

**Cyngor Cymuned Nantmel Community Council**  
**Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Dolau Nantmel Chapel**

**Present:** Cllr C Lewis, A Bates, P Bowen, R Lewis, J Morgan, J Price  
Cty Cllr D Evans

**Apologies:** Cllr K Curry

**NC 57/19** **Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were confirmed and signed.

**NC 58/19** **Information from Minutes**

**a) Defibrillator Training**

Despite the efforts of the Clerk and Cllr Curry, Cariad have still not come back with a date for training. Cllr Curry is now pursuing this directly with them and it is hoped that a date will be scheduled soon. Cllr Bowen would wish to be included in this training along with others from the Willow Globe. Once a date is set the Clerk will notify those interested in attending.

**b) Grass – A44**

Cllr Bates confirmed that this had now been cut back

**NC 59/19** **Planning**

a) **19/1215/FUL** - Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of 3 shepherds huts and decking and installation of treatment plant - Site Address: Land At Upper Dolau , Nantmel, Llandrindod Wells, LD6 5PE. This application was discussed and a recorded vote was taken. (CL, AB, PB, RL, JM, JP were all in support of this application.)

**Resolved:** No objection.

The Clerk informed members of a recent issue. The planning application advice notice had been received by the Clerk in August and was circulated to members advising that the application would be placed before the Community Council on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Unfortunately, the Clerk, in error, in error had responded to this application on 30<sup>th</sup> August stating that the application had been placed before her Council and no objection was made, this response had been signed as Clerk to Disserseth & Trecoed Community Council. Unfortunately the Planning Officer, although he had noticed the signature published this on the PCC Planning Portal.

The Clerk noticed this error and asked the Planning Officer to remove this response as an error had been made on her behalf. The Planning Officer confirmed his agreement by email.

The Clerk then confirmed that a series of email had been received from a local resident who had noticed this error, the Clerk had responded to this email with an explanation.

The resident did not appear happy with the response and made the following comment.

“However in light of the serious nature of the factually inaccurate information you, as Clerk, published on the official Powys Planning website, we as residents require a full explanation as to how your email came to be placed there in the first instance. We remain extremely concerned as it affects not only us but all the locals.”

The Clerk has subsequently been advised that a complaint will be made as to her actions.

The Clerk issued an email to advise all members that the code of conduct is in operation at all times during and outside of Council meetings and any liaison or discussion with supporters or objectors may be deemed as pre-determination and may preclude a particular members from taking part in discussions and ultimately voting.

The Clerk wished to advise members of this situation prior to any other action being taken on her behalf.

This was noted and accepted by members.

**NC 60/19**

**Correspondence**

**a) Powys County Council – Budget Position.**

Information circulated from Powys County Council with regard to its budget position for the forthcoming year.

The Clerk informed members of the continued pressure on the PCC budgets, and the likelihood of further costs to the Community Council as a contribution to Street Lighting, Grass Cutting and possibly other services. The Clerk will obtain a cost for one additional grass cut of the parish for information.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact PCC.

**b) Powys County Council – Temp Closure for C1215 Dolau Rhayader**

Notification of road closure from 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019. This was noted.

**c) TFW – Concessionary Travel Card**

Notification of the issue of new Travel Cards from 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to all eligible residents. This should be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019. Any queries should be addressed to the Corporate Transport Unit, 01597 826000. This was noted

NC 61/19

**Finances**

a) **Clerks Expenses and Homeworking Allowance Apr – Sept - £159.65 – Approved.**

b) **Annual Audit – 2018/19**

The external audit has now been completed and the Council has received an Unqualified Audit. This was noted by the members.

c) **Appointment of Internal Auditor – 2019/20**

The Clerk recommended the appointment of Lee Stephens as Internal Auditor for 2019/20 as in previous years.

**Resolved:** to appoint Lee Stephens of LRS Audit to undertake the internal audit for 2019/20/

d) **SLCC – Subs - £27.24 – Approved.**

NC 62/19

**Grant Applications**

a) **St Marks Church**

Cllr Bowen declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place.

**Resolved:** to award a grant of £120

b) **Dolau Chapel**

**Resolved:** to award a grant of £120

c) **Nantmel Church**

Cllr Morgan declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place.

**Resolved:** to award a grant of £120

NC 63/19

**Nantmel School**

Cllr Curry has arranged a meeting of the Action Group for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in Dolau Chapel Hall.

The Clerk gave a brief outline on progress and confirmed that she had made contact with a friend who is in contact with relatives of Middleton Evans, hopefully this will lend support to the Action Group's work. He also confirmed that Mr & Ms Tyler are continuing to work on this matter on behalf of the community.

Cllr R Lewis had identified further documents held within Kew National Archives which may provide further evidence for the case to support the Community. Cllr R Lewis will obtain a copy of the 1 relevant document on behalf of the Council, the cost of which will be refunded from the budget.

Cllr R Lewis will send a note to the Clerk of a document held in the Radnorshire Archives, she will then obtain a copy and forward to Cllr Curry.

Members were delighted with the progress.

**NC 64/19**

**Information**

**a) Douglas Trees – Nantmel Church Area**

Cllr Morgan reported that roots from Douglas trees on land in the area of Fronllys and Nantmel Church are lifting the road surface.

**Resolved:** to contact PCC Highways with regard to this matter.