**Minutes of the regular meeting of**

**ABERMULE WITH LLANDYSSIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL meeting HELD AT**

**abermule community centre**

**ON WEDNESDAY 1st March 2017 AT 7.30 PM**

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| **PRESENT** | **APOLOGIES** |
| Cllr. Gwyneth Jones | Cllr. Anne Brewin |
| Cllr. Jill Kibble |  |
| Cllr. Pat Thomas |  |
| Cllr. Jane Rees |  |
| Cllr. Brian Williams |  |
| Cllr. Gareth Pugh |  |
| Cllr. Rufus Fairweather |  |
| Cllr. Richard Jerman |  |
| Cllr. Eurwyn Jones |  |

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| **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** | |
| Mr. Gwilym Rippon (clerk) | C.Cllr. W.Jones |

There was one member of the public present.

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|  | Agenda item |  | **ACTION** |
| **035-17** | 1 | **OPENING** |  |
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|  |  | Cllr. Rees thank all for their attendance. |  |
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| **036-17** | 2 | **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES** |  |
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|  |  | See list above. The apologies were accepted. |  |
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| **037-17** | 3 | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** |  |
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|  |  | There were the following declarations of interest.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Name | Agenda item | Personal | Prejudicial | | Cllr. G. Jones | Item 7 Planning |  |  | | Cllr. Williams | Item 7 Planning |  |  | | Cllr. Rees | Item 7 Planning |  |  | |  |
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| **038-17** | 4 | **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (previously circulated)** |  |
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|  |  | That theminutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2017 following minor amendments were a true record of what there and then transpired and were signed by the chair. |  |
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| **039-17** | 5 | **INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES** |  |
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|  |  | It was reported that at present the Cluster group would not require any financial assistance, however there could be a consideration for financial support in the future |  |
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| **040-17** | 6 | **CLERK’S REPORT** |  |
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|  |  | The clerk stated that he had nothing to report. |  |
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| **041-17** | 7 | **PLANNING MATTERS** |  |
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|  |  | Planning  *8.15pm Cllr. Jones left the room*  P/2017/0134  Application for proposed residential development of 4 no. dwellings, new access, highways improvements and erection of new Church building (Place of Worship) at land adjacent to Abermule House Abermule Montgomery Powys SY15 6NH  **RESOLVED**  The Council objected to this application on the following grounds: –   1. This development with provision for 86 vehicles and cycles would radically increase the volume of traffic on the B4368 an extremely narrow winding road. 2. With the provision of hourly trains any increase in traffic would increase stationary tailbacks either side of the railway crossing, which would in turn increase traffic issues at the Kerry Junction, as the tailbacks encroach into the village. 3. The width of the road and footpath between the railway crossing and the development gives cause of concern, given the number of HGV vehicles and coaches using this road. 4. Whilst we appreciate the provision of a footpath, the layout necessitates pedestrians crossing the road creating another potential hazard. 5. Flooding concerns in relation to the amount of hard standing at the development. This would increase the amount of runoff of water into a nearby river increasing the risk of flash flooding in the village. 6. Any lighting on the site should be at a low level to avoid disturbing other residents and wildlife along the river mule. 7. The Community Council seeks assurance that there would be no permitted development rights on this site.     The Council also wishes to express concerns over the community consultation process for this major development, the agent did not respond to our questions and failed to advertise community exhibition event as agreed, no posters displayed and only informed residents on Court Close, whilst other residents in individual dwellings adjacent the site and those along the Cefn Y Coed Road in close proximity were not informed.    Should it be determined to approve the application then the Council trusts that rigorous planning conditions be put in place with regards to run off from the site. Planning gains Community Councillors favoured the walkway along the river mule with commuted sum to School and Community Centre. They could see little advantage to improving Railway Crossing gates and any highways improvement to Cefn y Coed road access would be more relevant to include with housing development sites as per. the LDP.  *8.30pm Cllr. Jones returned to the room*  P/2017/0127  Application for conversion and extension of redundant chapel to a residential unit, to include installation of a septic tank and new access at Bethesda Chapel Llandyssil Montgomery Powys SY15 6SB  **RESOLVED**  That the Council supported this application  *8.45pm Cllrs. Rees, Williams and Jones left the room*  Cllr. E. Jones took the chair.  P/2017/0179  Application for change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage, erection of an extension, demolition of part of lean to, alterations to fenestrations, ground works and all associated works at Whitehall Farm Llandyssil Montgomery Powys  SY15 6LU  This application was discussed  **RESOLVED**  That the Council supported this application.  *8.55pm Cllrs. Rees, Williams and Jones returned to the room* |  |
