

**Minutes of a Remote Annual Meeting of Nantmel Community Council on Thursday
19th May 2022**

Present: Cllr A Bates, K Curry, P Bowen, J Harris, R Lewis, J Price

Apologies: Cllr J Morgan

NC 43/22 Election of Chair

Cllr Anne Bates was proposed as Chair.

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Bates as Chair. This was a unanimous vote.

NC 44/22 Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Roger Lewis was proposed as Vice Chair

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Lewis as Vice Chair. This was a unanimous vote.

NC 45/22 Bank Account

a) Confirm Signatories

Resolved: to re-appoint Cllr A Bates, K Curry and J Morgan as signatories for the Unity Trust bank account. The Clerk confirmed she was not a signatory.

NC 46/22 Appoint Council Representatives:

a) One Voice Wales (Area Meetings)

Resolved: to delay appointment for the time being

b) Carad

Resolved: to re-appoint Cllr Bowen

c) Smithfield Trust

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Roger Lewis in place of Cllr John Price

d) Rhayader Community Support

Resolved: to delay appointment for the time being

e) Nantmel School Action Group

Resolved: to appoint all members to serve on this group.

NC 47/22 Independent Remuneration Panel – Attendance Allowance

The Clerk had circulated the following information to all members:

13.23 Attendance allowance was raised in the consultation. The Panel acknowledges that in some cases this might be a valuable addition to support the work of a council. It is therefore included as an option for all councils. A number of queries were raised in respect of this proposal in responses to the Draft Report, including some opposition to its introduction.

Whilst it is included in the framework, it is optional for councils and therefore those councils that do not consider it appropriate do not have to implement it. Councils can decide and set out the provisions of the scheme, paragraph 13.24 details what should be included.

Determination 49: Each council can decide to introduce an attendance allowance for members. The amount of each payment must not exceed £30. A member in receipt of financial loss compensation will not be entitled to claim attendance allowance for the same event.

The Clerk advised that the council must consider introducing this allowance, however, must bear in mind that the introduction of this at a rate of £20 per meeting would equate to in the region of £1920– this is based on 12 meetings per annum. This would be taxable at source.

Resolved: not to adopt this allowance. This was a unanimous vote.

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NC 48/22 Declarations of Interests

None.

NC 49/22 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2022 were confirmed and signed.

NC 50/22 Information from Minutes

a) Jubilee Tree Planting

An English Oak Tree has been ordered from Dingle Nurseries to be delivered to Cllr John Morgan. The Clerk had paid for this at £72.

Resolved: to refund the Clerk by cheque (see minute NC 53/22 d.)

NC 51/22 Planning

a) 22/0763/HH

Grid Reference: **E:298321 N: 263854**

Proposal: Proposed renovation replacing of windows, installation of air source heat pump, and raising of the roofline in keeping with existing features of the house - Site Address: Tyn Y Llwyn, Llanwrthwl, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 6NN. **No objection.**

b) 22/0792/FUL

Grid Reference: **E:302126 N: 267264**

Proposal: Installation of 3 holiday units, sewage treatment plant, drainage field and access track - Site Address: Upper Dolau Barn, Nantmel, Rhayader, LD6 5PE. **No objection.**

NC 52/22 Correspondence

a) PCC Planning – 22/0549/HH

The following response was provided by PCC to the recent query:

The proposed use of the garage is for the storage of large agricultural vehicles. Using the plans provided, the dimensions of this proposed development are:

18.5 metres in length

9.2 metres in width

4.93 metres in height to the ridge

3.44 metres in height to the eaves

The council reconsidered the application.

Resolved: to have no objection provided the garage is used for agricultural vehicle storage only.

NC 53/22

Finances

- a) **Salary - £220 - approved**
- b) **HMRC - £55 - approved**
- c) **Disserth & Trecoed Community Council – Training Invoice - £90.00 – approved**
- d) **Dingle Nurseries (J Johnston) - £72 - approved**

NC 54/22

Council Vacancy – Co-option

Following the recent uncontested elections, there is a vacancy to fill by co-option within the council. The Clerk had drafted a co-option advertisement for discussions. Members made some amendments.

Resolved: Clerk to make amendments and circulate the advertisement to all members and within the community.

NC 55/22

Broadband Project

Cllr Curry had attended a recent meeting and the second mail out letters had now been translated and are ready to go out. The scheme has been registered with Welsh Government. The council is hopeful to reach the 30% target very soon. Members were asked to promote the scheme with their neighbours and friends.

NC 56/22

School Building

Cllr Curry updated members on progress. The Clerk had been in touch with McCartneys and is hopeful of further information shortly. The Clerk had circulated Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) calculations and had also sourced possible funding sources along with Cllr Curry.

Members discussed the development of an updated business plan and funding bids which will be discussed under “confidential session”, due to the contractual nature, at the next meeting.

NC 57/22

Other Matters

a) PCC Fly Tipping – Penybank Lane

The Chair had noticed fly tipping once again and had sent images to the Clerk.

Resolved: to notify Cty Cllr Mills of this issue and ask her to deal with it.

b) Powys County Council – Report an Issue

The Clerk had recently reported issues via the PCC website and had received speedy responses and resolution to issues. She encouraged members to use this service between meetings to report serious or dangerous issues - <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/816/Report>