

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Full Council

Minutes of Meeting

Virtual Meeting

17 December 2020, at 6.30pm

Present:

Cllr R Grigg (Chair)
Cllr A Asbrey
Cllr J Fanshaw
Cllr K Hatton
Cllr M Pratt
Cllr E Jenkins
Cllr S Griffiths

Cllr C Franks
Cllr S Thomas
Cllr R Williams
Cllr A Robertson
Cllr V Driscoll
Cllr R Crowley

Also in Attendance – Mrs P Hallett (VOG Standards Committee)

(Cllr R Williams was unable to maintain an effective connection.)

23. Apologies for Absence:

The following apologies for absence were accepted

Cllr M Hartrey
Cllr S Kear-Smith

Cllr J Barker

24. Declaration of Interests

Cllrs C Franks, J Fanshaw, K Hatton & R Crowley declared an interest in item 9 d) on the agenda.

25. To Confirm Minutes of Meeting held on 12 November 2020

Minutes of the ZOOM meeting held on **12 November 2020** were taken as read, and on the Motion of Cllr. K Hatton and seconded by Cllr. A Robertson, it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be **APPROVED**

26. Matters Arising from Minutes

Item 17, sub-item 159 a) - Traffic in Mill Road

Funds were available in the past for works, but the VOG was unable to deliver a scheme within the funding window. The funding for this is no longer available.

Item 17, sub-item 11 – Parking on Highwalls Road

Residents have reported that the situation has improved following communications between the Golf Club and its members.

Item 19 b) – COSAC Meeting – matters relating to DP Common

The Ragwort has been cut back and in order to eradicate it, the Hay Meadow area will need to be cut regularly for the next 3 or 4 years.

Item 19 d) – CRUZ Update

A Working Group meeting is to be scheduled for early January.

Item 20 – School Catchment areas

Cllr A Robertson apologised for not having followed up on this matter yet.

Item 22 a) – Free Meals for Schoolchildren, Letter

Regulations state that there should be no AOB, other than as a mechanism for imparting information by members. However, the matter was voted on and carried and as no Point of Order was raised at the meeting, the decision made stands.

There followed a discussion around permissible actions under AOB or 'matters Members wish to bring before the Council'.

Cllr A Robertson proposed an **AMENDMENT**, which was seconded by Cllr Driscoll -

- that the Clerk does not sign the letter;
- the signatories are to be those that voted for the letter to be sent;
- the names of those who voted against the motion be acknowledged.

Votes for: -

Cllrs A Asbrey, S Griffiths, A Robertson, R Crowley, J Fanshaw, K Hatton, M Pratt, V Driscoll, E Jenkins

Votes against: -

Cllrs S Thomas, C Franks

Abstentions:-

Cllr R Grigg

The vote returned for the amendment was – 9 for, 2 against and 1 abstention. The amendment was **PASSED**

The motion on sending a letter to Alun Cairns, VOG MP, with the amendment was voted on. 5 for, 5 against with 2 abstentions. The Chairman used his casting vote and the Motion to send a letter in line with the amendment was **PASSED**

Votes for: -

Cllrs C Franks, A Asbrey, J Fanshaw, K Hatton, S Thomas

Votes against: -

Cllrs A Robertson, R Crowley, M Pratt, V Driscoll, E Jenkins

Abstentions: -

Cllrs S Griffiths, R Grigg

27. Powers to Action items identified under AOB

Regulations state that there should be no AOB, other than as a mechanism for imparting information by members. No decisions of consequence should be taken.

Members were concerned that this would incapacitate the Council considerably and suggested further advice is sought to identify a mechanism by which unforeseen actions can be initiated.

28. To Authorise and Confirm the Payment of Accounts and Financial Position of Council

Cllr. K Hatton proposed, Cllr. A Robertson seconded and Council **APPROVED** the Income and Expenditure Schedules and the Council's Financial Position as at 30 November 2020.

29. Annual Return 2019-20

An unqualified Audit Certificate was issued.

However, it was advised that the Council's Assets should be re-stated in the 2020-21 Annual Return.

30. To provide an update on s.137 Expenditure Limits for 2021-22

The limits have increased in line with RPI from £8.32 to £8.41 per elector.

