

BEGUILDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2009 AT FELINDRE VILLAGE HALL

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

Apologies: None

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)

Cllr. A. Tippett
Wife is Joint Editor of LLINK (Finance, annual grant to LLINK)

Personal and Prejudicial

None

Members agreed that County Cllr. John Brunt should give his regular report before the time set aside for public questions as he had to leave immediately afterward. Cty. Cllr. Brunt had three main matters to report on the access at Knucklas Station, Beacon Garage at Lloyney and an approach by Radnorshire Wildlife Trust regarding the sale of the Church and surrounding churchyard at Crug Y Bydda. He reported that he was in constant communication with Network Rail about the Station access and would continue to press for action to be taken. Regarding Beacon Garage he reported that the Planning Committee had met to discuss the issue in confidential session and that although a decision had been made it would not be revealed until the Minutes were published. The final matter regarded the concern of the Wildlife Trust that a sale of the property would result in damage to the flora on the site. He advised Members that until such time as an application for Change of Use was made it was not a Powys County Council matter. Members were reminded that the site was a SSSI.

Following his report Cty. Cllr. Brunt left the meeting.

The public were then invited to submit any concerns. Two persons raised the issue of the review of the School Transport Policy which was currently taking place and pressed for the Community Council to take action. Cllr. Tippett reminded them that a letter had already been sent by the Council to Powys and that this would have been received in ample time to be considered.

The thanks of Knucklas and District Community Centre for the inclusion of the annual grant on the Agenda were passed on by Mr. Bowen. He added that the Centre was currently looking at providing a hang out shelter for young people and enhancing the tennis courts.

Mr. Bowen also asked that Members make themselves aware of the changes in refuse arrangements proposed by Powys County Council.

Ms. Williams expressed concern that some of the briefings on community benefits from wind energy developments had not been in public and that a number of Council Members were taking part in the discussions although they were connected to wind energy developments in the area. In response both the Clerk and Cllr. Tippett stressed that any decisions on how to proceed had been made at full Council meetings, that there was a need for Members to fully avail themselves of every opportunity to obtain information when the opportunity arose and that the Members referred to as improperly taking part in the

discussions had been advised by Powys County Council that they could do so (having declared personal interests).

MIN 4913 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings on 14th and 29th July, 2009 were approved with no amendments, The Minutes were then duly signed by the Chairman

MIN 4914 MATTERS ARISING

(1) Planning Application, Beguildy Lakes – The Clerk confirmed that as far as she was aware no Committee date for determination of the application had yet been set.

MIN 4915 FINANCE

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

T.A. Price	(Clerks Salary August and September)	£472.46
HM Inspector of Taxes	(Tax due on above)	£118.12
Knucklas and District Community Centre	(annual grant)	£400.00
Felindre Village Hall	(annual grant)	£400.00
LLINK		£50.00

(2) **External Audit** – The Clerk reported that the completed return and supporting papers had been forwarded to BDO Stoy Hayward.

(3) **Donations** – A letter of thanks had been received from St. Michael's Hospice. A request for a donation had been received from Feed the Children and the usual reply has been sent indicating that no grants were available at present.

(4) **Receipt of Precept Payment** (second instalment) **£2294.00**

(5) **Financial Update –**

The balances at 1st September were noted –

Current Account	-	£2907.64 (inc. grant award Notice Board)
Money Manager	-	£5.88

MIN 4916 PLANNING

(1) The following **application** was considered :-

P2009 0859 Outline, erection of dwelling and vehicular access at **Coed Cerios, Heyope Road, Knucklas** – Members examined the plans in detail. Some concern was expressed about the proposed access and it was agreed that no objections be made to the application providing the Highways Department approved the location of the access.

(2) **Community Benefits from Wind Farms** :- The joint meeting with Llanbister and Llanbadarn Fynydd Councils was reviewed. The Clerk agreed to forward a copy of the joint letter submitted to Powys County Council to three interested members of the public.

