

**Minutes of a Remote Annual Meeting of Nantmel Community Council held on  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

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

**Apologies:** None.

**NC 37/21 Election of Chair**

Cllr Curry nominated Cllr Bates for the office of Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Bowen.

**Resolved:** Cllr Bates was appointed as Chair.

**NC 38/41 Election of Vice Chair**

Cllr Curry nominated Cllr R Lewis for the office of Vice Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Bates.

**Resolved:** Cllr R Lewis was appointed as Vice Chair.

**NC 39/41 Council Representatives**

- a) Rhayader Smithfield Trust – J Price
- b) Rhayader & District Community Support – K Curry
- c) Rhayader Community Nursery – K Curry
- d) Nantmel School Action Group – K Curry, P Bowen, J Price.

**NC 40/41 Council Bank Account & Signatories**

The Clerk explained the difficulties with the HSBC safeguarding process which was causing issues with payments; April's payments had been stopped by the bank. Several councils have experienced difficulties with this process and the Clerk wished to recommend that the Council move its banking to Lloyds Bank.

Cllr Curry confirmed the recent issues which he had experienced as a nominated signatory.

**Resolved:** to close the HSBC bank account and open a new account with Lloyds Bank. Signatories to be Cllrs A Bates, K Curry, C Lewis, J Morgan, P Bowen.

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**NC 41/21** **Declarations of Interests**

None.

**NC 42/21** **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were confirmed and signed.

**NC 43/21** **Information from Minutes**

None.

**NC 44/21** **Planning**

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Grid Reference: **E:303307 N: 266645**

Proposal: Proposed holiday accommodation, access, installation of treatment plant and associated works. Site Address: Land Off Garth Lane, Nantmel, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 6EN. Cty Cllr Evans had been approached by a local resident who had objections, he had directed them to the Planning Officer.

**Resolved:** No objection.

**NC 45/21** **Correspondence**

**a) Resident – Speed Issues, Gaufron**

The council was presented with a lengthy chain of correspondence between the resident, PCC Highways and Cty Cllr Evans.

The Community Council felt that it had done all it could do to assist the resident by putting pressure of PCC Highways, involving Dyfed Powys Police and Go Safe. Cty Cllr Evans is looking to approach the authority about instigating a speed watch scheme.

**Resolved:** to write to the resident as above.

**b) Glastir Woodland Creation - Public Consultation**

**Resolved:** No objections to plans.

**NC 46/21** **Finances**

**a) LRS Audit – Internal Audit - £33.10 – approved.**

**b) Zurich Insurance - £257.60 – approved.**

**NC 47/21** **Annual Accounts 2020/21**

**a) Internal Audit Report**

There were no issues highlighted within the internal audit The report was accepted by the Council. The Clerk was thanked for her work.

**b) Annual Return**

The completed annual return was presented to the Council.

**Resolved:** to approve the annual return for 2020/21

**NC 48/21**

**Council Logo**

The Chair had been in contact with Rob Lewis who would be delighted to get involved in the design of a logo. However, due to personal circumstances he would be unable to get involved just at the moment. Members were delighted that Rob Lewis wished to get involved and would await his contact. Members felt that the images of the 2 churches, chapel and aqua duct might be included.

**NC 49/21**

**Broadband Project**

Cllr Curry reported that Rhayader Town Council along with Nantmel Community Council had agreed to work together on this project. A letter to residents had been drafted with an accompany form, which will be run past Reece Simmons of PCC prior to sending out to local residents. The letter has been signed by the Chairs of Rhayader TC and Nantmel CC. Broadway Partners has committed to posting a letter to each residence within the 2 areas.

The Clerk of Nantmel CC has set up a specific email address for responses – [nantmelbroadband@gmail.com](mailto:nantmelbroadband@gmail.com). The Clerk of Rhayader has also done the same.

The Clerks have also agreed to receive forms by post. All the information will be collated and passed to Broadway Partners.

**NC 50/21**

**School Building**

Cllr Curry had been approached by a new charity with regard to the school building, he had responded by stating that the Community Council does not own the school and there is some question as to ownership.

Cllr Curry had emailed the descendant who had replied giving some information on their position, they have committed to respond to Cllr Curry very shortly. Cllr Curry will then pass this on to Mr Tyler for his interpretation and advice.

**NC 51/21**

**Noticeboards**

The Clerk had circulated images of noticeboards for the community. It was agreed to purchase 2 silver Weathershield Magnetic External Noticeboards at a cost of £249.95 each plus VAT and postage. One for Nantmel Village and one for Nantglas. Cllr Roger Lewis agreed to erect a back board to support the board at Nantglas and install the village board.

**Resolved:** To purchase 2 new noticeboards for the sites above.

**NC 52/21**

**Other Matters**

**a) Polling Station**

Councillors pointed out issues with the polling station at Crossgates which serviced the residents of Nantmel during the recent elections. The social distancing was inadequate and one polling booth was insufficient for the volume of residents. Members also hoped that a precedent had not been set by combining the two electoral areas.

**Resolved:** to write to the Presiding Officer pointing out the issues and pointing out the communities wish to have a polling station in Nantmel for future elections.

**b) Future Meetings**

Cllr Curry asked for future meetings to be placed on the next agenda. This was agreed.