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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th MAY 2011 AT KNUCKLAS COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Present: Cllrs. A. Tippett (Chair), M Morgan, K Jones, Ms A Hoyle, E Harris, W O'Leary, Ms A Jones, P Swancott and C Thomas

Apologies: None

In Attendance: County Councillor J Brunt and 3 members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING:

None.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING:

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 Mrs A Hoyle

Knucklas Community Centre

Cllr K Jones

Knucklas Community Centre

MIN 5102 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 12th April 2011 were approved and subsequently signed by the Chairman with amendments.

MIN 5103 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported to committee that he had not received a report from Powys County Council Planning Department on the conditions that applied to planning at Pound Farm.

MIN 5104 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRMAN

There was only one nomination for Chairman- Cllr M Morgan. Members voted unanimously to support this nomination. Cllr M Morgan took over Chairmanship of the meeting.

Vice Chairman- the only nomination was Cllr A Tippett who was voted in unanimously.

Representatives for One Voice Wales and East Radnor Day Centre- Members agreed that Cllr Ms A Jones continue in this role. Cllr A Jones accepted these positions.

MIN 5105 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Brunt reported that the new access at Knucklas station was complete but the lighting required attention, this matter he would deal with. He agreed to consult with Cllr O'Leary on the provision of directional signs to the station.

He gave details of the proposed improvements to the Knuckles play park and outlined an initiative he was pursuing, with Cllr O'Leary, for play activities at the Castle Hill project.

He was dealing with the fly tipping at the north end of the Ward.

Cllr Brunt updated the committee on the progress made by ACCB and the current position. He said that several members of that group had expressed serious concerns over the proposed power lines required to take power from the proposed wind farms into Montgomeryshire.

MIN 5106 FINANCE

a) Payments –

N King (May 2011 Salary)

£273.44

HM Inspector of Taxes (Income Tax deducted from Clerks Salary)	(£54.69)
Net Pay	£218.75
HOWTLA	£10.00
One Voice Wales	£88.00
Petty Cash	£30.00

The above payments were noted and agreed.

MIN 5107 PLANNING

To consider the following applications:-

P2011-0383 Change of use at Penarth yr Unllawr – Members were unanimous in support of this planning application.

P2011-0228 Land adjacent to Town House Beguildy. A request to extend planning consent was unanimously supported by members.

MIN 5108 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

- a) Western Power distribution workshop – Members noted the venues.

MIN 5109 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Community action for Climate change – Members noted
- b) Annual Insurance renewal- Although there was a small annual increase in the premium, members felt that the premium was acceptable and agreed to use Zurich Municipal for 2011-12.

MIN 5110 HEYOPE RECREATION GROUND

- a) The minutes for the meeting of the 12th April 2011 were approved without amendment and duly signed by the Chairman.

MIN 5111 FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

MIN 5112 AOB

- a) The Clerk read out a letter from the National Grid on the Wales connection project- Members noted.
- b) Tiny Tigers Parent and Toddler Play Group – This organization had sent its constitution and request for funding to set up a play group in Knucklas. Members were very supportive of this project and agreed to make a contribution of £180 from Heyope Recreation Trust.
- c) Beguildy School meeting – Cllr E Harris reported that a recent meeting had taken place with representatives of Powys County Council. It was noted that the costs per pupil at Beguildy were £3600 per annum as opposed to the average figure of £3500 in Powys, therefore a saving of £100 per pupil per annum needs to be achieved. It was also important to note that if Beguildy School closed, the transport costs per annum would increase from the current £48,000 per annum to £100,000 per annum. In addition, it was reported that pre School places to boost children numbers at Beguildy can include children from Shropshire and this would be funded by Powys County Council.
- d) The Clerk is to confirm with Powys County Council Officer Sandra Matthews on the use of Felindre Village Hall as an alternative to the closure of Beguildy School to have elections there.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm 14th June at Felindre Village Hall