**Cyngor Cymuned Dwyriw Community Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Dwyriw Community Council held on**

**Thursday 25 February 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom**

**Present:** CllrsHeward (Chair)**,** Owen, Booth, Jerman, Gethin, County Cllr Heulwen Hulme and the Clerk Sarah Yeomans

Due to the current situation regarding Covid-19, the Council held this meeting via Zoom.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

 Cllrs Hawtin, Francis and Davies

Cllr Davies had written a letter of resignation to the Council and a Casual Vacancy was declared. Cllr Heward expressed his thanks to Cllr Davies for his long service, noting that his local knowledge would be missed.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

 Cllr Gethin for an item of planning, 5b

County Cllr Hulme told the meeting that Powys were advising participants in Zoom meetings to mute their mics, turn their cameras away and refrain from posting in the chat box when declaring an interest.

**3. Minutes of the January Meetings**

The minutes of the January meeting and the planning meeting held on the 28 January were taken as read and accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Owen and seconded Cllr Booth.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the meetings.

**5. Planning**

1. **21/0129/RES** Reserved Matters application for the erection of 1 dwelling at

Plas Coch, Cefn Coch.

The Council discussed the application and decided to make no comment.

1. **21/0322/OUT –** Construction of an agricultural worker’s dwelling with garage, septic tank etc at Argae Fields, New Mills, Newtown

The Council agreed to make no comment on this application.

1. County Cllr Hulme gave an update on recent planning applications and breaches.

**6. Finance**

a) **Account balances** – the current account contains £3315.87 and the deposit

account £523.10. The Clerk gave an update on the current budget situation and the following invoices were approved for payment:

1. The Clerk wages for two extra planning meetings £38.94, Cheque no 100515

**7. Highways and Byways**

a) Several potholes were highlighted and would be reported to Powys:

1. Pothole by Tynwtra, Llanwyddelan

ii) Pothole between Llanwyddelan bridge and the rocks

iii) Pothole still between Gwernfyda and Brookfield

iv) Pothole part way down Llanwyddelan bank and drains blocked at the top by Ty Coch and on the way down the bank

v) Pothole by Tyn Coed on the Cefn Coch to Llanfair road

b) A request had been made for dog waste bins in Cefn Coch village and this would be passed on to the appropriate Powys County Council officer. County Cllr Hulme would provide the contact details.

Cllr Jerman also reported the increase in the incidence of dog fouling in the village of Adfa and requested that signs be put up to remind people this was an offence. County Cllr Hulme would supply these signs.

**8. Adfa Play Area**

It was reported that a new law was being introduced banning smoking at play areas. It was agreed that no smoking signs would be sourced and erected at the play area and the Clerk would look into this.

**9. Llanllugan Burial Ground**

a) **Grass Cutting** - The grass cutting contract was due to be renewed this year and the Clerk would post a tender document on the website and on the notice board. It was agreed that the terms should be the same as last time and would be offered for two years.

b) The Clerk has now received a copy of the insurance document from Gareth Jones, the builder who will be undertaking the required repair work to the burial ground wall and wet corner.

**10. Broadband Pilot Project update**

There have now been two further meetings with Powys County Council, Broadway Partners and the local representatives (Cllrs Booth, Owen, Heward and Mervyn Jones)

The last meeting was to discuss the scope of the project which looks to include the whole of the Dwyriw area and beyond. This means that everyone in the area should be offered fibre broadband of at least 100Mbps and if the project is approved by the DCMS (Department for Culture, Media and Sport) the project could be completed within six months.

**11. Defibrillator for Llanllugan**

Cllr Owen explained that it was possible to mount a defibrillator on or near a street-light so that it could be powered from the light. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about this and report back at the next meeting.

**12. Correspondence**

a) Information on the proposal to amalgamate Llanfair primary and high schools – the email would be circulated to Councillors.

b) Review of the Remuneration framework for community and town councils

c) Proposal for discussion regarding the Cambrian Mountains initiative.

**13. Welcome Letters**

None

**14. Items to be reported or included on the next agenda**

County Cllr Hulme reported that Powys were increasing their Council Tax request by 2.9% this year, the lowest for 10 years.

**15. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **25 March 2021** via Zoom

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.