

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COSAC Committee

Minutes of Meeting, held in the Old Library
Wednesday, 26 April 2023 at 6.30pm

72. Register of those Present:

Cllr A Asbrey (Chair)	Cllr M Phillips
Cllr D Evans	Cllr K Hatton
Cllr K Shaw	Cllr V Driscoll
N Gaskell (Allotments Rep)	

73. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr C Franks	Cllr A Cooke
S Davies (Footpaths Warden)	

74. Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest

75. To Confirm Minutes of Meeting held on 13 March 2023

Minutes of the meeting held on **13 March 2023** were taken as read, and on the Motion of Cllr D Evans and seconded by Cllr K Hatton it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

76. Matters Arising from Minutes

Item 51 a –Caerleon Road Playground

Dragonplay have been notified of issues with the piece of equipment and are in discussion with the manufacturers.

Clerk to investigate quality of the CCTV camera, who and how often is the footage reviewed and how long is it stored for?

Item 68 – Sign on Common explaining Meadow

Members would be happy to consider a sign explaining purpose of the meadow – subject to design.

Clerk to discuss with WANDP representative.

77. To receive Footpaths Report / update (verbal reports)

There were no updates / reports available

78. To Receive Allotments Report / Updates

Report from Allotments Representative

- Due to weather conditions the current growing conditions are all over the place.
- Little was done on Plot 3a last year, although it looks like there is now progress.
- The re-planted hedging appears to be growing well.
- The routine pest-control inspection is scheduled for 27 April.

79. Schedule of Allotments Inspections

Dates agreed as follows:

13 May
1 July
26 August
21 October
2 December
16 March

80. To consider the spatial dilemma between allotments and cemetery

A discussion was had regarding the original allocation of land and the conditions under which the additional allotments were laid out, as well as decisions dating back to 2012 regarding the desire to acquire the CRUZ site for (at least in part) allotments. It was suggested that neither are easily pursuable due to time lapses, relevance, changes in habits and legislation. The discussion also touched on the need to consider future plans – for both facilities, including closing vs expanding the cemetery.

It was requested that:

Clerk to write to tenants of affected allotments warning of limitations and possible extinguishment of plots; (alternative plots to be offered)

The existing landowners are approached by Chair of COSAC & Clerk regarding the sale of a strip of land

It was **AGREED** that:

The small tree on the boundary between the allotments and the cemetery extension is removed;

The same boundary line be straightened, in consultation with the two affected plot holders; That costings are provided for the installation of a corrugated iron fence to be installed by volunteers. (Cllr D Evans lead)

81. Feedback from Forest School session on Cross Common

14 children attended the session (plus 2 younger siblings) along with 9 parents. The session was led by 2 facilitators.

The session consisted of a chat about the layout of the site, a safety brief, a short focus on senses. Then the main activity was making tree guardians with the clay rich mud on the site (hand washing equipment provided). The group then stopped for a drink and snack and the remaining time was spent exploring and playing, climbing, using magnifying glasses etc. More details are on WANDP's Facebook page.

It was suggested that this provision could be expanded and extended if funding was available.

It was also suggested that a litter-pick of the site would be of benefit and that WAND may be able to assist.

82. Benches – Update from Cllr D Evans

Cllr D Evans is still waiting for information from the s.106 Officer at VOG.

83. Event Permission Request – DP Common

The junior section of the DP Rugby Club have requested permission to hold a 'fun day' in an effort to raise funds for the purchase of new kit for members, plus to raise awareness of the under 8's rugby team.

They hope to hold the event in August. Members were provided with a brief outline.

It was unanimously **AGREED to recommend to Council** to permit the event to go ahead, subject to the usual clauses relating to parking, insurance, litter etc.

84. Update & Requests from WANDP

Members were provided with an update from WANDP on recent activity. Brief Summary -

- Scout Park – fruit tree broken by vandals
- Meadow Celebration Event – 9 July, 2-4pm
- Cross Common – WANDP would like to be involved in any activities / future plans for this site
- Tree Planting – keen to plant more trees throughout the village. Happy to discuss locations.
- Interpretation Boards – providing information to the public on the management regime and importance of the site.
- Bat Detector & Moth Trap – will be used to inform and generate awareness amongst residents
- Bird Box with Camera – set up in Library

85. Allotments Working Group Meeting

This Group have been tasked with updating allotment tenancies and reviewing fees. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9 May at 11.00am** (*10.30 not possible as halls all booked*)

86. Any items which the Chairman has decided are urgent

There were no urgent items from the Chair.

87. Items Members would like to bring to the attention of the Committee

a) Seel Park

The Goal nets have been stolen

88. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 31 May 2023

Signature: Date: