

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Full Council

Minutes of Meeting

Lee Hall, Dinas Powys,
19 December 2019, at 7.00pm

Present:

Cllr J Fanshaw (Chair)
Cllr R Grigg
Cllr S Griffiths
Cllr R Crowley
Cllr E Jenkins
Cllr K Hatton
Cllr S Thomas

Cllr V Driscoll
Cllr C Franks
Cllr A Robertson
Cllr M Hartrey
Cllr M Pratt
Cllr R Williams

73. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr A Asbrey
Cllr S Kear-Smith

Cllr J Barker

74. Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest.

75. Police Update

An update on crime figures in the area was provided by Sgt Sam Johnson. South Wales Police force are in the process of recruiting a total of 172 new Police Officers, although it will be three years before they will all be in place.

The Neighbourhood policing team will be at full strength early in the New Year, with 2 additional Officers. The first, Sophie Watkins was already in post and present; the second, Joanne Dancey, will be in place in January. Council welcomed Sophie.

The Neighbourhood Policing team would welcome information on mis-demeanours which would help to provide intelligence in bringing cases forward. Use 101 contact number.

PC Emma Moody will be retiring at the end of the year after 21 years of service, the last seven of which were served in Dinas Powys. Council expressed thanks to Emma for her support with events and dedication to the village.

76. To Confirm Minutes of Meeting held on 14 November 2019

Minutes of the meeting held on **14 November 2019** were taken as read, and on the Motion of Cllr. K Hatton and seconded by Cllr. M Hartrey, it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be approved as a true record.

77. Matters Arising from Minutes

Item 72 c) – Cross Common Development (The Woodlands)

The sink-hole is not adequately fenced off and DPCC have concerns that there is a tragic accident waiting to happen. Report to VOG.

Item 72 h) – Carols around the Christmas Tree

Members were reminded that the annual Carols around the Christmas Tree will take place on 20 December at 6pm on the Twyn, supported by the Ecumenical 7 and the St Peters' Bell Ringers.

78. To confirm Minutes of Special Meeting held 16 December 2019

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2019 were taken as read, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be **APPROVED** as a true record.

79. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising from the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 16 December 2019

80. Approval of DPCC Biodiversity Plan

This will be a live document and will be used to guide and inform maintenance programme and actions. It will be updated at least annually.

Cllr. C Franks proposed, Cllr. A Robertson seconded and Council **APPROVED** the DPCC Biodiversity Plan.

81. To Authorise and Confirm Payment of Accounts and agree the Financial Position

Cllr. A Robertson proposed, Cllr. K Hatton seconded and Council **APPROVED** the Income and Expenditure Schedules for November.

The Financial Position as at 31 November 2019 was **NOTED**.

82. To Receive Committee and other Reports

a) COSAC Committee Meeting – 20 November 2019

Cllr A Robertson provided a brief overview of the meeting. On the motion of Cllr C Franks, seconded by Cllr R Williams, it was **RESOLVED** that the report of the Meeting be **ACCEPTED**.

b) Planning Committee Meeting – 2 December 2019

Report of the meeting was **NOTED**

83. County Councillors Report

a) Murch Play Area

Upgrading of the play area at the Murch has commenced, with completion scheduled for end Feb. During this time the footpath between the bridge and the bowling club will be closed.

b) Ardwyn Footpath Extension

A six week programme of work to extend the pavement on Pen-y-Turnpike to connect with the footpath is nearing completion.

c) Dinas Powys Playscheme

A Quarter 2 2019/20 Performance Report: An Active & Healthy Vale been distributed to the Healthy Living & Social Care scrutiny committee, where it highlighted the successful roll out of the summer play schemes across the Vale. It was noted that the Dinas Powys Playscheme was supported by a daily fresh fruit delivery by Tesco for the children.

d) Precept Payment Dates 2020 - 2021

That payment due to Town and Community Councils be paid in 3 equal instalments on the last working days of April, August and December

e) Council Tax Discounts - Unoccupied Dwellings - 2020 to 2021

As with the 2019 to 2020 financial year, council tax discounts for any unoccupied, furnished dwellings will not be given.

84. Christmas Window Competition

Judging of the Christmas Window Competition was undertaken by 3 Councillors. The winners were:-

Shutter Hire

Bank of Flowers

Concern was expressed at the disappointing number of participants and questions were asked whether the scheme had reached the end of it's natural life. Alternatives for 2020 to be considered.

Traders in Station Road have expressed an interest in the re-introduction of lit Xmas Trees on the outside of their buildings.

This item to be considered by the COSAC Committee at a later date.

85. Urgent Items from the Chairman

The Office has a new email system. Some teething problems have been experienced and members are requested to update their contacts to ensure that communications from the office are not filtered into junk folders.

86. Matters Members wish to bring before Council

a) Public Phone Box in Village Centre

The existing phone box on the square is to be removed due to lack of use. Members wish to explore the possibility of acquiring a traditional Red Telephone Kiosk for use as a community facility.

b) Camper on the Common

Members of the Bethesda Chapel were able to support an individual who appeared to be homeless, camping on the Common, by providing a bed in a hotel for one night and monitoring his well-being over a few days before buying a ticket and putting him on a train to his intended destination.

On the motion of Cllr R Griggs, seconded by Cllr E Jenkins, it was **RESOLVED** that the Council make a donation of £100 to the Bethesda Chapel.

87. Retirement of Mr Dave Letts – School Crossings Operative

Mr Dave Letts, the Lolly-Pop man based adjacent to the Murchfield Junior School, was presented with a gift by the Community Council in recognition of his services to the children (and others) of the Village during his time in post.

Date of Next Meeting

9 January 2019

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