**Cyngor Cymuned Dwyriw Community Council**

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

**Thursday 24 September 2020 at 7.30 pm via Zoom**

**Present:** CllrsHeward(Chair), Gethin, Owen, Booth, Jerman, Hawtin, 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 Davies and Francis

**2. Declarations of Interest**

 Cllr Heward declared an interest in planning item 5,b)

**3. Minutes of the February and July Meetings**

The minutes of both the February and July meetings were taken as read and accepted as a true record. Due to the Covid-19 situation there were no meetings held from March to June.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

At the February meeting a discussion had taken place regarding the opening-up of a bridleway in Carmel. Calum Carr the footpath officer has offered to come and speak to the Council when things improve, and meetings can be held again.

**5. Planning**

a) **20/1302/RES** Application for reserved matters following approval of P2017/0154 for the erection of 5 dwellings and associated works adjacent to the Garage in Adfa. A discussion was held regarding who would be responsible for the green areas once the development had been completed and it was confirmed that it would be adopted by Powys County Council once tarmacking had taken place. The Clerk would make sure that the planners were aware of a footpath running alongside Plot 1, to make sure it is kept open.

b) **20/1296/RES** Approval of reserved matters for the erection of 5 dwellings following approval of P2017/0329 at Min-y-ffordd, Adfa.

Residents are concerned about the proposed new access road junction and the increase in vehicles during and after construction. There are a number of children already living in the area and there is concern for their safety. The Council would want to ensure that construction work only takes place during working hours and would request a different access during construction. There is also concern about the parking provision for plots 3 and 4 which could prove difficult for residents and so result in more on-road parking.

c) **20/1285/FUL and 20/1286/FUL** Erection of steel portal framed buildings to create covered livestock yards together with all other assoc. works at Pant Farm, Adfa (by Crugnant). The Council discussed these applications and were happy to support them.

d) County Cllr Hulme gave an update on recent planning matters including a number of breaches that are still under investigation.

**6. Finance**

a) **Account balances** – the current account contains £5869.40 and the deposit

account £523.09. The Clerk gave an update on the current budget situation.

Four invoices were approved for payment:

1. Clerk invoice for January to September, £1310.99 Cheque 100503
2. Zoom subscription for three months - £43.17 Cheque 100504
3. Came and Co. Insurance renewal - £444.89 Cheque 100505
4. Play area signs via Cllr Owen (virus) - £45.00, Cheque 100506

The Councillors decided that due to the current situation it was likely that meetings would have to be held remotely for the next few months. It was agreed that the Clerk would be paid for a subscription to Zoom for three months in advance and would settle each monthly invoice herself.

b) **Insurance Renewal –** The Council discussed the renewal documents received from Came and Company and decided to renew with them for the next three years. In future there will be a £50 administration fee added to the total, but this will be waived for the current year. It was agreed that a cheque for £444.89 would be made out to cover this cost. Cheque 100505

c) The external auditors had been in touch with a few more questions that needed answering, mainly asking for evidence in minutes.

 **7. Highways and Byways**

a) Cllr Booth told the meeting about a problem in the Carmel area with speeding vehicles. It usually occurs in the evenings and appears to be people travelling in convoy and often racing. Cllr Jerman said there is still a problem of speeding through the village of Adfa too. The Clerk was asked to report these matters to the police and request more speed restriction signs from Powys County Council.

b) County Cllr Hulme has asked for a bus stop to be introduced at the Crossroads in Adfa to service people from Llwyn Celyn Caravan site. This would save them walking into the village to catch the bus.

c) The road between Llanllugan and New Mills is in a poor condition in places and this will be reported.

d) A member of the community has asked for something to be done about the pavement in Cefn Coch opposite Plas Coch which has not been completed. This is now going to be investigated by Powys.

e) A diversion has now been made official for Footpath no. 10 by Fraithwen in Adfa.

**8. Adfa Play Area**

The Play Area had been closed during the national lockdown but was re-opened during the summer. Before opening a full risk-assessment was carried out by Cllr Owen and all the required signs were put up regarding social distancing and hygiene. Cllr Owen had bought some signs and he would be re-imbursed for these.

The play area is being very well used and families are socially distancing.

 **9. Llanllugan Burial Ground**

Cllrs Owen and Heward agreed to inspect the burial ground wall to see what should be done about the part that has collapsed.

**10. Correspondence**

a) Councillors were warned about email scams being targeted at councils

b) BT will now be removing the telephone equipment from the phone box in Adfa due to lack of use.

c) PC Graham Jennings had written to introduce himself as the new community policeman for the area. It is hoped that he will be able to come to a meeting when things improve.

d) One Voice Wales are now offering remote training courses.

e) Rules have changed regarding council websites recently and the subject will need to be discussed at a future meeting. The Clerk will circulate information.

**11. Welcome Letters**

None

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

a) Cllr Booth raised the matter of defibrillators in the local area and the need to make sure local people knew where they were in case of emergency. The Clerk agreed to gather the information for the next meeting and to post it on the Council’s website.

b) The Clerk will enquire about poppy wreaths.

c) The AGM could be held before the next meeting in October, but the Clerk will check the current rules.

d) It was decided that the Trust Fund meeting will be held on a separate day via Zoom.

**13. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **22 October 2020** via Zoom

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.