

BEGUILDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th MARCH 2009 AT KNUCKLAS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Cllrs. A. Tippet (Chair), E. Harris, Ms. A. Hoyle, Ms. A. Jones, M. Morgan and C. Thomas.

Apologies: W. O'Leary (Vice Chair), K. Jones, P. Swancott.
County Councillor J. Brunt

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price (Clerk), 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 None

Personal and Prejudicial

Cllr. Harris Agenda Item 7c, Atmos Consulting, wind energy scheme, Bryngydfa.

Cllr. Morgan Agenda Item 7c, Atmos Consulting, wind energy scheme, Bryngydfa.

Cllr. Thomas Agenda Item 7c, Atmos Consulting, wind energy scheme, Bryngydfa.

Before the time for public questions the Clerk updated Members and the public on her attempts to obtain the Access Routes Study document as suggested by Mr. Duthie at the February meeting. She confirmed that she would continue to try to obtain the document.

The public were then invited to submit any concerns.

Mr. Bowen raised two concerns. Firstly he asked Members to look at the Castle Green housing development which was extremely untidy. He asked that the Community Council take steps to ensure that the site was tidy. Cllr. Ms. Jones informed the meeting that the Housing Association had taken over six houses and felt that this may well ensure that the site was tidied up. Nonetheless Mr. Bowen asked that the matter be considered on a later Agenda. Secondly he voiced concern over the road surface from the Castle Inn across towards Heyope and asked that the Community Council ask for the road to be attended to.

Mr. Duthie voiced concerns that any discussions over the Access Routes document (when obtained) should take place without the presence of any Councillor with an interest in wind energy developments as he felt this would be intimidating.

Ms. Williams asked that Members consider re-visiting the Garreg Llwyd wind turbine site and reminded Community Councillors that they should represent the views of the community. She also suggested that having listened to the presentation from Bryngydfa Wind Farms Ltd it would be fair to listen to other points of view. She suggested a speaker from the Conservation of Upland Powys and added that she would be happy to arrange this. Cllr. Tippet pointed out that this assumed that those Members attending the presentation did not ask pertinent questions, which they had indeed done.

Ms. Evans asked how to obtain information on low flying aircraft and Members were able to advise on this immediately.

MIN 4854 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 10th February, 2009 were approved without amendment and duly signed by the Chairman.

MIN 4855 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

MIN 4856 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

There was no report this month as County. Cllr. John Brunt was unable to attend the meeting.

MIN 4857 FINANCE

1) Payments: The following payments were agreed -

T.A. Price	(Clerks Salary)	£227.23
HM Inspector of Taxes		£56.81

The invoices for the May 2008 elections had now been received and were for £692.01 for Beguildy Ward and £156.58 for Knucklas Ward. As previously agreed with Powys County Council, payment of these invoices would be deferred until the next financial year.

MIN 4858 PLANNING

- 1) No planning applications had been received this month.
- 2) The list of planning decisions was noted.

Cllr. Thomas suggested that given the increased frequency of wind energy related items which involved several Members having to leave the room these items be placed at the end of the Agenda. The Clerk agreed with the principle but added that it would be correct to place the items in their proper place on the Agenda, when the item was reached it could be deferred to the end of the meeting subject to Members agreeing.

At this point Cllrs. Harris, Morgan and Thomas left the room having declared an interest in the next item.

3) **Atmos Consulting Wind Energy Scheme, Bryngydfa** – Cllr. Tippet summarised the key facts, the principle one being that the presentation was made by Bryngydfa Wind Farms Ltd not Atmos Consulting. Overall Members felt that little additional information had been obtained although a lot of questions had been asked.

Cllrs. Harris, Morgan and Thomas returned to the room. Cllr. Harris repeated the request for deferment until the end of the meeting to be considered in future.

MIN 4859 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

- 1) **Missing Name Signs, Knucklas Estates** – These had been reported.
- 2) **Overgrown Trees** – Cllr. Harris drew Members' attention to the trees on the right hand side of the railway bridge heading towards Knighton which were overgrown and encroaching on the road. The Clerk agreed to report this.

MIN 4860 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) **Telephone kiosk, Beguildy** – There is presently no equipment in the kiosk and the Clerk confirmed that this has been reported.
- 2) **Community Notice Board** – The Clerk had obtained a number of brochures from firms dealing in Notice Boards of all sizes and designs. It was felt that it might well be cheaper to employ a local carpenter to do the work and that this should also be considered. The Clerk had made enquiries on the need for planning permission and advised that if the Board was purely for Council use no permission was required but if the Board was also used by the community then permission would be required. Cllr. Harris agreed to take the brochures and report back to a later meeting.
- 3) **One Voice Wales Area Committee** – The content of the Minutes of the December Meeting and the Agenda for March Meeting were noted.
- 4) **One Voice Wales Etrading** – The Clerk confirmed she presently used the Buy4Wales agreement to purchase stationery at the lowest possible prices.
- 5) **Letter from Roger Williams MP** – Members were concerned at the effect these proposals would have on retained fire-fighters and were happy to support this. The petition was passed around Members and the public for signature.

6) Community Council Meetings – Cllr. Tippett explained that from April the school would be charged around £32 for the additional time and mileage incurred by the cleaner in opening the school etc. It was not yet known if the school would recharge this full amount. He confirmed that Felindre Village Hall could be used and that there would be no charge other than for the electricity meter. Until the actual charge was known (this would be decided at the School Governors meeting later in the month) he felt it advisable to change the venue for the April meeting. After some discussion it was agreed to use Felindre Village Hall for the April meeting.

MIN 4861 HEYOPE RECREATION GROUND

No business this month.

MIN 4862 INFORMATION ITEMS

These items were noted.

MIN 4863 URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. Ms Jones informed Members that she would be attending the meeting of the East Radnor and the Borders Health Focus Group due to be held shortly.

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press were excluded at this point of the meeting. The Clerk also left the meeting.

MIN 4864 REVIEW OF CLERKS SALARY

Members considered the Clerks' work to date, the number of hours required and the awarding of the annual pay increment. It was agreed to award the increment and that the number of hours paid remain the same. Cllr. Tippett clarified the payment of holiday pay which would be made during the August month when there was no normal Council meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.