**Cyngor Cymuned Dwyriw Community Council**

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

**Thursday 26 November 2020 at 7.00 pm via Zoom**

**Present:** CllrsHeward**,** Owen, Booth (Chair), Jerman, Hawtin, Francis, Davies, 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. Cllr Booth chaired the meeting because Cllr Heward was experiencing intermittent technical issues.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

 None

**2. Declarations of Interest**

 None

**3. Minutes of the October Meeting**

The minutes of the October meeting were taken as read and accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Owen and seconded Cllr Hawtin

The minutes of the AGM held in October were presented to the Council. These were also taken as read and accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Owen and seconded Cllr Francis

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from either meeting.

**5. Planning**

There were no new planning applications, but County Cllr Hulme gave an update on recent applications and investigations.

**6. Finance**

a) **Account balances** – the current account contains £3980.35 and the deposit

account £523.09. The Clerk gave an update on the current budget situation and there were no invoices for approval.

b) The Clerk reported that she had recently attended an online webinar about future audit arrangements.

 **7. Highways and Byways**

It was noted that salt bins are currently being replenished across the county. A pot-hole was reported in the Hafod Lane vicinity and the Clerk would inform Powys Highways.

**8. Adfa Play Area**

The Councillors were informed of an ‘All Wales Play Opportunities’ grant currently being offered by the Welsh Government and Powys County Council but decided this was not currently relevant to Dwyriw.

**9. Llanllugan Burial Ground**

a) A local builderhas been asked to look at the damaged burial ground wall and will give a quote for repair.

b) It was agreed that the Clerk should try to obtain a replacement valuation for the war memorial to ensure that it is properly insured in case of any future damage.

**10. Local Broadband matters**

a) A letter had been received from Powys CC asking for Expressions of Interest from communities struggling with broadband connections and wishing to take part in a pilot scheme to help with the problem. This was being carried out as part of the Rural Development Programme 2014-20. County Cllr Hulme has already applied on behalf of the Rhiwcynon area and the Clerk was also asked to apply on behalf of the Dwyriw Community. Currently there are many areas within Dwyriw that struggle for effective speeds and only the villages of Adfa and Llanwyddelan have the opportunity of BT Superfast Broadband at present

b) A local resident from outside the village of Adfa had been in touch with the Clerk seeking help from the Community Council for problems he was facing with a slow speed. He would be applying to be part of the pilot scheme for properties in his immediate area. He had asked if the council could supply him with a list of properties so he could identify a wider need but unfortunately this could not be done due to data protection.

**11. Defibrillators in the Community**

a) A list of defibrillators available in the Dwyriw community has now been placed on the community council website and it will also be made into posters and the information shared as widely as possible.

b) The Clerk had begun to look at possibilities for siting a defibrillator in Llanllugan.

**12. Correspondence**

a) Training opportunities with One Voice Wales and the offer of free places on courses for councillors. This email would be circulated.

b) Powys CAB – application for funding would be deferred to the AGM.

c) Clerks and Councils Direct

**13. Welcome Letters**

Sunny View in Llanwyddelan

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

Nothing to report

**15. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **21 January 2020** via Zoom

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.