

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COSAC Committee

Minutes of Meeting
20 October 2021, at 6.30pm (ZOOM)

20. Register of those Present:

Cllr A Robertson (Chair)
Cllr A Asbrey
Cllr V Driscoll
S Davies (Footpaths Warden)

Cllr C Franks (Vice Chair)
Cllr R Williams
Cllr E Jenkins
N Gaskell (Allotments Rep)

Also in Attendance:

Eileen Wood (WAND)

21. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr M Hartrey

Cllr S Kear-Smith

22. Declaration of Interests

Cllr A Asbrey declared an interest in item 26 on the agenda.

23. Public Participation Session

A member of the public outlined some of the issues relating to the Scout Park which their property neighbours.

Dialogue to continue in an attempt to resolve.

24. To Confirm Minutes of Meeting held on 7 July 2021

Minutes of the meeting held on **7 July 2021** were taken as read, and on the Motion of Cllr. V Driscoll and seconded by Cllr C Franks, it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be **APPROVED**

25. Matters Arising from Minutes

Item 6a) i – Footpath S1/28c/2 – Aberdovey Close to Murch Crescent
Footpaths warden to raise with VOG Officers

Item 8a) – Update from Allotments Rep – ref Plot 3a
Some progress being made

Item 9a) – ref site visit
This is to be arranged. All members wished to attend.

Item 18b) – Vehicular pull-in on DP Common
Site visit to be arranged and Cllr V Driscoll to pursue

Item 18c) – Extension of Footway

Site visit to be arranged and Cllr V Driscoll to pursue

Item 18d) – Additional Play Equipment – DP Common

Should be Outdoor Gym Equipment. Cllr V Driscoll to discuss with s.106 Officer.

[The Order of the Agenda was altered.]

26. Scout Park

Development of Orchard by WANDP

Eileen Wood presented a written proposal for a community orchard in the Scout Park, which was provided in advance of the meeting.

Members are in principle supportive of the initiative although there are matters relating to maintenance that need to be further discussed and agreed.

27. To Receive Footpaths Report / Update

a) Report from Footpaths Advisor

i. Footpath S1/28c/2 – Aberdovey Close to Murch Crescent

Residents have requested that the current arrangement be replaced by a kissing gate. The footpath is used to access the Medical Centre.

The Footpaths Warden will take the matter up with VOG officers.

ii. Footpath over Golf Club land

VOG Officers and management of the Golf Club have met in order to eliminate conflicts between walkers and golfers in areas where segregation is unclear. Very positive discussions. Solutions being implemented.

iii. Footpath from Twyncyn to St Andrews

New stiles have been put in place.

b) PROW across Woodland Trust land

Meeting with Michaelston-le-Pit still to be arranged. Clerk to contact Michaelston-le-Pit suggesting a joint approach to put pressure on the County Council to improve maintenance of the PROW in this area. There are signs of significant erosion, presenting hazards to users.

c) Footpaths Information Boards

Cllr C Franks put forward a proposal that Council consider the development of a scheme of walks interpretation panels to aid users along the route and provide historical interpretation of the area.

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the initiative merits further consideration. Cllr C Franks and the Clerk to progress. The Footpaths Warden offered assistance.

[Sue Davies left the meeting]

28. To Receive Allotments Report / Update

a) Update from Allotments Representative

- This has been a very productive summer, with a long harvest due to the weather.
- Three newcomers won prizes in the Allotments competition this year.

- Rats have become a problem this year, with many plot holders losing sweetcorn. It is hoped that this problem will be short-lived.
- A tenant has proposed that DPCC install cameras, costs being shared by plot holders. Committee **REJECTED** this proposal.
- It is hoped that there is a Village Show next year.

29. To Receive Cemetery Update / Report

a) Burials

A list of recent Burials was provided to members for information.

The Chair, Members and Clerk to visit the new part of the cemetery to consider concerns raised by a local resident in relation to the 'disconnect' with the main cemetery.

30. DP Common

a) Update on collapsed wall

Work has commenced. Total cost - £1,600 to be shared by the two parties.

b) Update on Meadow

A section of the Common was left to meadow land since July. This has now been cut and is awaiting raking.

The Clerk has been informed that a survey was undertaken by a local botanist. This has not been provided, despite being requested.

The scheme is still in its infancy and the late summer provided an opportunity to trial the initiative.

c) Request to use DP Common for a school event

St Andrews Major CIW Primary School PTA have requested the use of the Common for a school event (Santa Dash) in the run-up to Christmas.

The event would take place over a weekend in December for a couple of hours one morning, utilising the area of the Common close to the school. Hot food, such as bacon rolls, would be available, prepared by the school PTA (who would secure all the necessary certificates) and served from a marquee, located at the top (school end) of the Common.

Anticipated numbers of participants – 300.

It was unanimously **AGREED** that permission be granted.

31. The Square

a) Permission to use the Square for a pop-up promotion (The Old Bank)

The proposer was not in a position to provide further details at this stage. The matter may be brought to a later meeting.

b) Permission to use the Square for a mini-festival (DP Rotary)

The Rotary Club are unable to stage a Dickensian Festival this year, but would like to do something in order to raise funds for distribution to local charitable organisations.

It is to be requested that a formal proposal is submitted.

32. Updates on Progress

a) Caerleon Rd Playground Update

All paperwork relating to the Lease has now been signed and submitted to our Lawyers.

The tender for the design and installation is being advertised with a closing date for submissions of 19 November. Assessment will take place after that.

NOTED

b) CRUZ Update

The CRUZ working Group were afforded a site visit on 18 October accompanied by VOG Officers and the Barratts Site Manager. The purpose of the visit was to enable an understanding of the site and the implications of the habitat management within it.

The site will remain with Barratts until probably January, when it will transfer to VOG in a usable condition. It will be fenced and gated, levelled, seeded and cut back to the original hedge lines. VOG will look after the site until the time that DPCC take it on (although that still needs to be discussed internally once all the implications of managing the site have been fully considered).

VOG's Ecologist will be providing DPCC with a paper in the next couple of weeks, outlining obligations and indicative costs of fulfilling these.

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33. Christmas preparations

a) Christmas Trees

The trees for the Square and the parish Hall ordered. Delivery arranged for the end of November

b) Best Dressed Window Competition

It had been agreed that will go ahead again for this year. 4 Councillors volunteered to undertake the judging. (AR/AA/EJ/RW)

34. Urgent Items from the Chairman

There were no urgent items from the Chair.

35. Matters Members wish to bring before Council

a) Mount Road – edge of tarmac eroding

Liability questioned. Site visit to be arranged.

Date of Next Meeting - 20 January 2022

Signature: Date:

