

Minutes of a Remote Meeting held on Thursday 16th July 2020

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

Apologies: Cllr J Morgan, J Price

The Chair welcomed everyone to the July meeting.

NC 41/20 **Declarations of Interests**

There were none.

NC 42/20 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 18th June 2020 were confirmed and signed.

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NC 44/20 **Information from Minutes**

a) Road Issues – Holly Oaks

Cty Cllr Evans has looked into this matter, and Cllr Harris confirmed that the road had been marked up for repair during the last week.

b) Noticeboards

The Clerk had visited both noticeboards. The one along Nant Glas is in a really poor condition and needs a new full back board, perspex screen and some wood replacement. The Nantmel board needs some minor refurbishment. She had contacted a local contractor, unfortunately, he would be unable to carry out the repairs for many months. The Clerk will look for another carpenter to carry out the work over the shutdown.

NC 45/20 **Planning**

None.

NC 46/20 **Correspondence**

a) Llandrindod Wells Town Council - Climate Change Questionnaire

Members agreed to complete the questionnaire and give Llandrindod Wells Town Council the authority to represent Nantmel CC on the steering group. However, members would like to receive regular reports and have some input into the work of the group.

Resolved: Clerk to respond to the questionnaire as above.

b) Welsh Government - Consultation

Letter with regard to the public health emergency relating to Covid 19.

This has impacted all areas of Welsh peoples' live and will be profoundly important for public services, for the economy and society.

Welsh Government are issuing an invitation to the people of Wales to send their thought on how WG should support future post-Covid recover and reconstruction in Wales. WG is also determined to look outside for challenge to the established ways of thinking and for fresh inspiration.

WG would like to hear from people in Wales about what really matters, about where WG should focus its efforts on recovery. Contact – ourfuturewales@gov.wales

Members discussed this and agreed to respond as individuals. However, the Clerk will respond on behalf of Nantmel Community Council commenting about poor internet connectivity and with increased homework stress how important it is to have good internet services for businesses and homeworkers. Also suggest the introduction of an electric bike scheme within towns. Members were asked to feed additional comments to the Clerk by 20th July 2020 for submission.

Resolved: To make a Council response to this consultation as above and encourage members to respond individually and circulate this link to local residents.

NC 47/30

Finances

None.

NC 48/20

Hedgerows

Cllr Curry had circulated information from a PCC session on Road Verge Management and the introduction of wildflowers.

Members were asked to identify verges with particular plants of interest which can be notified to PCC and can then be considered as wildflower verges. This matter will be ongoing.

NC 49/20

Argoed Lane Issues

The Clerk has received a call from a resident with regard to issues with planning, internet connectivity and highways issues. She has passed this on to Cty Cllr Evans who is dealing with the issues. The resident had been contacted by the Planning Officer following the Clerk's contact.

Cllr Bowen alerted members to a scheme which is available for their area to get a much faster source of internet service. Cty Cllr Evans and the Clerk will contact Cllr Bowen about this following the meeting.

NC 50/20

Covid 19

The Clerk confirmed that shielding in Wales will cease on 16th August 2020, this will be optional for residents. As part of this the food parcels will also cease.

Cllr Curry reported that the pedestrian one-way system is working well in Rhayader. There is plan to replace the cones with street furniture and PCC have received funding for this.

He had attended a presentation with other County Council members as a debrief from the Covid 19 pandemic. There were many voluntary groups delivering services to residents which often meant there was a cross over in services. There is plan to collate all the information on voluntary groups to draw up a strategic plan in case of a second wave. The Clerk suggested that they contact the Town & Community Councils, many of which were heavily involved in the volunteering process.

NC 51/20

Nantmel School

Cllr Curry reported that no further contact had been received from the family. Gemma Bufton will be taking over as the Planning Officer for this site and is awaiting contact from the agents with regard to the application.

NC 52/20

Other Matters

None.