

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Full Council

Minutes of Meeting

Lee Hall, Dinas Powys,
10 January 2019, at 7.00pm

Present:

Cllr S Thomas (Chair)
Cllr J Fanshaw
Cllr A Asbrey
Cllr R Crowley
Cllr K Hatton
Cllr A Robertson
Cllr S Griffiths

Cllr J Barker
Cllr C Franks
Cllr R Grigg
Cllr M Hartrey
Cllr M Pratt
Cllr R Williams
Cllr V Driscoll

Also in Attendance:-

Carol Price – Rural Housing Enabler
Johnathan Davies – Rural Housing Enabler
Simon Dawson – United Welsh Housing Association
Trevor Saunders – Hafod Housing Association

91. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr E Jenkins

Cllr S Kear-Smith

Cllrs V Driscoll & Andy Robertson arrived late as they had been attending a County Council Scrutiny Committee Meeting.

92. Declaration of Interests

Declarations of Interest were submitted by Cllrs R Crowley, K Hatton, J Fanshaw and C Franks in relation to an item in the Finance & GP Minutes.

93. Local Lettings Policy

At a previous meeting (insert DATE) where the Rural Housing Officer was in attendance Councillors had requested an input into the local lettings arrangements.

Both Cross Common and Caerwent Gardens are nearing completion and arrangements are being put in place to begin selling and allocating homes.

Each site has a proportionate allocation of affordable housing – this is where a developer (via Section 106 arrangements) provides units at a lower cost for sales and rental. The proportion per development depends on its size and location. In Dinas Powys, larger developments yield a 40% social housing element.

The VOG Council have been working hard to meet the requirements of the Localism Act, which aims to help people stay in their home area through the provision of lower cost homes.

The Local Lettings Policies presented by both Hafod and United Welsh identify criteria which applicants need to satisfy in order to qualify for allocation. Applications are taken through either Homes4U or Aspire to Own, which are operated by VOG.

All Councillors had previous sight of the draft Lettings Policies for both Cross Common and Caerwent Gardens developments.

Cllr. R Crowley proposed, Cllr. K Hatton seconded and Council **UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED** the Local Lettings Policies submitted by Hafod and United Welsh HA in partnership with VOG.

[During this item, Cllr Grigg joined the meeting]

94. Confirmation of Minutes

Subject to the above, the Minutes of the meeting held on **13 December 2018** were taken as read, and on the Motion of Cllr. M Pratt and seconded by Cllr. J Fanshaw, it was **RESOLVED** that such Minutes be approved as a true record.

95. Matters Arising from Minutes

Item 84 – sub-item 73 – Asset Transfer

There had been a meeting with the T&CC Charter Review Working Group, which Cllr J Barker and Cllr S Thomas had attended.

There were issues over land use planning and S.106, which it was felt that gave no consideration for local needs. These and other matters were adequately addressed by VOG officers and T&CC are being encouraged to develop their own Community Plans which would feed into the wider strategic VOG planning processes.

Item 84 – sub-item 72 b) – Vale Councillors meeting with officers

It was requested that a letter is written to M Clogg asking for clarification on when the old Cross Common bridge is likely to be removed, as this has been promised for over two years.

Item 86 b) COSAC Committee – presentation by D Knevett

There was disappointment that those attending the meeting who were not on the COSAC Committee were unable to ask questions of Mr Knevett.

It was questioned whether a separate Asset Working Group was required and if so, what form it should take. It was decided to continue with the Working Group with its current arrangements and not to formalise it further at this stage.

Item 87 – By Pass

Awaiting further information from VOG on alternative funding sources for additional traffic modelling.

[Cllr V Driscoll joined the meeting]

Item 90 a) – Road Closure, Station Road

A drop-in session was held on 9 January to provide information to residents on the proposed closure. Following representations to Wales and West Utilities by DPCC members and VOG officers, plans have been drawn up to undertake the road closures in 3 sections, thereby enabling delivery access to the local traders.

The contractors are currently working in Perclose and reports of the interaction and communication with the work team have been extremely positive.

[Cllr A Robertson joined the meeting]

96. To Authorise and Confirm Payment of Accounts

Cllr. K Hatton proposed, Cllr. R Crowley seconded and Council **APPROVED** the Income and Expenditure Schedules for December 2018.

97. To Receive Committee and other Reports

a) Finance & GP Committee – 8 January 2019

The Finance Committee considered and **AGREED** the Budget for 2019-20.

A 3% increase in the Precept, was **AGREED**.

This provides an increase in the budget of £3,007, at a cost of £0.82p per household per annum.

The minutes were taken as read and on the motion of Cllr A Robertson, seconded by Cllr R Grigg it was **RESOLVED** that the report of the Meeting be accepted and the 2019-20 Budget and Precept Figures were **AGREED**

98. County Councillors Report

a) Wales & West Gas Main Update

Covered above under item 90 a)

b) Asset Transfer Updates

Figures have been provided to County Councillors for the upkeep of various Council owned amenities that are scheduled to be transferred to potentially their single use owners. The three venues are:

- Bowling Club.
- Murch Playing Fields.
- Bryn-y-don

c) Castle Drive & Caerleon Road - Mud on Road

It has been reported to us that mud has not been cleared from the roads due to the building works on Caerleon Road. This has been reported back to the Vale Council who have been in touch with the Kier to resolve the issue. It is understood that Mike Clogg (Operational Manager for Highways) will instruct Kier to sweep any debris from the roads that they use for construction traffic – on a daily basis.

d) Public Transport Update

Cllr S Griffiths presented the findings of some survey work he had undertaken, which included assessment of timetables and routes, survey of users and operators. The next stage would be to have dialogue with the VOG.

99. DPCC Grants Policy

A Grants (Financial Assistance and Donations) Policy, as AGREED by Finance Committee was presented to Full Council for acceptance.

Cllr. K Hatton proposed, Cllr. A Robertson seconded and Council **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** the adoption of the DPCC Financial Assistance and Donations Policy

100. Items which the Chairman has decided are urgent

There were no urgent items.

101. Matters Members wish to bring before Council

- a) Additional parking at Fair Oaks.
Consultation with residents about to start.

Date of Next Meeting

14 February 2019

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