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Draft Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 28th September 2023 in Four Crosses Village Centre
at 7.00 p.m
(Meeting also available via zoom)

Present: Chairman Cllr C M Jenner presided, Cllrs Frances Buckingham, D M Foulkes Mrs V Holloway, E A Jones, N H Savage, Mrs D Kendall and W J Lee.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr D C Harris and D M E Lloyd 2023/463

Chairman welcomed Rich Harrison, Project Manager for Canal & River Trust 2023/464

- a) Rich explained that the Trustees of the Canal & River Trust had taken a decision to reduce the vegetation cuts to only 3 times a year with the last one being a full width cut. Councillors were unhappy with this decision as it is pointless spending 14m of Government Funding on the Canal if it cannot be walked during the summer months. This problem has been highlighted by the Community Council consistently for the last 10 years. Further letter to be sent directed to the Trustees.
- b) Phase I of the dredging work is now complete with Phase II, Parsons Bridge to Aqueduct due to start Oct – Dec and then Parsons Bridge to Maerdy Bridge in the New Year.
- c) Work is still ongoing behind the scenes on the detailed design of the Carreghofa Lane Bridge. Still ongoing discussion with Williams Bridge but it is likely to be a fixed bridge with traffic lights.
- d) Due to the costs associated with the bridges increasing it is likely that only 2 Nature reserves will be created rather than the 3 originally outlined.
- e) Bid has also been submitted to the Mid Wales Growth Deal but this money will mainly be used for the 2 crossings necessary of the Trunk Road in Arddleen.
- f) Rich confirmed that the plants which have been translocated will survive in their new siting at Powis castle and also that a workshop had been held with Llandysilio School planned for the following week.
- g) Councillors were concerned that all this work would be in vain if the Aqueduct was not restored at Newbridge – application has been resubmitted to heritage Lottery.
- h) Rich also explained that work on the Aberfechan Aqueduct had been mentioned in their update and explained that this work was the contribution ‘in-kind’ given by CRT and was necessary as urgent repair was needed.

Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 24th August 2023 had been circulated. The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. 2023/465

Matters arising from meeting of 24th August 2023.

2023/466 (2023/398) School have replied to say that they have no preference re: Plaque for the Bench to celebrate King Charles III Coronation so it was agreed to order the design approved by the King.

2023/467 (2023/399) Clerk explained that Revenue Office would not give details of current Rating of the cottages at Ty Llew as the Community Council did not own the property.

2023/468 (2023/400) Site meeting held with Powys County Council to view the bus shelters on Fri 8th Sept Officer explained that there is currently no funding at all for any improvement work. Unfortunately due to the corrosion of the metalwork he would suggest a Halton Anti-vandal Bus Shelter if the Community Council wanted to fund the replacement or try and obtain Grant Funding. Clerk explained that both bus shelters are due to be re-located due to residential development so it was agreed to seek this type of shelter when this work goes ahead.

2023/469 (2023/448) Clerk has reminded Welsh Assembly that agreement was reached re; Extension of Powysland Internal Drainage District on the 10th March 2017 – awaiting reply Russell George M.S has emailed to say that he will contact the Minister Julie James directly if no response received. Powysland Drainage Committee have also contacted Welsh Assembly urging the ratification asap.

2023/470 (2023/462) Reply received from NRW re: flood warning system to say that no predicted river levels are given at the time of issuing a flood alert. This is part of their management of staff resources but that this information is given when a Flood warning is issued or a Severe Flood warning. Clerk to ask what the trigger is between a flood alert and a flood warning as there have been incidences of flooding onto the

A483 and only an Alert had been given.

2023/471 Russell George M.S is waiting for a reply from Gavin Bown NRW re: Severn catchment liaison group and is hoping to reconvene shortly.

2023/472 (2023/177) Matt Perry, Head of Highways reminded re: use of external contractors/equipment

Sports & Recreation

2023/473 (2023/405) 2 options for the replacement bench were circulated at the meeting with Councillors agreeing to purchase the Captain's Treble Seat £340 + VAT. Cllrs W J Lee & C M Jenner offered to remove the existing bench and refix the Plaques onto the new bench.

2023/474 (2023/407) Clerk met with 3rd contractor for a quote for Solar Panels – waiting for this to come through. Football Club may be able to apply for a Grant with the Community Council as partners

2023/475 (2023/408) Following the survey by ArbServ Clerk has contacted residents re; tree overhanging and they are happy for this to cut back – Clerk asked ArbServ for a quote for this work and also to pollard the 2 trees to the rear of the Club House as this will improve the efficiency of the solar panels

2023/476 Maintenance log for September has been completed by Cllr D C Harris with Cllr Mrs D Kendall offering to complete for October.

2023/477 Invoice received from Clira Ltd for £72.00

2023/478 Complaint received of nappies/dog pads by the bin – CCTV reviewed by Clerk plus Cllrs W J Lee and Mrs V Holloways on the 14th September and letter sent. ORP have visited on the 21st Sept to do a software update and amend the settings. Clerk asked for a quote to add CCTV onto the garage.

