

Minutes of a Remote Meeting of Nantmel Community Council on Thursday 29th September 2022

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

Apologies: Cllr J Morgan, L Powell, J Price

NC 84/22 Declarations of Interests

None.

NC 85/22 Minutes

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

NC 86/22 Information from Minutes

None.

NC 87/22 Planning

a) 22/1304/FUL

Grid Reference: **E:301987 N: 266560**

Proposal: Construction of new access and gate to the A44 and construction of an area of hardstanding (retrospective) - Site Address: Land West Of Dolau Chapel, Nantmel, Llandrindod Wells, Powys

Members discussed this application and provided there was not need for an application for change of use had not objection to this remaining as agricultural land.

b) 22/1355/FUL

Grid Reference: **E:297684 N: 267695**

Proposal: Provision of a solar array and associated works - Site Address: Cae Henfron, Rhayader, Powys, LD6 5BL

The Council were in fully support of this application for use of alternative energy generation.,

NC 88/22 Correspondence

None.

NC 89/22 Finances

a) Audit Wales - £200.00 - approved

b) Clerks Expenses & Home Working - £166.37 - approved

c) SLCC - £33.75 – approve.

NC 90/22 Civility & Respect Pledge

The SLCC and One Voice Wales have developed a Civility & Respect Pledge and are approaching all councils to ask that they adopt it.

Resolved: to adopt this pledge and agree to the 8 statements included.

- NC 91/22 Health & Safety Policy**
The Clerk had drafted a Health & Safety Policy for discussion.
Resolved: to adopt this policy
- NC 92/22 Biodiversity Action Plan**
Town & Community Councils now have an obligation to produce a Biodiversity Plan. The Clerk had drafted a plan for discussion.
Resolved: to adopt this Action Plan.
- NC 93/22 Community Broadband**
Cllr Curry updated members from the recent meeting. The Build Plan is the next step for this project. Broadway Partners has a new Chief Executive, Stephen Haynes.
- Following a suggestion from the Council Chair, Reece Simmonds attended Nantmel Show and had a stand to promote the Community Broadband. Some new residents signed up and other enquiries have been made since the show.
- Confirmation had been received from Broadway Partners that Community Halls will be offered a free router and 3 years broadband service. This will be followed up with a 50% charge for the remainder of the contract.
- NC 94/22 School Building**
Cllr Curry reported that he is still in contact with the descendants of Middleton Evans.
- The public meeting had been held and it was suggested that the community consider a new build for the hall, this could incorporate alternative energy services in line with the climate emergency.
- The Consultant is now working on updating the Business Plan and Clerk had provided a list of groups who previously used the school and possible new contacts for possible new groups and activities.
- NC 95/22 County Councillor's Report**
Members were disappointed that the County Councillor had not attended a meeting since her election in May.
- NC 96/22 Other Matters**
a) Community Noticeboards
Cllr Morgan had agreed to install the 2 noticeboards on his return from holiday.

b) Gaufron Street Lights

Cllr Curry had been approached by a resident who stated that 3 of the 5 street lights in the Gaufron are not working. This will be reported to Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood

c) Gaufron – Missing Street Light

The Chair mentioned the light which had been removed following damage from the A44 by St David's Church. The Clerk will contact Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood to ask her to ask if this could be re-instated.

d) Odour – Caerfagu Area

Cllr Curry had received complaints about the dreadful odour coming from the former Abattoir at Caerfagu. Cllr Harris had been informed that the smell was so bad that holiday makers staying in a cottage in the area had demanded their money back. Clerk to report this to Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood and to Kevin Bray, Environmental Health Officer.

e) Christmas Dinner

The Clerk has made an enquiry to the Bell Inn for 15th December. She awaits their response.

f) War Memorial

The Chair had noticed lots of barriers and fencing around the War Memorial which are the property of a local contractor. The Clerk will ask for these to be moved.

The Chair also asked if a working party could get together to tidy up the area prior to Remembrance Day. The Chair will contact Cllr Morgan on his return to see if he would bring his jet washer.

The Chair will also plant the pots with spring bulbs.

g) Dip in Road – By Cwm Cillyn

The Chair had noted a dip in the road just past Cwm Cillyn and before the filter land to Caerfagu. The Clerk will contact Cllr Johnson-Wood about this.