

Minutes of a Hybrid Meeting of Nantmel Community Council on Thursday 15th June 2023 at Llanyre Hall

Present: Cllr A Bates, J Morgan, K Curry, J Harris.

Apologies: Cllr L Walton-Powell, P Bowen

Absent: Cllr R Lewis, J Price

NC 65/23 Declarations of Interest
NC 57/23g Cllr J Morgan

NC 66/23 Minutes
The Minutes the Annual meeting held on 18th May 2023 were confirmed and signed.

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NC 68/23 Information from Minutes
a) Fly Tipping – Car Park
The Chair had requested a site meeting with PCC. However, this area seems to have been cleared.

b) Meeting Rooms
The Clerk had persuaded Dolau Chapel to accept the offer of free Wi-Fi, however, this would not now be possible due to the demise of Broadway Partners.

She also approached Honeybrook, who were no able to offer these facilities.

Cllr Harris said that he had full wi-fi access within his office and space to hold meetings if required.

c) Drain – Carmel Lane
Cllr Morgan reported that although the drain at the bottom of Carmel Lane had been emptied the one at the by Bryn Saberth. The Clerk will report this.

NC 69/23 Planning
a) 23/0482/AGR
The Chair reported that this application had been approved. The Clerk confirmed that no notification had been received for this application.
Resolved: to Clerk to contact Planning to see why the Community Council had not been consulted.

Correspondence

a) Rhayader C in W School – Governorship

Notification that there is no longer a vacancy on the Board of Governors for Rhayader School.

b) Powys County Council – Broadway Partners

The Clerk had received the following email from PCC Broadband:

- Broadway Partners, a vital AltNet, has entered administration due to financial difficulties. This impacts their projects in Powys.
- Their administration aims for a managed sale of the business to a new investor, intending to minimise service disruption.
- Powys County Council is closely monitoring the situation and formulating responsive strategies.
- We're in communication with key stakeholders including other AltNets, the Welsh Government, BDUK, and local councillors to devise contingency plans.
- Potential project delays or changes may occur. However, our priority remains minimising disruptions.
- Despite challenges, our commitment to improving Powys' broadband access remains unwavering.
- We urge your active engagement during these times. Regularly visit the BDUK and DCMS websites for updates and engage with local councillors and Alternative Network Providers.
- For immediate concerns, our broadband team is ready to assist at broadband@powys.co.uk.

The Clerk then organised an meeting with PCC Broadband Officers to discuss this matter.

Cllr Curry and the Chair had attended the meeting and updated the Council on this matter. The Council will now await a further update from PCC Broadband officers.

Nantmel Area will form part of the area included in the Government plan for high speed broadband and publication of the locations plans should be available in the next month or so.

Resolved: The Council will await further updates.

- NC 71/23 Finances**
a) Llanyre Church Hall – Room Hire - £20 – approved
- NC 72/23 Radnorshire Steam Roller**
Cllr Curry continued to chase PCC Legal Department for an update but with no success.
- Cllr Curry will search through his files for historical information on the ownership of the Steam Roller.
- NC 73/23 Iman Casings**
Cllr Curry had received the following email from PCC Environmental Protection.
- “In response to complaints that the odour from Iman Casings has intensified during recent weeks officers have made several visits to witness the odour and have had discussions with a subsequent visit to Iman Casings.
- As a result, there has been some changes made to the operations at Iman that will hopefully have a positive impact on the reduction of the odour. However, complainants will be asked to continue keeping a record and to notify Environmental Protection of odour events to assist with the ongoing investigation and any further discussions with Iman.”
- Cllr Curry had consulted the WhatsApp Group and continues to monitor messages.
- NC 74/23 Broadband Project**
See NC 70/23b
- NC 75/23 Nantmel Hall**
The Clerk provided A3 copies of plans of local halls for the council’s perusal. These were extremely useful. The Clerk made a list of ideas for incorporation within the plans for the new hall.
- Cllr Curry had received a commitment from a local landowner that land would be available for the construction of a new hall.
- The Council will hold a public meeting in the autumn to discuss design and other matters.
Resolved: Council to agree date at the July meeting.
- NC 76/23 County Councillors Report**
None.

Other Matters

a) Overgrown Grass – Junction with A470

The Chair reported the overgrown grass at the junction with A470 and Allt Y Grug which is obscuring visibility onto A470. The Clerk will report this.

b) Dulas Brook

Cllr Curry reported that the water in the Dulas Brook, downstream from Caerfagu bridge is black. This was extremely concerning. The Clerk will report this to National Resources Wales (Grid Ref SO 0496265314

c) Gaufron Street Lamp

Still no response had been received on this matter. The Clerk will chase this up.

d) Climate Conference

Cllr Curry had contacted Rachel Carter of One Voice Wales with regard to the Local Places for Nature Scheme. She has agreed to combine a visit to Nantmel and Rhayader to look at possible schemes for land.

The Clerk confirmed that the only land under the ownership of the Council is the Watering Hole. However, the Council leases the area next to the car park and could consider taking over the ownership of this via Community Asset Transfer from PCC.

Resolved: Clerk to contact PCC Properties with regard to this.