2023/479 Ray Parry asked to look at bar on swing and to give a quote to patch the safety surface under the swing

2023/480 Invoice received from Mr Arwel Jones for £130.00 to repair the mesh around the Court and £350.00 to repair woodwork on Garage and recoat. He will retreat the laminate on the Play equipment and also replace palings in the perimeter fence, remove the bin and add a screw to a loose drainage grid.

2023/481 Fixtures List received from Football Club for September

2023/482 Clerk completed a Form sent by Powys County Council re; Mandatory Discretionary Rates and confirmation received that this will continue

2023/483 Email from Jonny Lambert Llanymynech Juniors Chairman to say that there are 5 teams currently playing and expressed his gratitude to Andy Ellis for cutting the pitch

2023/484 Fence around Severn Trent Pumping Station has now been repaired

2023/485 Part of fence by Outdoor Gym Equipment has been dented – Clerk ordered reflective tape to put on the posts

2023/486 Thanks were given to Cllr W J Lee for fixing the Height Sign onto plywood and also onto the fence – cost of plywood £18.30

2023/487 Llanfechain Football Club had asked if they could have a discounted rate for the use of the Multi-Sport Court – it was agreed that if they paid for 5 bookings in advance that they could have one further booking at no charge. They would also agree to text the Clerk if no training had taken place rather than waiting for the Bill to be sent.

County Cllr Arwel update

2023/488 Cllr Arwel had circulated a list of activities and meetings which had taken place in September. There is to be a Public Consultation re: proposals to limit the width of Llandrinio Bridge – it is hoped to organize an Open Meeting at Llandrinio Village hall at the end of October

2023/489 School Transformation Document had been approved by the cabinet – this is a 10 year Plan looking to close 3 schools Bryn Hafren, Llansilin and Llangedwyn and to merge 3 others Llandysilio, Carreghofa and Arddleen into an Area School.

2023/490 County Farms Manager is currently looking at re-organising the fields that are part of The Grange (formerly Maes Offa) and PontyPerson – they are aware of request for Allotments.

Planning

2023/491 (2023/396) Planning application 23/1071/FUL has been validated for the siting of 4 x Geodome tents for holiday use on decking areas, 4 x associated decking areas for outdoor seating, baths and bbq area provision of composting toilet for each unit including formation of access pathway and car parking area (retrospective at land at laburnum House for Mr R Pownall. County Cllr Arwel has called the application in

to be determined by the Planning Committee. Councillors agreed to Object to the development due to increased traffic on the narrow lane, appearance, siting and other environmental issues.

2023/492 (2023/420) Cllr Jake Berriman reminded of the need to update the Town & Community Councils following the publication of the report by Audit Wales. He had given a new date for this briefing but the date has not yet been circulated by Powys C.C – Clerk to ask Cllr James Gibson-Watts why this is.

2023/493 Planning permission granted for 19/0817/OUT Outline permission for the residential development of up to 35 affordable dwellings and formation of vehicular access (some matters reserved) at Land at Gornal Farm, Four Crosses for Mr P Davies

2023/494 Planning permission requested for 23/1092/FUL Erection of 9 dwellings and all associated works at the Four Crosses Inn, Four Crosses for Eaglescourt Development Ltd - County Cllr Arwel has called the application in to be determined by the Planning Committee. It was agreed to Object due to the narrow entrance into the site. It was noted that this application is for a reduction in the number of Affordable dwellings to that previously granted under a separate application. There is also concern that these plans have mentioned the demolition of the Four Crosses Inn. It was agreed to stress that the development at the Four Crosses Inn should be carried out first due to the condition of the property.

Correspondence

2023/495 Invitation from Eco-Schools Officer for Keep Wales Tidy for a community representative to join the local cluster groups

2023/496 Resource pack now available from Powys County Council following the Environment & Nature Event held on the 14th June.

2023/497 certificate of Attendance received from One Voice Wales in respect of Cllr Donna completing Module 12 Community Place Plan on the 10th April

2023/498 Email from Ebony Nicholson Powys Family Information Service available on 01874612419

2023/499 Email from Powys Citizen Advice Bureau reminding residents of their free advice with regard to the cost of living 01686 617641

2023/500 Clerk & Councils Direct for circulation

2023/501 Equality Plan 2023-2026 received from ombudsman

2023/502 Friends of Montgomery Newsletter for circulation

2023/503 Copy of correspondence received from Russell George to a resident who raised the question of how the TrawsCymru network is looking at integrating buses and trains better.

2023/504 Confirmation received from Powys County Council that Cllr Arwel has been re-appointed as LEA Governor for Llandysilio Church in Wales School

2023/505 One Voice Wales E-newsletter received

2023/506 Update received from Emergency Ambulance Services Committee with future consultation dates;- Thursday 12th October in Welshpool Town Hall 12 – 3 p.m

2023/507 Non-Statutory Consultation from Green Gen Cymru on the proposed Vrynwy Frankton Connection. Clerk to ask how they are mitigating the effects of pylon bases in a flood plain.

2023/508 Notice from Community Speed Watch of a meeting to be held via teams on the 7th Sept – only 24 hours notice given and meeting has now been postponed

2023/509 Questionnaire from Welsh Government as to how many community buildings have used Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete – Clerk has responded to say that no one has the technical knowledge to complete the form and that the Welsh assembly should appoint a Surveyor if necessary.

2023/510 Details received from PAVO of a new Grant scheme – ‘Making a Difference’ - covers revenue costs only

2023/511 Update from Save Rodney’s Pillar to explain that the Pillar will need to be rebuilt.

2023/512 Reminder put in Notice Boards that applications can now be made to the Deytheur Educational Foundation – link has been added to Community Council website

2023/513 Email from London Hearts offering a Grant towards a Defibrillator – Clerk to find out more details

2023/514 Membership Renewal received from SLCC for £177.00 – it was agreed to pay 50% contribution.

2023/515 Details had been received of a new Local Places for Nature Fund – covering capital costs only

2023/516 Welsh Gov have invited scrutiny of their proposed draft Budget for 2024-25.

Accounts

2023/517 Bank Accounts at 28th September 2023;-

Current Account £ 47.82

Sports & Recreation Acc £ 2207.01

Deposit Account £33191.38

Parc Hafod £27897.39

Bank statements were checked and initialed by Chairman Cllr C M Jenner.

2023/518 Permission granted to pay;-

i) Mrs C E Davies Salary =+expenses 01.07 – 30.09.2023 £1176.37 under L.G.A 1972 s112

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

iii) Arwel Jones £480.00 under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976

iv) H M Revenue & Customs (PAYE) £281.20 under L.G.A 1972 s112

v) Mrs C E Davies 50% membership SLCC £88.50 under L.G.A 1972 s112

vi) Mrs C E Davies (reimbursement stationary Viking) £176.24 under L.G.A 1972 s112

vii) Ryan Jones £206.06 (Removal of urinals) £206.06 under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976

viii) Gloversure Ltd £42.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112

ix) ORP Surveillance £72.00 s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976

x) Mr W J Lee £18.30 under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976

2023/519 Confirmation received from Pensions Regulator that re-enrolment duties have been completed.

2023/520 Independent Remuneration panel had sent a revised form which included a column for Councillors

Care Costs – Clerk submitted with a nil return

2023/521 Audit has been completed for the Year Ending 31st March 2023 with no matters been raised.

Complaints

2023/522 (2023/446) North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency reminded for a timetable of the proposed work following the road safety report on the roundabout.

2023/523 Clarification sought from Powys County Council Highways Dept with regard to the speed limit on Court House Lane and Llys Rhysnant – corrections have now been made. Clerk to ask for the 30mph on the road surface to be reinstated as this has been burnt off.

2023/524 Update from Severn Trent to say it is hoped. If access arrangements can be agreed, for work to commence on the sewers connecting to Canal Road in Mid October

2023/525 Complaint received that Old Creamery hedge is obscuring the street lights – Clerk to report again

2023/526 Powys County Council have replied to email sent re; amount of water leaks to ask to pinpoint where exactly the leaks have occurred

2023/527 Email sent to Highways Dept re: large vehicles travelling over the pavement at Clifton Bridge

2023/528 Complaint received of hedge cut down Pontyperson Lane leaving thorns all over the lane – owner had used sweeper to clean these up

2023/529 Clerk to notify Highways Dept that a vehicle has collided with the traffic light at Clifton Bridge – it has now reverted to timed rather than a sensor.

2023/530 Clerk to notify highways that the bleeper is intermittent when using the pedestrian crossing from the Pub side.

2023/531 Clerk to notify owners of vegetation blocking footpath by Maes Offa.

2023/532 Smell of sewerage is very prominent in the corner of the multi-sport Court – agreed to monitor

2023/533 Several complaints of the grass looking very untidy growing out of the pavements and the build outs in the Village. Clerk to ask Highways for a road sweeper if a Community tidy up could be organized.

2023/534 Powysland Drainage Committee now have new contractors and the aim is to clean the Sarn Wen ditch on the Kings Acre residential Estate by the end of October.

Any other business

2023/535 Suggestion of possible wording for a sign to be erected by the new lime tree by the War Memorial had been circulated. This was agreed.

2023/536 Clerk to remind Trunk Road Agency re; placing of signs at times of flood

2023/537 Cllr W J Lee gave an update to explain that the Little Tysilio's Pre-School did not go ahead as planned due to Powys County Council falling back on their agreement to fund any shortfall in the first year.

2023/538 Thanks were given to Cllr Mrs D Kendall for re-painting the sign for the School/Village Centre

2023/539 Cllrs were concerned over the reduction to 20mph on the Trunk Road in Llanymynech – this would be monitored and mentioned when a review takes place.

Meeting closed 9.40 p.m

Next Meeting:-

Thursday 28th September Four Crosses Village Centre