31. To Receive Committee and other Reports

a) Planning Committee Update

Members of the Planning Committee are being consulted via email and the collective opinion being submitted to VOG. These are summarised in the Planning Schedule.

A virtual Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday 21 Dec to consider an outstanding application which is proving to be controversial.

The Planning Schedule was **NOTED**

b) Finance Committee – 8 December 2020

Cllr V Driscoll provided a brief outline of the meeting, highlighting the following items:

- i. The second draft of the Budget was accepted
- ii. There is an increased Precept requirement of 3% in order to achieve a balanced budget
- iii. Staff Xmas bonus based 1% of salary have been recommended. This results in an overall increase of £16

c) NRW Meeting - 10 December 2020

A brief overview of the meeting was provided. Members were pleased to note that NRW had aspirations to work with the community, local landowners and residents.

They hope to undertake collaborative investigation into NFM between now and September 2021. Examples cited could involve undertaking additional research and data gathering to improve modelling and feed into assessment of NFM proposals going forward.

For example;

- Where the extrapolation of flow data of the river Ely was used to make prediction for Dinas Powys, it is proposed that measurement of the Cadoxton / Eastbrook is undertaken;

- Leaky dams may form part of a solution;
- Increasing infiltration and storage of water in the ground through scouring of land and tree planting;

NRW are requesting assistance in establishing contacts and maintaining communication within the catchment area. They also request a single point of contact for DPCC and advice on the most appropriate vehicle(s) for communication.

It was proposed by Cllr K Hatton and seconded by Cllr A Robertson that the REPORT be **ACCEPTED**.

d) Repair & Reuse Fund

A brief report was provided by way of update. The decision was made not to proceed with this application at this time.

32. County Councillors Report

a) Climate Change Action Plan

A timetable of work to be undertaken was provided, with anticipated completion in April 2021.

b) Sully Cllrs s.106 Moneys Motion

A motion was brought by Sully Independent Councillors requesting that VOG Council countermand the decision to appropriate £2m of s.106 monies allocated to the new Ysgol Y Deri School satellite building. The motion was not carried.

c) Household Waste Collection – Southra Park

Mis-information on the VOG website led to residents leaving out green bags for collection after the service had ceased. (This was the case in much of DP). The problem was addressed by the provision of one additional collection service later in the week.

33. To establish a Sub-Committee to work on NRW activities

It was proposed by Cllr C Franks and seconded by Cllr A Robertson and **AGREED** by all that a Sub-Committee is formed that will act as the communications channel between NRW and the Council and provide assistance to making local connections with landowners, stakeholders, residents etc.

It was proposed by Cllr C Franks, seconded by Cllr K Hatton and unanimously **AGREED** that 6 DPCC members form the Sub Committee. Interested parties to contact the Clerk.

34. Caerleon Rd Play-area

Draft Lease and Licence documents have been provided in readiness for negotiation. Whilst the solicitor acting for us has highlighted some areas of concern and other requiring consideration and amendment, it would be extremely helpful if a small group of members would be prepared to assist by identifying other issues that may need adjusting. The clerk has already identified matters relating to timeframes, but there may be others.

Cllrs K Hatton, R Grigg, A Asbrey, A Robertson, V Driscoll and R Crowley agreed to assist. A meeting will be arranged for early in the New Year. Meanwhile documents will be circulated.

35. Proposed Christmas Closure of Office

Cllr K Hatton proposed, seconded by Cllr A Robertson and unanimously **AGREED** that the Council Office be closed between Christmas and the New Year. Staff will be required to take the 3 days between the two events out of their holiday leave entitlement.

36. Issues relating to the works on Cross Common bridge

It was brought to members attention that the underfoot conditions of the bridge are hazardous. A local resident slipped and spent 6 days in hospital as a result.

This is a matter for the VOG Council. The resident needs to contact the VOG Council directly.

37. Urgent Items from the Chair

There were no urgent items from the Chair

38. Matters Members wish to bring before Council

a) Rotary club signs

Images of proposed signage to raise awareness of the Rotary Club and their role in the community were shown to members.

Cllr A Robertson agreed to pursue the matter in relation to locations, size. Materials etc.

Date of Next Meeting

14 January 2020 – 6.30 pm

Signature: Date: