

BEGUILDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH APRIL 2009 AT FELINDRE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs. A. Tippet (Chair), W. O'Leary (Vice Chair), E. Harris, Ms. A. Hoyle, Ms. A. Jones, K. Jones, P. Swancott, C. Thomas.

Apologies: M. Morgan

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price (Clerk), County Councillor J. Brunt, members of the public.

Declarations of Interest. Members were requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008.

Personal

Cllr. Ms Hoyle
Member of Knucklas and District Community Centre Committee (Heyope Recreation Ground Matters)

Cllr. K. Jones
Member of Knucklas and District Community Centre Committee (Heyope Recreation Ground Matters)

Personal and Prejudicial None

As some Members had not yet had the opportunity to read the background papers on Wind Farm Access Routes it was agreed to defer the item until the May Meeting and consequently no declarations were made concerning this subject.

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting Cllr. Tippet checked that all Members had received the recent information on Code of Conduct matters which had been produced by Powys County Council and circulated by the Clerk.

The public were then invited to submit any concerns.

Ms. Andrea Williams thanked the Community Council on agreeing to use Felindre Village Hall and welcomed them to the village.

Mr. Duthie raised the issue of the graveyard at Crug-y-Bydda, which was currently for sale. He was concerned that the Community Council could become liable for the site if it was no longer maintained by the Church. Some general discussion followed and it was concluded that this was unlikely but that the situation would be monitored.

MIN 4865 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 10th March, 2009 were approved with one amendment, the removal of the words 'the development', these being replaced by 'six houses' in the paragraph on the first page beginning with 'Mr. Bowen raised', and were then duly signed by the Chairman.

MIN 4866 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Thomas was concerned at recent press reports on Community Council meetings which he felt were not accurate. He was concerned that the Minutes were always completely accurate to try to avoid this happening.

MIN 4867 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr. Brunt updated Members on various issues which he felt would be of interest. The situation at Beacon Garage was still ongoing and the occupant was being encouraged to tidy up the area. There had been little progress on the access to Knucklas Station. Progress had been made on some highway items including the replacement of marker posts and the proposed repair of several signs. He thanked Cllr. O'Leary for his invitation to the Easter community event which had been a great success. Cllr. Harris confirmed that the barrier at Knucklas bridge had now been repaired.

MIN 4868 FINANCE

1) **Payments:** The following payments were agreed -

T.A. Price (Clerks Salary)	£235.44
HM Inspector of Taxes	£ 58.88
One Voice Wales Membership 2009/10	£ 81.00
Heart of Wales Line Traveller's Association Membership	£ 10.00
Petty Cash	£ 25.00

2) **Donations:** Members noted that a number of further requests for donations had been made and the Clerk had replied, as previously agreed, that the Community Council had no funds at present.

3) **Annual Accounts:** Members received and approved the final accounts for 2008/09.

The Clerk confirmed that the VAT return for the end of the year had been completed and sent to HM Revenue and Customs.

MIN 4869 PLANNING

The following applications were considered :-

P2009 0284 – Full, extension to agricultural building at **Cleobury Farm, Cleobury Lane, Heyope** – There were no objections to the above application.

P2009 0306 – Full, erection of secure storage building (industrial type) and construction of new vehicular access at **Rhyddwr Oak, Felindre** – Whilst not objecting the application it was agreed that the Clerk should remind Powys County Council of the prospective road widening project in the vicinity and ask that consideration be given to prioritising this work given the planning application.

MIN 4870 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

1) **Missing Name Signs, Knucklas Estates** – These had been reported and were due to be replaced. The Clerk asked Cllr. Ms. Jones to let her know if the signs were not in place shortly.

2) **Powys Wind Farms Access Routes Study** – As previously agreed this item was deferred until the May meeting.

3) **Castle Green Development** – The general tidiness of the site was discussed and Cllr. Ms. Jones agreed to contact the developer to discuss matters.

4) **Damaged Road Surface, Castle Inn** – The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to Powys County Council.

5) **General Highway Matters** – A number of matters were raised which were needed attention. These were as follows –

The road surface between Heyope and the Knucklas viaduct.

Overgrown area on the B4355 near to Lower House (both sides of the road).

A pothole near Pentycaragle.

Cars speeding through Dutlas village. It was noted that there was no speed limit here and the Clerk agreed to raise the issue of highway safety with Powys County Council.

Street lights in Knucklas – It was felt that a number of lights – KL12, 21, 27, 28, 29 – were on unnecessarily. The Clerk agreed to check to see if these had been adopted by the Council and if so why the lights were all still on.

The Brook House turn just outside Beguildy was overgrown and needed attention.

Cllr. Thomas also raised concerns about trailers travelling up Broad Street in Knighton but it was felt this was a matter for Knighton Town Council.

MIN 4871 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) **Telephone kiosk, Beguildy** – Local residents present confirmed that there was now equipment in the Kiosk.
- 2) **Community Notice Board** – Cllr. Harris reported that a suitable site had been found in Felindre and that a sign had been commissioned.
- 3) **Community Council Meetings** – Cllr. Harris confirmed that the future charge for use of the School at Beguildy was likely to be approximately the amount previously discussed. It was felt that the Community Council could not afford to pay this increased rate and that it would not be wise to do so given that alternatives existed. Following a vote it was agreed with six votes in favour and 1 abstention, that the use of Felindre Village Hall for this trial meeting had been a success and that in future meetings would alternate between Felindre Village Hall and Knucklas and District Community Centre. The Clerk agreed to pass on details of future meetings to Mr. Nicholls so that they could be entered into the diary.
- 4) **County Service of Commitment to World Peace and Remembrance** – Invitation to Service for Chairman (10th May) – The Chairman was unable to attend and so the Clerk agreed to pass the details on to Cllr. O’Leary as Vice-Chairman.
- 5) **Invitation to visit National Assembly Senedd Building** – It was agreed not to arrange a visit at the present time.
- 6) **Archived Documents** – The documents now archived with the County Archives Office were noted and Members gave approval for the Clerk to sign the Depositor’s receipt and return it to Powys County Council.
- 7) **Cadw** – Request for information, Cae Glas Barrow Cemetery – Members viewed the map supplied and following discussions Cllr. Thomas confirmed that the two areas mentioned were on his own ground.
- 8) **Talk by Conservation of Upland Powys** – It was agreed that Members would be willing to listen to a presentation by the group but it was felt that the event should be open to the public and that a general meeting would be best. Ms. Andrea Williams kindly agreed to arrange this and to let the Clerk have details.

MIN 4872 HEYOPE RECREATION GROUND

- 1) Receipt of the annual rental payment of £160 was noted.
- 2) The annual accounts were approved.
- 3) Future arrangements for payments from the Fund – The Clerk explained that she would like Members to consider regularising arrangements for applications for money from the Fund. She suggested that they select a month in which to consider such applications and advertise this intention locally. Members generally felt this to be a good idea. Cllr. Jones asked that the Clerk obtain full details of the terms governing the Fund before any further action was taken and she agreed to do this. When these details were obtained she would email them to each Member, if possible prior to the next meeting.

MIN 4873 INFORMATION ITEMS

These items were noted.

MIN 4874 URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. Thomas returned to the Code of Conduct and its effect on discussions concerning wind energy developments. He felt strongly that two Members should apply for dispensations from Powys County Council. The Clerk reminded everyone that they all had copies of the relevant form and offered to assist with its completion if required.

The Clerk had been notified of an online questionnaire on the Offas Dyke Country Regeneration Strategy and agreed to forward details on to each Member.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.