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| **042-17** | 8 | **FINANCE** |  |
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|  |  | Finance   1. To note the bank balances   Current Account £11786.53  Deposit Account £ 20005.78  Total £ 31792.31   1. To consider the following invoices    * 1. HMRC £195.20p (Section 111 LGA 1972)      2. Abermule Community Centre £3000.00p S19 (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (second payment)      3. Llandyssil Community Trust £1125.00p S19 (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (second payment)      4. ESP £2636.40 (play equipment) S19 (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976      5. One Voice Wales £200.00p Subscription (Section 111 LGA 1972)      6. Abermule Newsletter £350.00p (Section 111 LGA 1972)      7. Llandyssil Newsletter £250.00p (Section 111 LGA 1972)      8. SLCC £272.20p (Training) (Section 111 LGA 1972)      9. G.J.Rippon £ 54.99p (Office allowance backup £4.99p)   It was agreed to pay invoices 1 and 9 |  |
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| **043-17** | 9 | **MEMBER (S) ATTENDING THE ONE VOICE WALES JOINT CONFERENCE 12th July in Flintshire £69.00 per person.** |  |
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|  |  | This was discussed and was normal practice that the Council’s One Voice Wales representatives attend.  **RESOLVED**  That Cllr. Pat Thomas attend. The clerk was instructed to book one place |  |
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| **044-17** | 10 | **COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S UPDATE** |  |
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|  |  | County Councillor Jones provided a written report a copy of which will be added to the web site.   1. Powys CC Budget   The main points from the agreed budget are:-   * The budget is balanced for 2017/18 & 2018/19 but shows a deficit of £6.8million for 2019/20. Work is underway to identify the required savings for 19/20 * The budget included a £6m investment into education over 3 years * £7million addition funding for ASC over 3 years * £1.1 million added back into budget to keep Day Centres Open for time being * £200k back into budget for HWRC’s and a further £300k for one year to bankroll the centres in the hope of achieving additional savings with the ambition of keeping all 5 sites open on 3 day a week basis. * £600k to meet the new payroll tax introduced by Government * £240k to replace reduction in external funding for recycling thus avoiding need to move to 4 weekly residual collections. * £450k to fund Living Wage increase. * £200k to save threatened leisure centres at expense of Con-current functions scheme. * £827k for Out of county ALN placements resulting from Court Orders. * £3.5million over 3 years into LGA Pension Scheme as result of actuarial triannual valuation. * £1m for inflation and staff wage increases. * Capital budget: 3.85m per year for 3 years for Highways Improvements. * To balance the budget there are savings targets for 2017/18 of £9.926 million, 2018/19 of £8.357 million and for 2019/20 £6.850 million.   This all worked out to a 3.9% Council Tax increase for 2017/18 and an indicative increase for 2018/19 and 2019/20 of 3.75%.   1. Local Development Plan update 2. Abermule Business Park 3. May Council Elections.   Following my success at Council on 23rd with Budget approval, I immediately announced that I will be leaving the County Council in May. My decision had in reality been many months prior, but maintaining the integrity of the Budget process was vital, and therefore I could not announce until after the budget had been approved. |  |
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| **045-17** | 11 | **HIGHWAY ISSUES** |  |
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|  |  | The following matters were reported.   * Fly tipping in the Llanmerewig area * Deflective light * T Junction opposite the hotel * White lining on Abermule to Kerry road |  |
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| **046-17** | 12 | **UPDATE ON PLAY EQUIPMENT** |  |
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|  |  | Cllr. Kibble stated that the new equipment has been installed in Abermule. Site would benefit from installing steps to replace grass bank access, adequate funds in the budget to cover this additional cost.  The Llandyssil equipment is to be installed next week. |  |
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| **047-17** | 13 | **CLUSTERING** |  |
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|  |  | There was nothing to report under this heading |  |
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| **048-17** | 14 | **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ATTENDED** |  |
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|  |  | LDP whether there was a need to make any oral representation, Councillors content with previous response. It was agreed that a letter should be sent that the previous comments should stand.  Montgomery Patience association. The MP Glyn Davies and AM Russell George from the area spoke about the benefits of the future fit project. |  |
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| **049-17** | 15 | **INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS** |  |
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|  |  | War Memorial new firm moved into Waterloo Arms offered Community Centre funding to enhance the Memorial.  Llanmerewig kiosk top hinge required attention. W.Ralph to be asked to repair. |  |
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| **050-17** | 16 | **DATES OF NEXT MEETING** |  |
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|  |  | Wednesday 5th April 2017 **7.30pm** at Abermule Community Centre |  |
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|  |  | The meeting was closed at 21.30hrs |  |
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