

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COSAC Committee

Minutes of Meeting

Old Library, Dinas Powys
21 November 2018 at 6.30pm

Present:

Cllr A Robertson (Chair)	Cllr A Asbrey
Cllr C Franks	Cllr V Driscoll
Cllr E Jenkins	N Gaskell (Allotments)
Cllr M Hartrey	

Also in Attendance:-

David Knevett, Operational Manager, Neighbourhood Services.

40. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr R Williams

S Davies (Footpaths)

41. Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest

42. Asset Transfer Implications – Q & A Session

Cllr A Robertson introduced VOG Officer David Knevett and thanked him for agreeing to speak to the Community Council regarding the Asset Transfer process and the implications this might have on the community.

The Community Asset Transfer (CAT) was born out of a cabinet report in July regarding the sustainable provision of outdoor leisure facilities, all of which have overheads and are subsidised by VOG. It is recognised that the overheads carried by these sites are related to the running costs of a large organisation and are not reflective of what could be achieved by a different organisational model. (A case in point is the Leisure Centres which were taken over by private operators in 2012)

The VOG will be looking to off-load single-use facilities initially. Where property is involved, a 25 year full-repairing lease at a peppercorn rent looks to be the most likely scenario.

Two single –use facilities in Dinas Powys are subject to CAT:-

- 1) the Bowls Club at Murchfield;
- 2) The Football field beside Murchfield Community Centre.

Users have three options – either to take on the management and maintenance, pay the VOG to manage and maintain, or to stop using the facilities.

Bryn-y-Don was discussed – this site is not in the first tranche of assets to be transferred, although interest has been shown by a current user organisation. This site is multi-use and a solution may be through a partnership of users, in which case engagement between the various groups would be the first step.

Cllr A Robertson proposed and Committee unanimously **AGREED** to:-

- 1) submit an EOI to the VOG regarding the Bryn-y-Don site; and
- 2) commence an engagement exercise with current users.

43. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2018 were taken as read, and on the Motion of Cllr. E Jenkins and seconded by Cllr A Asbrey, it was **AGREED** that the Minutes are approved as a true record.

44. Matters Arising from Minutes

Item 26 – Overgrown Shrubbery

This has now been identified by Cllrs A Asbrey and E Jenkins.
Clerk to contact VOG requesting action.

Item 36 – Trees in Scout Park

Cllrs A Robertson and A Asbrey met with homeowner regarding the two trees. There is no desire to have the trees cut down; there is concern however, for the safety of their child with conkers falling from the tree. They would prefer to have the overhanging branches cut back and requested permission to speak with the Tree Surgeon that DPCC use. Contact details have been provided.

45. Footpaths Report / Update

- The broken stiles on footpath 31 – Merrie Harrier to Pen-y-Turnpike have been replaced with kissing gates;
- The fallen tree on the Bridleway at Sunnycroft has been removed;
- Missing Waymark signs at Merevale have been reported;
- Boxing Day Walk has been arranged – details will be published shortly.

46. Allotments Report / Update

Some late / winter produce coming along;

There has been considerable media coverage recently on allotments / own growing and the waiting list for allotments is constant.

It was asked if there was any news on the proposed allotment on the St Cyres' development site. Cllr A Robertson agreed to check on the process of allocating community land with VOG planning officers.

Thanks were expressed to DPCC staff for addressing need and issues of allotments and tenants.

47. Cemetery Report / Update

There was discussion regarding the acquisition of land for the purposes of extending / providing a new cemetery. Cllr A Robertson agreed to pursue the matter.

48. Grass Cutting – Cemetery

There has been a complaint recently regarding the length of the grass in the cemetery. Mowing is undertaken monthly during the growing season using mowers where possible and trimmers where there are obstructions.

It is suggested that the frequency of mowings needs to be more reactive to the growing conditions for next year and beyond.

It was **AGREED** that the mowing contract will be put out to tender (quote) in readiness for the next financial year.

49. Review of Cemetery Regulations

Members decided that the current regulations are to remain unchanged until such a time as there is a new Cemetery.

Two requests have been made to the Council for memorials that either fall outside of the current regulations or are not covered by them. Both of these were discussed and permission was granted in both cases with regard that precedents had previously been set.

50. Permission for siting of Storage Containers

The Scout Hall is to be redeveloped in the spring and there is a need for temporary storage of contents of the hall during the build (anticipated 3 -4 months).

The Scouts have asked if there is a suitable site in the Council's ownership where two 20 ft containers can be stored during this period. A number of possible sites were discussed and a shortlist is to be provided by the next meeting.

51. Any Items which the Chairman has decided are urgent

There were no urgent items.

52. AOB

Queen's 90th Birthday Trees

It appears that three of the trees are dead. Cllr M Hartrey agreed to check and report back.

53. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 16 January

Signature:	Date: