

**Minutes of a Remote Meeting of Nantmel Community Council on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

**Present:** Cllr A Bates, P Bowen, J Morgan, L Walton -Powell, J Harris

**Apologies:** Cllr K Curry

**Absent:** Cllr R Lewis

**NC 88/23      Declarations of Interest**

**NC 89/23      Minutes**

The Minutes the Annual meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 were confirmed and signed.

**NC 90/23      Information from Minutes**

None.

**NC 91/23      Planning**

None.

**NC 92/23      Correspondence**

**a) Wales Air Ambulance Consultations**

Notifications of Phase 2 Consultation Events. As these events were imminent, all members had been notified of these dates prior to the meeting. The Clerk had also published the information on the Community Council Facebook page.

**b) Powys County Council – Gaufron Street Light**

Email from PCC as follows:

“Having looked into this further, we are now unable to install a new column at Gaufron, the reason being is that National Grid have quoted us £25k for a new electricity supply and this is not something we can justify for one light.

What makes this frustrating, is that neither Powys CC or National Grid have given anyone the authority to remove the existing streetlight and electricity service.

However, someone has done it and although we have our suspicions, we cannot act on these as we don't have the evidence to back it up.”

The Council were extremely disappointed with this response and agreed to write to PCC and ask them to provide a solution. Some small funding may be available from the Community Council.

Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood will also take this matter up on behalf of the Council.

**c) Powys County Council – Standards Committee**

Notification of the appointment to Cllr Steve Deeks-D'Silva to the Standards Committee. This was noted.

**NC 93/23**

**Finances**

- a) Clerk's Out of Pocket Expenses & Home Working - £111.49 – approved.**

**NC 94/23**

**Internal Auditor**

**Resolved:** to appoint LRS Audit as internal Auditors for 2023/24.

**NC 95/23**

**Review Documents**

- a) Financial Regulations**

The current Financial Regulations were presented for review.

**Resolved:** to re-adopt these.

- b) Standing Orders**

The new Model Standing Orders were reviewed and approved.

**Resolved:** to approve the new model Standing Orders.

**NC 96/23**

**Iman Casings**

Cllr Curry forward the following email from PCC:

“Our investigation into odours from the above premises has concluded. Officers are satisfied that a Statutory Nuisance is in existence and an abatement notice has been served. As resolving the issue is likely to be complex a suitable period for compliance has been given requiring the odour to be abated by the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. Please also be aware that if the notice is appealed by the recipient it will be suspended pending a court hearing.

At present we wait to see if an appeal is lodged and if not, the operator must abate the nuisance by 1<sup>st</sup> April.”

Although this is good news about the Abatement Notice, Cllr Curry has suggested to those directly affected (living and working in the vicinity of Iman Casings) that they continue to inform Laura/Paul of any instances when the smell is prevalent so that any progress can hopefully be monitored.

Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood is also monitoring this issue.

This was noted.

**NC 97/23**

**Radnorshire Steamroller**

Email from Debby Jones of PCC stating that the Strategic Property team are in the process of preparing a Portfolio Holders Report which will be in circulation by the end of next week and will deal with the transfer of the Roller from Tarmac to the Council and then the transfer of the roller from the Council to a local vintage club who has previously submitted an EOI. William has stated that once the PFH report is submitted, he expects it to take between 4 to 6 weeks for approval, at which point he will then be able to instruct legal.

Legal will then proceed with drafting and completing the relevant legal agreements with both Tarmac and the local vintage club, as per the instructions from Strategic Property.

Members were delighted that finally this matter seems close to resolution and wished to thank Cllr Curry for his hard work on this matter.

**NC 98/23**

**Broadband Project**

Cllr Curry sent the following update.

Cllr Curry is part of a local group working on this project.

No update has been received from Voneus with regards to their plans for our areas. Steve, the group leader is supposed to be hearing from the Wales Regional Manager this week and Fay Jones has a meeting scheduled with the CX on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

The group has been in contact with Mike Lewis of PCC to see if he can clarify the station of the vouchers and to see if he has had contact with Voneus. The vouchers were agreed by BDUK for a specific list of properties identified by Broadway Partners in a formal proposal they submitted to BDUK. This does not cover all properties in our areas. He didn't have any answers to the questions asked, but did have a call booked with BDUK and will come back to Steve with updates.

The vouchers are only valid for 12 months, so there is increasingly little chance of Voneus being able to use them before they expire, presumably early next year.

Several questions remain unanswered. If Voneus don't use them, do they need to formally relinquish them? Presumably Openreach or any other provider would need to submit a new PRP? Would BDUK entertain that?

Mike didn't have the answers to these questions but he did have a call scheduled with BDUK last week and was supposed to ask them and come back to me. No response as yet.

**NC 99/23**

**Nantmel Hall**

Cllr Curry had submitted the following update:

Cllr Curry has a set of A3 plans for Pant-y-Dwr hall from Gareth Price which he has kindly annotated with the main dimensions. Plans for several community halls have now been received ready for the community consultation event.

It was agreed that a Community Consultation Event should be arranged for a Saturday from 10am – 4pm in January 2024. Members would be asked to be available on a rota system to greet residents and assist with their viewing of all sets of plans.

All plans would need to be displayed and residents would be notified of the Council's preferred option of a hall similar to Pant-y-Dwr would be made clear. This would involve a larger storage room and changes to smaller meeting rooms.

Visitors to the viewing would be encouraged to write their views (sheets of paper to be provided) on the Council's choice of design (i.e. Pant-y-Dwr village hall with alterations), and to suggest any other design changes they would like to see.

It may also be sensible to have a sheet of paper available for people to sign, confirming that they are happy for the Community Council to use its funds to apply for planning permission and possibly to pay for the services of an architect to oversee the process.

**Resolved:** to feedback the decision to Cllr Curry and ask him to liaise with the Clerk and Dolau Chapel for a suitable date within January.

**NC 100/23**

**County Councillors Report**

Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood had similar update to Cllr Curry on the Iman Casings matter.

She agreed to forward any relevant information or updates provided to her via PCC to the Clerk for circulation.

**NC 101/23**

**Other Matters**

**a) Wreath Laying – Remembrance Day**

The Chair will lay the wreath on behalf of the Community Council and residents at 11.00am on Remembrance Day. The Clerk will check with St Cynllos Church to establish when they will be laying their wreaths so that this can be co-ordinated with our Chair.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact St Cynllos Church

**b) Overgrown Hedges – Nantmel Village**

The Chair reported that the hedges on the exit from Nantmel Village are obscuring the visibility on to the A44. This was identified following the recent road accident. Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood is already in contact with PCC with regard this matter, so will chase it up.

**c) Allt Y Crug – Sewage**

The Chair reported that sewage is running across the road by Allt y Crug. Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood will look into this matter.

**d) Hybrid Meetings**

The Chair wished to hold Hybrid Meetings in Llanyre Hall. The Clerk pointed out that lack of previous attendance to Hybrid Meetings and that some members were unable to attend in-person meetings.

The Clerk suggested that the Council vote on holding Hybrid Meetings in November and December.

Cllr Walton-Powell said it would be difficult for her to attend in person meetings. Cllr Bowen did not mind either way. Cllr John Morgan agreed with in-person meetings and the Chair wanted in-person meetings.

**Resolved:** by 2 votes to 1 (1 abstention) to hold November and December meeting in Llanyre Hall.