

Cyngor Cymuned Nantmel Community Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 16th March 2017 at Dolau Chapel

Present: Cllr J Price, R Lewis, C Lewis, J Harris, K Curry, P Bowen.
Cty Cllr D Evans

Apologies: Cllr J Morgan

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed the Council's sincerest sympathy on the passing of Mrs Sue Morgan wife of Cllr John Morgan. Members thoughts are with John and James at this sad time.

NC 17/17

Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16th February 2017 were confirmed and signed.

NC 18/17

Information from Minutes

None.

NC 19/17

Planning Applications

a) **P/2017/0201** – Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling to include a garage, installation of sewage treatment plant and all associated works at Cae Llwyn Poultry , Nantmel. Cllr C Lewis abstained from discussions and voting. **No objection.**

NC 20/17

Correspondence

a) **Charles Crookes with George Tudor De Winton – Nantmel School Building**

The following response was received:

“Thank you for your letter of 17th February and I have already written to explain that it is not a case of the Council becoming Custodian Trustee of the building. The building belongs to the Swansea & Brecon Diocesan Trust and is held on Educational Trusts for education in the Diocese.

Once a school closes then the school building has to be dealt with in accordance with charitable law and under charitable law the Trust will have to seek the advice of professional surveyors to advise on the future of the building which will fulfil the legal requirements of Section 117 of the Charities Act.

Nothing can happen until PCC surrender the school building which, at the present time, they are not able to do.

Once the keys have been handed over the Trust will contact a suitable surveyor with a view to receiving the necessary advice which will of course include the possibility of the sale of the building.

If you Council are interested in purchasing the building then of course at that stage they can put in a suitable bid.”

Members discussed this and agreed to write back to Mr Davenport asking for site of the deeds and details of any covenants as initially requested. Also to reiterate the Councils interest via the Action Group to enter into a lease for the building.

Resolved: to write to Tim Davenport with regard to the above.

b) Powys County Council – Monday Waste Collections

Notification that Monday waste collections will cease from 1st April 2017. Cllr Curry provided some background information along with Cty Cllr Evans. It is hoped that this measure will save £500,000 by introducing a Root Optimising System and stopping Bank Holiday working. Members were not convinced about this saving.

c) St Mark’s Church – Thanks

Letter of thanks for the grant.

d) Boundary Commission – 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

Notification of forthcoming review of Parliamentary Constituencies and County Council Ward Boundaries. This was noted.

NC 21/17

Accounts

- a) Llandrindod Wells Town Council – Photocopying - £59.95 - approved
- b) Clerk’s Expenses (out of pocket) - £65.80 – approved.
- c) Dolau Chapel – Room Hire - £30.00 – approved.

NC 22/17

Grant Applications

- a) St Cynllos Church
Resolved: to award a grant of £100.

NC 23/17

Nantmel School Building

See NC 20/17 a

Cllr Curry reported on the recent Action Group meeting which met to discuss the Business Plan. Julia, Kelvin and Heather are now making final amendments to this plan. The next meeting of the Action Group will be on Wednesday 22nd March at 7pm in Dolau Chapel.

The Clerk suggested that as the Action Group are working on behalf of the Community Council and Community of Nantmel that the Community Council fund the room hire for the Action Group meetings for the next few months.

Resolved: to pay the £15 meeting room hire for the Action Group for the next few months. Clerk to notify Julia Lewis of this.

Cllr Curry mentioned that there are 12 chairs and a table in the Community Council shed. Cllr J Price agreed to remove these. It was agreed to leave the shed for the time being.

Cllr Curry and Cllr Bowen had been present at a meeting with Cymrhyd Rhan with regard to sharing the building. However it became evident that this would not be possible as they would require the majority of the building on a permanent basis.

Cty Cllr Evans has agreed to write to Bishop John Davies on behalf of the Action Group.

NC 24/17

War Memorial Project

The Clerk had completed the work on this application and had received the following email from Nathan Davies, War Memorials Officer for Powys:

“Many thanks for your email. I appreciate you sending me a copy of the Management and Maintenance Plan. It’s fine.

We’re now ready to proceed. Here’s what’ll happen:

The total cost of the work in the quote dated 1st February 2017 is £2600.00 + VAT.

As previously mentioned, I’m happy for my project to cover 90% of the cost of the work. This equates to £2340.00.

You’ll then need to pop the PO number on your (Nantmel Community Council) invoice to me (for the work). This will then release the payment of £2340.00 to you (the Council).

You’ll need to use the grant funding payment of £2340.00 from my project plus your match-funding contribution to settle the bill with the contractor in full.

Once you’re ready, please get in touch directly with the contractor to arrange a start date for the work. It’d be handy if you could please let me know when work is due to / actually starts. It’d also be useful to know when it finishes.”

Members welcomed this and thanked the Clerk for her work on this project.

Resolved: to contact Mark Haslam to ask him to proceed with the work. Clerk to liaise with War Memorial’s officer, Cllr Curry to liaise with Mark Haslam.

NC 25/17

Any Other Business

a) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20th April 2017 at Dolau Chapel. It was agreed to hold future meetings there also.

Resolved: to write to the Secretary to ask if it would be possible for the Clerk to have a key to the building.

b) **Abbey Road**

Cllr Price mentioned the pot holes which have appeared on the Abbey Road. Cty Cllr Evans will report this.