

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COSAC Committee

Minutes of Meeting

Old Library, Dinas Powys
14 March 2018, at 6.30pm

Present:

Cllr C Franks
Cllr V Hartrey
Cllr A Asbrey

Cllr R Williams
Cllr V Driscoll
N Gaskell (Allotments)

Also Present:

E Wood (Wild About Nature DP)

H May (Wild About Nature DP)

32. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr A Robertson
S Davies (Footpaths)

Cllr E Jenkins

33. Declaration of Interests

Cllr V Hartrey declared an interest in matters relating to Allotments and the Cemetery.

34. Presentation – Wild About Nature Dinas Powys

E Wood & H May presented to Committee on the newly established Wild About Nature Dinas Powys group – their purpose, progress since inception and their aspirations.

The group was established in December 2017 and their purpose is to fund, share and action small wildlife friendly initiatives. Their first event is to be held on 18 March, aimed at local families to demonstrate what they can do in their own space. BBC Radio Wales will be covering the event.

The group have the agreement of VOG Council to plant pollinator friendly seeds in some of the verges around the village and Arriva Trains Wales have granted permission for them to 'adopt' the railway station for similar purposes.

The group would like DPCC to consider allowing them to plant up the Scout Field into a heritage community orchard. They propose 6 trees initially with other pollinator friendly shrubs, fruit bushes and underplanting being added later.

Whilst maintenance was mentioned, there were no firm proposals.

Committee welcomed the presentation by representatives of 'Wild about Nature Dinas Powys' and would await with interest firm proposals.

35. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2017 were taken as read, and on the Motion of Cllr. V Driscoll and seconded by Cllr. V Hartrey were **RESOLVED** that they are approved as a true record.

Minutes of the Special COSAC meeting held on 7 February 2018 were taken as read, and on the Motion of Cllr. V Hartrey and seconded by Cllr. V Driscoll were **RESOLVED** that they are approved as a true record.

36. Matters Arising from Minutes

Item 27 – sub-item 19

Michaelston-Le-Pit Cemetery have indicated that they are happy to take burial referral from Dinas Powys.

Special COSAC Meeting – 7 Feb 2018

Omission from minutes - Cllr V Hartrey and Cllr A Robertson agreed to sit on the Family Fun Day Committee

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA

37. Cemetery Update / Report

The Clerk provided a paper for discussion which laid out the current situation regarding available plots for new burials and the options going forward.

After a brief discussion, it was requested that the Clerk would progress matters focusing on the following

- a) Land acquisition to extend cemetery
- b) Investigate the option of seeking permission to spread the surplus earth from previous excavations into adjacent fields
- c) Explore with landowners the possibility of access over their land to access the earth dump.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the proposals put forward earlier in the meeting for the Scout Field to be put on hold for the time being.

It is also **RECOMMENDED** to keep remaining plots for DP residents.

38. Footpaths

No update.

39. Allotments

- Allotment holders are beginning preparatory work for the new season
- There are some raised beds going in

40. MOU - Burial of Children

The Welsh Government has signed an agreement with the Welsh Local Government Association and One Voice Wales to end burial and cremation fees for children, and are now encouraging all councils who are responsible for cemeteries to ratify and implement this agreement locally.

The Welsh Government is making funding available in recognition of the financial implications of not charging these fees.

Committee are mindful to accept this Memorandum of Understanding and it is **RECOMMENDED** that the proposal is put before Full Council for approval

41. Footpath from Station Rd to the Common

This footpath is used as a shortcut from Sunnycroft and Southra. It is currently in a very muddy state and as it is quite steep at the top end, can be difficult for the not-so-young.

This footpath is recorded as PROW (Public Right of Way) and falls under the responsibility of the VOG.

It is also delineated as a part of the Scheduled Ancient Monument, and part of the Common. In both cases there may be restrictions on what maintenance / repairs can be undertaken and the materials used. Funding may be available from s106.

Clerk to pursue.

42. WI Poppies on Twyn for 11/11

The DP branch of the Women's Institute have requested permission to install a 'waterfall' of knitted and crocheted poppies at the War Memorial for Approx. 2 weeks in November – from the weekend before Armistice day.

Committee **AGREED** to grant permission for the installation of the Poppy Waterfall on the Twyn.

43. Any Other Business

a) Steps from Cardiff Road to Station Road

The painting of these was a great improvement to aid safety at times of low light. They are however, in need of repainting.

Committee **RECOMMENDED** that the arrangements are made to repaint the steps.

44. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 30 May 2018

Signature:	Date: