondence

- 2023/136 Certificate of Attendance received from One Voice Wales for attending Module 12 Training on Wed 7th Dec – ‘creating a community place plan’. Clerk will ask One Voice wales for the course notes and certificate in respect of the other Training undertaken by Councillors.
- 2023/137 Details of support available from the Roycastle.org for carers/patients affected by lung cancer
- 2023/138 Advice received from the Open Spaces Society on how to safeguard public access and Open Space
- 2023/139 Details from One Voice Wales of Lottery Funding for Projects which mark the Coronation of King Charles III
- 2023/140 Details of nursing degree’s available at Bangor University
- 2023/141 Clerk Direct for circulation
- 2023/142 Details available from Powys County Council of loans available to fund energy efficiency and decarbonisation. Clerk to find out more details and see if it would be feasible to add solar panels to the Clubhouse.
- 2023/143 Confirmation received from Wales Air Ambulance Service of their new aviation partner, Gama Aviation, and that their base in Welshpool will remain until at least 2026
- 2023/144 Views invited from drivers as to the White Paper being published on the Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle (Wales) Bill – consultation ends 1st June 2023
- 2023/145 Details of the Refugee Support Grant for any groups working with refugees in their community
- 2023/146 Training Needs Survey received from One Voice Wales. Clerk to respond that more trainers are needed if One Voice Wales cannot provide the course notes and certificates following a Course. Training dates for March and April had been circulated.
- 2023/147 Donation request from an Arts Group hoping to organize activities during August towards the cost of the hire of the Village Centre. Cllrs Mrs V Holloway and Mrs D kendall declared an interest and left the meeting by virtue of being members of the Arts Group. Cllrs felt the suggested activities for children and adults would be very welcome and it was agreed unanimously to pay for the hire of the Village Centre for £200 to allow the activities to take place.
- 2023/148 Email from Campaign Group ‘20’s Plenty for Us’ explaining the advantages of the speed limit reducing to 20mph in all towns and village in Wales from the 17th September.
- 2023/149 Concern raised by residents that NRW are not updating their Flood Line in recent flooding. Clerk to remind for a response.
- 2023/150 Consultation on targeted policy changes to Planning Policy Wales on net benefit for biodiversity and ecosystem resilience – responses invited by 31st May 2023.
- 2023/151 Grant request from Four Crosses Village Centre towards the running costs. Cllr E A Jones declared an interest by virtue of being a member of the Village centre Committee and withdrew from the meeting. It was agreed unanimously to continue with the Grant as Precepted at £2800.00
- 2023/152 Request had been received for a Youth Club for children 12+ - one has recently re-started in Llanymynech. specialist volunteers needed to run this.

Accounts

2023/153 Bank Accounts at 23rd March 2023;-

Current Account	£ 252.25
Sports & Recreation Acc	£ 2839.31
Deposit Account	£31859.23
Parc Hafod	£27732.46

Bank statements were checked and initialed by Chairman Frances Buckingham.

2023/154 Permission granted to pay;-

i) Clira Ltd (legionella Feb 2023) £72.00 under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976

ii) Mrs C E Davies reimbursement Viking £66.52 under 1972 Act s112

iii) Mrs C E Davies Salary + Expenses 01.01.-31.03.2023 £1372.59 under L.G.A 1972 s112

iv) H M Revenue & Customs (P.A.Y.E) £334.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112

v) Four Crosses Village Centre £2800.00 under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976

2023/155 Confirmation received from Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales that Councillors should be paid £156 a year (equivalent to £3 a week) and have the opportunity to claim £52 for office consumables. It was noted that Councillors could decide to opt out by writing to the Clerk.

2023/156 responses received from Powys County Council giving a breakdown of the costs of the contested Election which had been circulated.

2023/157 Budget at 23rd March 2023 was discussed and agreed. Clerk to include Income from the Sports & Recreation. There was concern over the increased cost of running the Website – Clerk to see what alternatives are available.

Complaints

2023/158 NRW are investigating the issues with the porous embankment opposite Rhandregwynwen – Clerk will remind.

2023/159 Clerk reminded Trunk Road Agency of the urgent need to add a pedestrian crossing warning sign on the approach to the roundabout on the A483. Will also send to Matt Perry

2023/160 Highways have responded to a request to plant wild flower seeds at Clifton Bridge to say that an alternative site may be better as they have to spray by the Bridge to avoid damaging the structure if having to cut later.

2023/161 Wires sticking out of the back of one of the street lights on the roundabout were reported – Cllr Arwel will forward this on to Street Lighting.

2023/162 Clerk to ask Highways Dept to replace the 30mph sign at the approach to Courthouse Lane which was damaged in the recent road collision.

2023/163 Clerk to remind Severn Trent for results of Canal survey.

2023/164 Clerk to notify Highways Dept of uneven surface in School/Village centre carpark.

2023/165 Clerk to ask Highways Dept to reinstate the salt bin at the bottom of the lane to Bryn Mawr.

2023/166 More complaints received of lorries and tractors travelling through the Village – Clerk needs reg numbers and dates to pass onto PCSO.

Any other business

2023/167 Cllr Bill Lee was pleased to say that the Pre-School Little Tysilio's is now a registered Charity and thanked Cllr Mrs V Holloway for all her work in setting this up. It is hoped the Pre-school will open in the Autumn.

Meeting closed 9.20p.m

Next Meeting:-

Friday 28th April 2023 Four Crosses Village Centre