

**Aberedw Community Council**

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**Circulation List**

**Chair : Cllr R Samuel; Vice Chair : Cllr P Hope; Councillors : Mr S Coe, Mr A Lewis, Mr G Jones (Acting as Clerk), Miss C Morris**

**For Information**

**County Councillor Mrs M Mackenzie, Notice Boards (3), Minute Book – file**

**Summons to and agenda for the Annual General Meeting of Aberedw Community Council to be held in the Aberedw, Church Hall on Monday 13th December 2021 at 7pm.**

**Agenda**

- 1. Apologies for Absence (please inform Clerk ASAP)**
- 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (Attached)**
- 3. Matters Arising from last meeting, if not on the agenda**
- 4. Planning Issues –**
  - a. Application for new dwelling adjacent to United Reform Chapel**
- 5. Update re Supafast Broadband Scheme**
- 6. Other Correspondence & Meetings attended**
  - a. Various planning List Notifications**
  - b. Welsh Government Consultation Document re policy on Second Homes**
  - c. Notifications received from Powys CC, Welsh Government and Powys Teaching Health Board re the COVID-19 Pandemic and actions taken.**
  - d. E-mail from Hereford City Council re Water Quality of River Wye**
  - e. E-Mail relating to the 2022 Local Government Elections.**
  - f. Blocked footpath – Opposite Llewellyn House**
  - g. The Queens platinum jubilee beacons.**
  - h. Campaign letter re Dog Fouling**
  - i. Survey re Police and Crime Commissioners Priorities**
  - j. Bronllys wellbeing park**
  - k. Welsh Audit office Report on St Harmon Community Council**
  - l. Local resolution policy**
- 7. Finance Issues**
  - a. To note return of Precept form re 2022-23 Financial year**
  - b. To receive a verbal update on the audit of the 2020-21 accounts**
    - i. Job description for Clerk**

- c. To receive an update on the financial position of the Council
- 8. Any other business.
- 9. To note the approved proposed dates of the meetings for the 2021-22 year as follows: -
  - a. Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm
- 10. To discuss the initial dates of meetings for the 2022-23 financial year proposed as follows:-
  - a. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022
  - b. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (Annual General Meeting).

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in Aberedw Church Hall at 7pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

1. **Present** :- Cllr's R Samuel (Chair), A Lewis, P Hope, G Jones (Acting Clerk)
2. **In Attendance** :- County Councillor M Mackenzie.
3. **Apologies for Absence** – Councillor Miss C Morris
4. **Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021** were approved as a correct record of the meeting.
5. **Matters Arising from last meeting**
  - a. **Road between Aberedw and Rhulen** – Members were pleased to note that significant resurfacing work had been done on the road from the village to Rhulen and the road leading to Upper Blaenmilo.
6. **Planning Issues** –
  - a. **Penberth** – The Clerk informed members that the planning application for a new Calf rearing shed and associated works was approved by the county council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.
  - b. **Planning Application re Edw Cottage** – Following consideration of the plans which the clerk tabled at the start of the meeting members agreed that the clerk should inform the County Council that the Community Council were in support of the application to convert a store/bat roost into a laundry and en-suite room.
7. **Other Correspondence & Meetings attended**
  - a. **Various planning List Notifications** – Members noted receipt of these from Powys CC
  - b. **Operation London Bridge** – Members asked the Clerk to retain the documentation in readiness for consideration and action following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, whenever that arises.
  - c. **Notifications received from Powys CC, Welsh Government and Powys Teaching Health Board re the COVID-19 Pandemic and actions taken.**
  - d. **Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill** – Following a discussion members asked the clerk to write in support of the bill.
  - e. **Consultation on Tax proposals for Holiday lettings and second homes** – Following a discussion Members asked the clerk to respond to the consultation as follows: -
    - i. In support of increasing the community tax for second homes, but with the additional raised funds being earmarked to fund the building of new low-cost homes in the County for local couples.
    - ii. As Holiday let's formed a significant element in the diversification undertaken by many farmers and other in the area it was recognised that an increase in

the rateable value of the holiday let would have a negative effect on its profitability. The clerk was asked to include a suitably worded response to this proposal.

- f. **Dog bite of community member in Glasbury Community Council Area** – The clerk informed members of the action he had taken following a member of the community suffering a serious dog bite in the Glasbury on Wye area. Members supported his actions and were disappointed to hear that the Glasbury Community Council had taken no action in respect to this matter.
- g. **Public Attendance at Meetings** – The clerk informed members that new legislation had been enacted by Welsh Government which required all council meetings to be available to members on the public online. **Members asked the Clerk to respond to the relevant minister informing her that the Church Hall did not currently have Internet Access and we would not be able to make the meetings available online until the hall had suitable broadband access.**

## **8. Finance Issues**

- a. **Draft budget for the 2022-23 financial year** – Following a discussion the draft budget with a planned spend of £3,575 was approved. Members also approved the use of the specific reserve to fund the cost of the council's elections to take place in May 2022.
- b. **Council's precept for the 2022-23 financial year** – was discussed as part of the discussion on the budget and was approved to be set at £1,200 for the 2022-23 financial year.
- c. **Update on the audit of the 2020-21 accounts** – the clerk informed members that he had responded to questions raised by the Welsh Audit Office and was now awaiting the Audit Approval of the accounts. One of the documents requested was copies of the Job Description and salary details of the clerk, which the council does not currently have.
  - i. **The clerk was asked to draw up a draft Job description for the post for consideration at the next meeting in November.**
- d. **Members noted that the current balance held in the account was £4,753.35.**
- e. **Financial and Other Regulations and Policies** – Following a discussion it was agreed that the council should continue to use the "one voice Wales" model financial regulations and other model policies, amended to reflect Aberedw Community Council.
- f. **Appointment of the Council's Internal Auditor** -It was agreed that Ms Davina Rees should be asked to continue in the role of Internal Auditor and that the councils' requirements for the role was as detailed in the letter sent to Ms Rees in 2020.

## **9. Any other business.**

- a. **Councillor McKenzie** informed members that part of Hergest Bridge has fallen into the river. The clerk is to ask the County Council what action is planned.
- b. **Members were concerned around the recent shooting of AH's cat.**
- c. The condition of the Court Lane which is now unpassable by Tractors or any other high sided vehicles. **The clerk was asked to raise the issue with the county council.**
- d. Concerns were raised around the lack of clearing out the culverts outside the Hall and the Glyn Farm and the rest of the community area– **The clerk to raise it with the council.**
- e. **Powys County Council – Welsh Education Strategic Plan 2022 – 2032.** – The Clerk informed members that the county council had commenced consultation on a new WESP, which had a target of increasing the percentage of children undertaking their education in Welsh. **The Clerk was asked to draft a response to the consultation and circulate it to members for comment before submitting.**
- f. Cllr Lewis asked if the council had ever asked the County Council to run the T4 bus route between Builth and Erwood along the Radnorshire side of the wye – **It was agreed that the Clerk should write and ask the County Council to consider the rerouting the T4. (Copy Maureen)**

**10. To note the approved proposed dates of the meetings for the 2021-22 year as follows:-**

- a. **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7pm**
- b. **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm**