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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Seven Stars Inn, Aberedw on Monday 16th
November 2020**

Present: Cllr R Samuel (Chair), Cllrs Miss C Morris, Mr A Lewis, Mr G Jones (Acting as Clerk).

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Received and accepted from Cllr's Coe and Hope and County Councillor M Mackenzie
- 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 8th September 2020** were approved as a correct record
- 3. Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising
- 4. Planning Issues** –
 - a. **Barn Conversion at Pentwyn, Llanfaredd** – members considered an application for the conversion of a barn at Pentwyn in Llanfaredd. The members noted that the property is in the Llanellwedd Community Council Area and agreed that the council should not comment on the application. It was further noted that the access on to the "B" class road was restricted if turning right towards Llanellwedd.
- 5. Other Correspondence & Meetings attended:-**
 - a. **Meeting with Powys CC – 15th October** – The clerk informed members of a on-line meeting with officers and members of Powys CC in which the County Council provided an update on the work of the council during COVID-19 and the two transformational programmes in respect to the Mid Wales Growth Bid and the planned transformation of the Education Service. Members raised concerns about the transport for pupils wishing to receive English medium provision.
 - b. **Broadband Project PCC** – Members approved the clerk's submission of an expression of interest in this project.
 - c. **Discussions re Highways & Follow up with PCC** – The clerk updated members in respect of a meeting held with a highways inspector last month where they were agreed / informed of planned works for the following area:
 - i. Church
 - ii. Resurfacing of the "B" Class road – between Erwood Craft Centre and Llanfaredd
 - iii. Resurfacing of the road by the Hendre & Hergest Bridge
 - iv. Remedial works on the road between the Court and Upper Blaenmeilo, it was confirmed that this work had not yet been undertaken, the clerk was requested to follow this matter up with Powys CC
 - d. **Remote working survey report and Analysis July 20 received October 20**
 - e. **Ylab – Participatory Budgeting meeting – October 20** – Following a discussion it was agreed that this should be considered at a future meeting of the Council.

- f. **Changes to services delivered from Neville Hall Hospital** – The clerk informed members of the removal of A&E and other Services from Neville Hall Hospital on the opening of the new Grange Hospital close to Cwmbran. During the meeting it was clarified that patients from the Builth area would be taken to either Hereford or Merthyr D G H's.
- g. **Powys CC – Planning Decisions – Notifications**
- h. **Various – Updates re COVID-19 / Corona Virus**
- i. **Wind Surveys Aberedw Hill** – The clerk informed the member that following receipt of an e-mail from a member of the Community he had asked the owners of the Aberedw Hill if there was any activity in respect to wind surveys being undertaken on Aberedw Hill. He has received a response confirming that such activity as well as other surveys had been undertaken on the hill over a number of years.
- j. **Haygarth Medical Practice** – The clerk informed members that he had attended an online discussion in respect to the proposal to change the opening hours of the two practices sites in Talgarth and Hay-on-Wye.

6. Finance Issues

- a. **Update re audit of accounts** – The clerk informed members that he had responded to a number of issues surrounding the accounts and was awaiting the return of the signed accounts. **Members approved that the Clerk and Chair should take any required action arising from the audit of the Accounts.**
- b. **Current Financial Position of Council** – The balance on the accounts currently stands at £5,382.76.
- c. **Discuss and agree precept required for 2021-22** – Following a discussion it was agreed to maintain the precept at the current figure of £900 for the 2021-22 financial year and that the clerk prepare a budget based on the agreed precept level for discussion at the next meeting.
- d. **Discuss and agree the council's Financial Regulations** – Following a discussion it was agreed that the council should continue to adopt the model financial regulations provided by one voice wales.
- e. **To approve the appointment of the Council's Internal Auditor** – it was agreed that the clerk should write to Miss D Rees to continue as the Council's Internal Auditor.,

7. Any other business.

- a. It was noted that Fr Paul is now not leaving the village.
- b. **Post Office** – it was noted and welcomed that the post van is attending the village on a Tuesday for an hour.
 - i. There we issues raised by the members of the community present around the procedures being followed by the member of staff and errors being made in the charges and errors in the receipts being provided, questions have also

been raised with the Customs / Passport Forms being issued from the van.
The clerk was asked to follow up with the Post Office.

c. Highways Issues

i. Concerns were raised over the following issues

1. Gate does not open at the Cattle Grid passed the end of Gleison towards Rhulen
2. Gully to the top side of the Llanbadarn y Garreg Bridge,
3. Overgrown Trees on Court lane down from the Court to the Mill.
4. Trees on the roadside by the first cattle grid up the valley
5. Trees on the layby on the left hand side from Aberedw to Ty Gwyn.

8. To confirm the proposed date of the next meeting as Monday 11th January at 7pm. (Venue to be confirmed)