

Minutes of a Remote Meeting of Nantmel Community Council on Thursday 17th June 2021

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

Apologies: None.

A minutes silence was held in memory of Les Price.

NC 53/21 **Declarations of Interests**

None.

NC 54/21 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 20th May 2021 were confirmed and signed.

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NC 56/21 **Information from Minutes**

a) Noticeboards

The Clerk had ordered and paid for the 2 new noticeboards for the community which had now arrived. Cllr R Lewis has agreed to install the boards and the Clerk will drop them off for him shortly. The Clerk was thanked for paying for the boards and will be refunded immediately.

NC 57/21 **Planning**

a) 21/1025/FUL

Grid Reference: E:302166 N: 267420

Proposal: Installation of 3 holiday units, sewage treatment plant, drainage field and access track - Site Address: Land North Of Upper Dolau, Nantmel, Rhayader, Powys

Resolved: no objection.

NC 58/21 **Correspondence**

a) PCC Highways – Road Closure C1209 Nantmel Rhayader.

This was noted.

NC 59/21 **Finances**

a) Notice Me – Noticeboards - £623.88 – approved.

NC 60/21 **Future Meetings**

Members discussed future meetings and the implications of the lifting of the Covid 19 restrictions. It was agreed to contact Dolau Chapel to establish what their restrictions are with a view to holding the September meeting in person.

Resolved: to contact Dolau Chapel.

NC 61/21 **Financial Regulations**

The Financial Regulations were reviewed and no changes were made.

Resolved: to approve the Financial Regulations.

NC 62/21

Standing Orders

The Standing Orders were reviewed and no changes were made.

Resolved: to approve the Standing Orders.

NC 63/21

Barclays Bank, Llandrindod Wells

Members were greatly disappointed to hear of the closure of the Llandrindod Wells branch of Barclays Bank which will have an impact on the residents of Nantmel, particularly those who rely on public transport, which is extremely difficult to access Builth Wells.

Cllr Curry had recently taken a photograph of the queue outside the bank which was very long. This may have an impact on the opening hours for Builth Wells branch.

Resolved: to write to Barclays Bank voicing the council's views on this matter.

NC 64/21

Broadband Project

Cllr Curry had circulated the following information to members from Reece Simmonds.

“On the 31st March this year the Rural Gigabit Voucher funding ended along with the Welsh Top Up as planned. The Gigabit Voucher funding was renewed on the 8th of April 2021 once again as planned but the Welsh Top Up is yet to be renewed. Contacts at Welsh Government and DCMS (Department of Digital Culture Media and Sport) both state that talks are ongoing regarding the Welsh Top Up and that an announcement should be made soon. Both sides also indicate an expectation that the Top Up will be renewed however until an announcement is made this cannot be confirmed.

Due to the Top Up in Wales doubling the funding provided by DCMS from £1500 to £3000 for a residential property and from £3500 to £7000 for a business property it is a sizable loss in funding for suppliers and affects the viability of many projects across Wales. This delay has led to many projects being paused/ put on hold until the announcement of the Top Up being renewed occurs.”

Cllr Curry felt it was just a matter of waiting for Welsh Government.

NC 65/21

School Building

The descendants of Edward Middleton Evans have now agreed to contact the Diocesan Registrar to indicate that as direct descendants they will be executing their rights under the Reverter Act. Cty Cllr Curry will be meeting Jane Dodds AM with regard to this site shortly.

NC 66/21

Other Matters

a) Llwyn Lane Drains

Cllr Curry mentioned the running water along Llwyn Lane as the drains are blocked along the Lane. Cllr C Lewis stated that the planners had permitted the owner to build over the drains. Cty Cllr Evans will request these drains be emptied.

b) Blocked Drain

Cllr Price asked for the drain outside of Nantymynach Caravan Park to be emptied. Cty Cllr Evans will look in to this.