Felinfach Community Council

Regular meeting held at Maes-y-Bellan Chapel.

on Tuesday 13th July 2021 6.30pm

Present: R. Carrotte(Chairman) G.Jones, Price, A.Lawrence, S. Brown,

J. Pryce, Cllr Roger Williams C. Morgan I. Robinson, D.Rowlands (Clerk)

Apologies – C. Morgan, T.Colbert

Declaration of interest – None

Any other Business - None

MINUTES OF REGULAR REMOTE MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 25th May 2021 – It was RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

Actions

Pont-y-Bat Road Improvements – At this present time it is unsure if the improvements will go ahead as the Welsh Government will be undertaking an independent review of their road construction programme, Clerk to write to Welsh Government to expressly the need for the improvements to go ahead on safety grounds. Letter to be copied to James Evans Conservative MS and Jane Dodds Liberal democrats MS.

Update on minor issues – Clerk advised that Mr Ian Rowlands has removed the broken door of the bus timetable cabinet in Felinfach, Clerk contacted PCC (John Forsey) but had no reply.

PCC has made repairs to Brechfa Road and the poor state of repair to the grid on the approach to Pentre Wen has been reported to Daniel Relf (Highway’s supervisor South Powys) with action to be taken in the next financial year.

2. Planning

2.1 - Application Reference: 21/1196/HH Grid Reference: E:311338 N: 234684

Proposal: Change of use of land to residential use ancillary to Gamekeeper's

Lodge, construction of shed and greenhouse, excavation of pond.

Site Address: Game Keepers Lodge , Llandefalle, Brecon, LD3 0UW, it was resolved that no Objection was made by the Council.

2.2 - Application Reference: 21/1081/FUL Grid Reference: E:306865 N: 233406 Proposal: Construction of a holiday lodge, installation of a sewage treatment plant and all associated works Site Address: Pantau , Garthbrengy, Brecon, LD3 9TE - It was resolved that no Objection was made by the Council.

3.0 - Correspondence

3.1 - Consultation on Qualifications of Clerks in Wales Regulations **–** Title and commencement 1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Eligible Community Councils (General Power of Competence) (Qualifications of Clerks) (Wales) Regulations 2021. (2) These Regulations come into force on 5 May 2022. Specified qualifications of clerks. This consultation relates to proposals to specify the qualifications that the clerk (also known as ‘Proper Officer’) to a community council must hold in order for the community council to meet the second of the three eligibility conditions to become an ‘eligible community council’.

Clerk expressed her feelings that she would not have the time or the inclination to complete the sectors specified qualifications to enable the Council to become an eligible Community Council, as the post is part time and the amount of work and compliance that is required is beyond the time available to her, a sentiment that was echoed by Councillor’s regarding the quantity of work that is required for Council’s where budgets range from 10,000 to 2.5m are the same. Cllr Roger Williams explained that there is a great chance that many Community Council’s would cease to exist under this proposal and would have a detrimental effect on rural communities.

Reports – Brecon Advice Centre – Copies if required - Council agreed that the Advice Centre would

be put forward to receive a donation when the ½ yearly donations are decided.

Climate Change Newsletter – Copies if required.

Introduction of OVW Local Places for Nature Officer -Clerk to invite Rachel Carter to come and speak to the Council.

County Councillor Report. – Cllr Williams reported that there had been a surplus of money within Powys County Council for 2020-2021, It is not clear at the moment what the money will be ring fenced for.

Cllr Williams explained that for the County Council Election which take place May 2022, Felinfach Ward will be merged with Bronlly,Llyswen & Erwood, Cllr Williams also explained that he will not be standing in those Elections.

Finance

6.1 Current Account

Statement dated: 1st June 2021 – 1st July 2021.

Previous Balance 3,137.58

Withdrawn 1,024.92

Income 0.00

New Balance 2,112.66

* Expenditure: Payments – Zurich 439.92

Matthew Phillips 585.00

Forthcoming payments: PCC Playpark Inspection 72.00

Paid by Debit Card, agreed in last meeting.

One Voice Wales 108.00

It was resolved that the above payment would be made. The following payments will be pending until the next precept payment is received as funds are extremely low.

Microsoft 365(Delyth Rowlands) 59.99

Llandefalle Hall 300.00

Maes-y-Bellan Chapel 300.00

Maes-y-Bellan Chapel (Section 137 ) 100.00

Llanfilo Hall 300.00

Stationery invoice (Delyth Rowlands) 40.07

* Reserve Account - 5th May 2021 - 5th Jul 2021

Previous Balance 309.08

Interest .01

New Balance 309.09

* Play Park Account No New Statement, figure as 31st March 2021.
* Balance on 7th Nov 2019 – 10th Nov 2020 153.24
* Withdrawn 0.00
* Paid in 0.00.
* New Balance 153.24

Renewal of Domain & Host Name for Website approx. £100-125.00 from Go Daddy – Clerk advised Council that the renewal date is the 16/07/21, clerk to liaise with Data Etc to renew subscription.

Subscription is renewed annually. Permission given for the debit card to be used to pay.

Quarterly Year accounts – Clerk provided quarterly accounts for all Councillors, due to the low balance of current account Cllr Robinson (Chairman of the finance committee) suggest that the committee met to discuss the budget going forward, a meeting was arranged for Monday 9th August at 2pm at Delmar Felinfach.

Point of Interest.

Reply from Welsh Government regarding Glastir Projects.

Reply from NRW regarding Pigmy Weed in Brechfa Pool – Cllr Price requested a meeting with Moyrah Gall NRW. Clerk to arrange.

Count on Nature Day – Held at Llandefalle Churchyard on the 13th of June 2021 there were nearly 80 species recorded by the Vice County Recorder for Botany. The Dwarf Elder was found which has only been recorded in two other places in Brecknock.

Chairman’s Business Date of next meeting – 10th August 2021, 6.30 pm. At Maes-y-Bellan Chapel.

The Meeting concluded at 19.10.

Chairman…………………………………

Date…………..