

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th OCTOBER 2011 AT KNUCKLAS COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

Apologies: None

In Attendance: County Councillor J Brunt and 2 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 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
Cllr Mrs A Jones	Knucklas community Centre

MIN 5143 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 13th September 2011 were approved and subsequently signed by the Chairman.

MIN 5144 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted Powys County Council and had it agreed for comments on the strategic environmental objectives of the local development plan can be reported before the end of October. Members discussed this topic and agreed the following:

- Planning takes into account ecology and biodiversity
- In relation to the issue of wind farms and the effects of water tables and transport issues must be considered.
- Members felt that hedges should only be removed as an absolute necessity.
- Measures to keep the water courses clean must be maintained.

The Clerk was also requested to check the planning application for the Pound Farm in respect of the 150m visibility either side of the entrance

MIN 5145 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Brunt reported that he was negotiating a replacement cattle grid on the road to Cefn Pawl. Powys County Council's position is that this cattle grid is not on the highway but on Crown Land. Nevertheless Councillor Brunt is optimistic the Council will replace the cattle grid. He discussed with the committee, the options for parking restrictions outside Beguildy Church and agreed to take advice from Revd Pye on the issue. He confirmed that potholes by the station in Knucklas had been repaired and explained why the hedge on the approach to the station had been cut. He said he had had further discussions regarding the safeguarding of the community trees, by the new development in Knucklas, with Powys County Council Highways Officers. Finally he confirmed that the defective surface at the Knucklas Play park would be replaced, the vegetation surrounding the park would be cleared and the fence would be repaired.

MIN 5146 FINANCE

a) Payments –

N King (October 2011 Salary)	£273.44
HM Inspector of Taxes (Income Tax deducted from Clerks Salary)	(£54.69)
Net Pay	£218.75

The Clerk was asked to make payment in the estimates of £50 towards the link website.

MIN 5147 PLANNING

To consider the following applications:-

- a) P2011 0966- Erection of 1x 5kw wind turbine (height 15m to hub) at Brynmawr Cottage Felindre.

Members considered this application and were all in favour of approval.

MIN 5148 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

- a) National Grid –connection Project- Members noted
- b) RWE renewable –further information re Neuadd Goch- The responses as a result of Beguildy Community Council's meeting with this company are to be circulated by email to members.
- c) Powys County Council-Renewable energy issues- Members noted the fact that blanket dispensation can be allowed for town and community council members in relation to this topic. The Clerk is to check if pecuniary interest of a member is covered under this dispensation.

MIN 5149 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- a) One Voice Wales- AGM and copy of the Voice- Members noted

MIN 5150 HEYOPE RECREATION GROUND

- a) The minutes for the meeting of the 13th September 2011 were approved without amendment and duly signed by the Chairman.

MIN 5151 FOR INFORMATION ONLY

It was agreed that all ACCB notes are to be circulated to members when agreed.

MIN 5152 AOB

- a) Arrangement of Remembrance Sunday- The Clerk is to order wreath and bring to the next meeting in November
- b) Knucklas Community Centre Cllr Kevin Jones reported that the application to refurbish the centre had initially been turned down however further information has been forwarded and it is hoped that this additional information will result in the community centre being upgraded

- c) Status of damaged house in Knucklas- The Clerk is to contact Powys County Council building control to identify if this property is in a dangerous state of repair.
- d) BDO accounts- The Clerk read out the external auditors comments on Beguildy's 2010-11 accounts and it was agreed that the Responsible Finance Officer and chairman sign the required section.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm 8th November Felindre Village Hall.