(3) **One Voice Wales Special Meeting** – Cllr. O'Leary and the Clerk had attended this meeting the previous week and Cllr. O'Leary gave a very informative report on matters discussed. Two presentations were given, by the interim Chief Executive Jeremy Patterson and the Regeneration Manager Vanessa Garwood. These concerned the economic effects of wind farms and the policy proposed by PCC for community benefits from Wind Farms. Also discussed was the letter written by Kerry Community Council (see item 5 below). It was noted that the Clerk had

received a copy of the revised draft community benefits policy the previous day and copies were provided for all Members.

(4) Kerry Community Council – Members were reminded of the invitation to a meeting organised by Kerry Community Council the following week.

(5) Powys Wind Farm Applications – Members had received a copy of the letter written by Kerry Community Council asking for a co-ordinated approach not only to wind turbine planning applications but also to the installation of grid connections to serve these sites. It was agreed that the matter be brought back to the October meeting so that Members could first attend the meeting organised by Kerry Community Council.

(6) Notification of Planning Decisions – The information was duly noted.

MIN 4917 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) Future Recycling and Refuse Services – The Clerk distributed copies of the policy and Members raised a number of questions which were answered from the information supplied. Members had no relevant local information to supply to Powys County Council. Cllr. Ms Jones had attended one of the Waste Roadshows some weeks ago.

(2) Street Lighting, Knucklas – The Clerk confirmed that the final adjustment had now been made to the lights in Knucklas.

(3) Medwaledd Brook Bridge, Strengthening Work and Temporary Road Closure – This information was duly noted.

(4) Any Other Highway Issues – Cllr. Jones reported that despite the site meeting with Mr. George Lloyd a number of works in the Knucklas area were outstanding. Other Members had concerns about long standing problems. The Clerk asked that everyone compile a list of the specific problems they were aware of and bring them to the next meeting. In the meantime she agreed to contact Mr. Lloyd and ask for a progress report.

Cllr. Ms Jones reported that the signs requested for Heyope village were now in place.

Cllr. Harris asked if the Clerk would obtain details of the cost etc of the flashing speed signs and she agreed to do this.

MIN 4918 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Community Notice Board – The Clerk reported that Mrs Brick had the matter in hand and that the Board should be in place very soon. Once confirmation of the cost had been received the grant presently held could be paid to the WI as a contribution towards the Board.

(2) One Voice Wales Election of Vice-Chairman – No committee Member was selected for nomination.

(3) Local Health Board, Consultation on Older People's Health Services – Members did not wish to comment on this paper.

(4) Welsh Assembly Government Consultation on Legislative Competence Order – The Clerk explained that this referred to the extension of the powers of the Assembly to legislate in matters involving Community Councils. One Voice Wales had compiled a short summary on this issue which was available for Members to view. Cllr. O'Leary agreed to review the matter and respond to the Assembly.

(5) Local Environment Initiative (PCC) – The Clerk reported on the new scheme for contacting Powys County Council on highway matters. If successful the scheme would be extended to other related areas.

(6) School Transport Policy – This had been discussed under public questions and no further comment was made.

MIN 4919 HEYOPE RECREATION GROUND

(1) The Minutes of the meetings held on 14th July and 29th July were approved without amendment and duly signed by the Chairman.

(2) Members noted that the Annual Return to the Charity Commission had been submitted online at the end of July.

(3) Cllr. Jones passed on the thanks of Knucklas Community Land Project Limited for the grant of £300 to carry out the survey of Heyope Churchyard.

MIN 4920 INFORMATION ITEMS

These items were noted.

MIN 4921 URGENT BUSINESS/INFORMATION

PACT Meeting – Cllr. Ms. Jones had attended the recent meeting and informed Members that the absence of anyone from Beguildy and Felindre had been commented upon.

Powys County Council Letter concerning Castle Green – Further confirmation that the subsequent planning applications were submitted due to a change in some details.

Gamma and Radon Radiation – The Clerk handed out copies of the information supplied by Powys County Council and confirmed that the matter would be included on the next Agenda.

Powys Rural Development Plan Consultation – The closing date for comments for this consultation was very close and it was agreed that there was no time to prepare formal comments.

Community Benefits from Wind Energy Developments – The Clerk agreed to notify Powys County Council that comments would follow as soon as possible although it would not be possible to submit them before the stated date and to therefore request a delay in the policy being submitted to the Powys Board.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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