

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
ABERMULE WITH LLANDYSSIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING
on WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY 2021 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Cllr. Gwyneth Jones
Cllr. Jane Rees
Cllr. Paul Davis
Cllr. Gareth Thomas
Cllr. Alan Meredith-Jones
Cllr. Gareth Pugh
Cllr. Gary Orrells
Cllr. Glen Lloyd (until 8.30pm)
Cllr. Bryan Williams
Cllr. Anne Brewin

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Richard Jerman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Gwilym Rippon (clerk)

There were six members of the public present. The following questions were asked.

1. Would there be a face-to-face meeting to discuss the consultation for the Natural Resource Wales.
2. With regard to the minute 218-20 5. Tree on entrance to Felin Hafren to be felled was it within the Council's power to fell the tree.

	Agenda item	
001-21	1.	<u>ELECTION OF CHAIR</u> Cllr. Jane Rees was elected as vice chair
002-21	2.	<u>OPENING</u> Cllr. Rees opened the meeting and thanked all for joining the meeting via the link set up on 'ZOOM' by the Clerk.
003-21	3.	<u>ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES</u> See list above.
004-21	4.	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> The following declarations were made by members.

The below declaration was made

Name	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Cllr. Pugh	17	✓	

005-21 5. **REPORT FROM OUTGOING CHAIR**

Cllr. Rees having circulated her report it was taken as read. A copy is held with the minutes, it has also been placed on the website.

006-21 6. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Cllr. Paul Davis was elected as Vice chair

007-21 7. **ELECTION OF MEMBERS AS REPRESENTATIVES ON FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The following were elected as members of the Finance committee
Cllrs. Rees, Jones, Davis, Williams, and Thomas

008-21 8. **ELECTION OF MEMBERS AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

- a) School Governor for Abermule
Cllr. Meredith-Jones
- b) One Voice Wales
(2 members)
Cllrs. Meredith – Jones and Cllr. Thomas
- c) Abermule Community centre
Cllr. Orrells
- d) Footpath Coordinator
Cllr. Jones and Cllr. Davies
- e) Old School Llandyssil
(2 members)
Cllr. Williams and Cllr. Brewin (to be confirmed)
- f) Montgomery Medical representatives
(2 members)
Cllr. Jones and Cllr. Brewin (to be confirmed)
- g) VMRC
Cllr. Jones and Cllr. Davies (reserve Cllr. Thomas)

All Councillors are members of Abermule Community Centre Trust
All Councillors are members of the Millfields Amenity Land Trust

009-21 9. **BANK MANDATE AND CHEQUE SIGNATORIES**

The Following were to remain as bank signatories.
Cllrs. Rees, Davis, and Thomas

- 010-21** 10. **TO REVIEW THE CURRENT INSURANCE**
- This was discussed.
RESOLVED
That the insurance was in order
- 011-21** 11. **RECONFIRM ADHERENCE TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT**
- This was discussed
RESOLVED
That all Councillors would adhere to the Code of Conduct
- 012-21** 12. **RE ADOPT STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**
- It was agreed to readopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations
- 013-21** 13. **TO REVIEW THE FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT**
- The clerk informed the meeting that the Financial Risk Assessment was still fit for purpose
RESOLVED
The Financial Risk Assessment was readopted
- 014-21** 14. **RE ADOPT THE UNREASONABLE BEHAVIOUR POLICY AND EVENTS SAFETY POLICY**
- The Unreasonable Behaviour Policy and Events Safety Policy was readopted.
- 015-21** 15. **TO AGREE THE DATES OF THE MEETINGS**
- It was agreed that the Council would meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month. It was agreed that it would be reviewed each month whether they meet via zoom or face to face.
Wednesday 2nd June 2021
Wednesday 7th July 2021
Wednesday 4th August 2021
Wednesday 1st September 2021
Wednesday 6th October 2021
Wednesday 3rd November 2021
Wednesday 1st December 2021
Wednesday 5th January 2022
Wednesday 2nd February 2022
Wednesday 2nd March 2022
- 016-21** 16. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING (previously circulated)**

Following review of the minutes.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2021 were a true record of what transpired.

017-21 17. **INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES**

Clerk received two quotes from Tree Surgeons for diseased tree in Play Area at front of School, one to remove diseased branch and remedial works, the other complete removal of tree, both quotes £700.00. Cllrs. agreed due to the sensitive location to accept the quote to remove the tree and look at planting trees on Millfield, away from the houses. Felin Hafren tree, Cllr. Pugh to seek clarification from the Developer, on areas of the site yet to be adopted by Powys County Council.

