

**BEGUILDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT BEGUILDY SCHOOL
ON 25 JULY 2008**

Present: Cllr Chris Thomas (Chair), Cllr Phil Swancott, Cllr Avril Hoyle,
Cllr Ann Jones, Cllr Ed Harris, Cllr Alan Tippet & Cllr Michael Morgan

Apologies: Cllr Kevin Jones & Cllr Will O'Leary as both on holiday

In attendance: Temporary Clerk, Yvonne Charker plus 4 members of the public

Welcome: Chairman welcomed Councillors and members of the public alike and went on to explain this meeting was called mainly for the reasons of responding to Nuon Supplementary Planning documents and to discuss the applications received for the appointment of Clerk.

Time was allowed for the public to raise issues that would be discussed at a later meeting
One suggestion was made to ask that future Agendas be placed on the notice board at Felindre at old Blacksmiths shop so that all have access to the forthcoming details of Council meetings

Chair referred to Mr Duthie's request for copies of the Minutes [**Minute no. 4770**] for which Mr Duthrie had not yet received. Chair reiterated his apprehension that as the previous Clerk did not record the Minutes he felt Council should approve them before being published.

4772: to approve and sign amended Minutes from 4 July 2008
Chair asked for a further amendment to be made to the Minutes dated 04.07.08 as this was left out. In order these could be 'signed off' as true copy Council agreed wording and acting Clerk incorporated the following at the end of the Minutes and numbered **4070A** "*Chair and Councillors did not receive back the letter from Cllr O'Leary referring to Garred Lwyd Hill so it was difficult to respond within Councils time & comments to appropriate person at Powys County Council*"
Once this was read out and confirmed by those present the Minutes were dated and signed as true record.

4773 **The Minutes of meeting dated 16.07.08**
Whilst acting Clerk was amending the above Minute item 4070A dated 04.07.08 Councillors debated the contents of Minutes dated 16.07.08. Three of the items were required to be amended namely:
(page 1) Cllr Ann Jones (missed off from those present – apologies)
(page 1) Incorrect item should have read **4739** not **4727**
(page 2) Item **4759** – should have read, "Cllr Harris informed Councillors" and not Cllr Morgan.
Once these amendments were corrected Minutes were signed and dated as a true copy.

MATTERS ARISING

4774 Chairman reported there was little information needing updating since last week, only that the retiring Clerk had handed him a lot of correspondence, but it did not appear any of this correspondence needed immediate attention.

4775 To receive and amend draft thank you letter to previous Clerk – deferred to end of meeting within closed section.

- 4776** **Item 4759** – the hedge in question is causing danger to all vehicles especially lorries and tractors forcing them into the middle of an already narrow road. Council thought a letter requesting the hedges be cut back should be sent. Chair will contact George Lloyd of PCC regarding above and damage to crash barrier at the railway bridge plus some minor road works discussed.
- 4777** **Cllr Morgan declared an interest at this point & signed accordingly**
 Item **4760** - The Supplementary Planning application from Nuon for the Llanbadarn Fynydd wind farm application was debated in much more detail as to how the Community Council should respond. Chair reminded Councillors of the need to respond to the supplementary information, i.e. access of passing places, widening of roads & bends to name but a couple. It was understood Beguildy Community Council had received back in November the original application but had decided no further comment was required at that stage as the Garreg Lwyd observations were relevant to Llanbadarn Fyndd wind farm as well. Cllr Hoyle and Cllr A Jones brought to the meeting comments they had prepared and which they read out to Council. It was agreed these should be sent in addition to the Council's letter responding to the supplementary information as it was thought these were the views of many residents who are against the wind farms as the turbines will have a visual impact on the village and cause noise to those living nearby.
 Cllr Harris said that a charity, with trustees had been set up to receive monies from the Bryn Titley wind farm, this charity then received applications for funding [limited to people living within that area] and thought Beguildy, although not directly affected with the Llanbadarn Fyndd wind farm, should be considered for a financial contribution bearing in mind the visual impact on some of the community's residents.
 Cllr Tippet made mention that by the time these turbines came on line sometime in 2014 new technology may have taken over.
 Further debate took place around whether it would be more cost effective to install solar panels and insulation to individuals.
 Council thought that if the development did go ahead it would be a good idea to suggest to lay the hedges over using a bulldozer during the winter months and to cover their roots in soil in order to try and save them.
 More reference took place as to the extent of works and lorry deliveries needed before these turbines could be placed in position.
 Due to the short response time left Cllr Tippet agreed to draft a response letter and email to all Councillors for their approval and any additional comments they wish to add.
- 4778** **Item 4761** - to ascertain if any further information received regarding One Voice Wales meeting from Cllr O'Leary – to be deferred to next meeting as Cllr O'Leary on holiday.
- 4779** **Item 4762** - Barclays Bank signatory form – noted, no further action necessary
- 4780** **Item 4763** - Knucklas Community Hall bookings were confirmed as 17 September 2008, 19 November 2008, 21 January 2009 and 18 March 2009. As a donation was usually given to the Hall it was also good to note that the fees will be waived for this period. Chair to look into finances and report back to confirm last payment made.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 4781** All items correspondence sent to Chairman & previous Clerk to be listed and added to next agenda. Chair reported correspondence had been received regarding the Llandinum wind farm notifying meetings will be held in various areas, the nearest to Beguildy will be Dolfor on 1st August and in Kerry on 2nd August.
- 4782** Letter from Mrs O'Leary informing Council of tennis coaching for children and adults during the week 18 – 22 August was read out and noted. An additional letter had been received from the Knucklas & District Community Centre Committee asking the Heyope Charity for financial assistance. Council debated whether trustees of Heyope Charity would make a financial contribution towards any shortfall. Concerns were raised about the extent of the deficit that may arise. Cllr Harris proposed the sum of £200 be given; Cllr Tippett seconded the proposal. Motion carried.
- 4783** The letter from Mr J E Bowen was read out by Chair and noted

**At this point of the meeting members of the public were excluded due to discussions around appointment of new Clerk.
Cllr Swancott also left the meeting, as he was unable to remain any longer.**

- 4784** The draft letter of thanks to retiring Clerk was questioned again [**Minute reference 4739 refers**]
Chair reminded Council that all had signed up to the Code of Conduct – not to bring the Community Council into disrepute but considered this had happened when previous Clerk had asked for a vote of confidence.
Whilst some Councillors considered this letter should be sent, others did not. A final decision was not made at this point.
- 4785** **Consideration as appointment of Clerk - timeline for closure 25 July 2008**
Chair passed around applications received, Councillors present examined the letters in more detail.
Brief discussion took place regarding the hourly rate. It was noted the commensurate rate of starting was £8.04 per hour for p/t clerks as detailed in the SLCC & NALC guidelines. No final decision was made regarding setting a scale as could depend on experience of applicants.
Council agreed to set a date of 13 August 2008 at Knucklas Community Hall for those persons it wished to interview. Clerk to write inviting them to attend.

Deferred Agenda items for next meeting

- Post Office movement into Harry Tuffins
- Withdrawal of local buses
- Removal of telephone boxes

Meeting closed at 10:10pm