Defibrillator signs for Abermule and Llandyssil on order
Information signs to be ordered for our kiosks

018-21 18. **CORRESPONDENCE (Circulated)**

Report received from Busy Bees expressing gratitude to the Council for their support in retaining the play group until Powys County Council authorised funding. Report previously circulated.

Planning Aid Wales online course link circulated 5th May, Cllrs urged to take up this opportunity, in particular as review on LDP due in 2022.

019-21 19. **PLANNING**

1. Update on Business Park and the Recycling development.
The clerk reported that he had received an email from NRW in relation to request for Council to be statutory consultee and public consultation, in both respects a vague response.
The clerk was requested to email NRW again for clarification and provision for public consultation to take place in Abermule.
Consultation start date still unconfirmed, if NRW or agents for PCC not undertaking public consultation event. This Council could make documentation available in the Community Centre.
Cllrs to meet via zoom 20th May 7.30pm to consider draft response.

020-21 20. **FINANCE**

Finance

1. To note the bank balances

The balances stood at Current account	£ 20674.92
Deposit account	£ 21106.53
Giving a total of	£ 41781.45
2. To agree to pay the clerk at SCP 31
It was agreed to pay the clerk at SCP 31

3. To agree the accounts ending 31st March 2021
The accounts were reviewed and agreed.
Remaining balance on PPE grant to be paid to Abermule Community Centre. The Clerk requested photographs.
4. To consider the following invoices
HMRC £141.57p (Section 111 & 112 LGA 1972)
Clerks expenses £30.99p (Section 111 LGA 1972) (office allowance and backup)
K. Andrews Playground inspector £400.00 (Section 111 LGA 1972)
G. Owen Playground inspector £666.67 (Section 111 LGA 1972)
5. New bin to replace on footpath by Caravan Park £145.02.
6. Clerk and Councils Direct publications £24.00

021-21 21. **ADVICE FROM A SPECIALIST IN CODE OF CONDUCT LEGISLATION.**

This was discussed at length it was felt that the ombudsman had not established the issue of predetermination. It was essential to protect the Council from any financial implications that specialist advice be sought. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Paul Hoey associates with a view of obtaining independent advice for the Council. Costs capped at £400.00.

022-21 22. **VMRC UPDATE**

There had been no meeting

023-21 23. **HIGHWAYS**

- Broken sign by Chapel crossroads, Llandyssil to be checked again.
- Glanhafren Bridge Cllr. Davis contacted re. works Cllr. Pugh to check with Highways.

024-21 24. **C. CLLR UPDATE**

Issues raised were: -

- SWG awarded contract for the Business park, internal walls to accommodate specific businesses.
- Gospel Hall site was nearing commencement.
- Trees on the dingle PCC identifying owners time consuming. (one owner has reported that he had dealt with the trees on his land).
- Applicant for 32 dwellings adjacent the Meadows possible appeal.
- Abermule Dog owners seeking safe field for exercising dogs, Community Council do not own any suitable land.

025-21 25. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OR MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- Cllr. Davis reported on One Voice Wales meeting
- Cllr. Davis reported on Powys County Council liaison meeting with Town and Community Councils 15th April.

026-21 26. **INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

- Received the draft lease renewal for the Community Centre from Powys County Council. It was agreed that the Council as Custodian Trustees request lease for signing.
- Celebrating the NHS in July. Include June agenda.
- Cllr. Jones reported that she had received a letter requesting an area to plant flowers. Cllrs to arrange walk around village when possible.
- Grant scheme to encourage opening of footpaths eligible for ROW. There was also an issue with opening footpaths and some which have no ROW through property.
- Resident enquiry re. Disused land adjacent Abermule House and suggestion of use as Allotments. Ownership to be clarified. No requests for allotments had been received.

27. **STAFFING MATTERS**

Due to the confidential nature of the business of this agenda item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) a motion to exclude members of the public during discussion of this agenda item was agreed.

It was reported that the clerk's appraisal was successful. Coming from this meeting it was suggested that for resilience, succession planning and for accuracy that the council employ a minute taker.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Council advertise for a minute taker.

026-21 28. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

NRW Draft Response 20th May,2021 7.30pm on ZOOM
Regular meeting on 2nd June 2021 7.30pm on ZOOM.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed Chair