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| **Minutes of the Rhayader Town Council Meeting Tuesday the 16th of February 2021** |
| **Attendees** Cllrs, J. Narborough (Chair), Cllrs Dai Davies; David Evans; William Davies; James Stuart; Darren Thomas, Rhys Thomas, Gill Williams; Veronica Davies; Angela Davies; Claire Evans; Christian Walton; County Cllr Kelvyn Curry; and Cllr Lee Price (*minute taker*) |
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| **1. APOLOGIES -**  |
| Cllr. David Lloyd; Julie Davies - Clerk |
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| **1a. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS** |
| Well done to everyone on the volunteering that they are doing during this pandemic. |
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| **1b. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS** |
| Smithfield parking – J. Stuart |
| Cricket Field – C. Walton |
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| **2. MINUTES TO BE AGREED** |
| Agreed |
| **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** |
| **6.1** – report sent out and J. Stuart completed the survey, also asked for a walk through the route with their representatives. Cllr. K. Curry also completed the survey. |
| **6.6** - waiting for PCC to contact the NRW, RTC will send a letter of support . Letter to Steve Gealy regarding the warning to the public. Cllr K. Curry has also spoken with Steve Gealy on the rugby path  |
| Plans for the Totum used the plans from PCC  |
| **9.2** - Toilet grant confirmed with the amount etc David Morris senior manager no such money available. |
| * Links from K. Curry emails on social media etc weekly
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| * Declaration of interest to be moved to second item on the monthly agenda.
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| **4. REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORTS** |
| G. Williams – Community support strategy plan, clerk to forward.  |
| 1. Davies – newsletter from Rhayader School on how they are managing their time.
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| **5.** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** |
| None |
| **6. AGENDA ITEMS:** |
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| **6.1** Devils Gulch  |
| Consultation meetings have been held with attendance from five councillors on Thursday and three on Wednesday. Good presentations on the plans, and the cost was in excess of £3.5 million. The logistical nightmare is serving problems. Most people agreed with the proposed boardwalk diversion is around the Devils Gulch not around Pengarreg Reservoir |
| J. Stuart disappointed with the costings. Complete lack of interest and just stalling exercise from Welsh Water (Dwr Cymru). |
| A. Davies – questioned the five options set out for the reason not to do it rather than do it. Also felt it was a stalling exercise. |
| K. Curry - the points brought up from Cllrs, should go into a report and send to Welsh Water. Ramblers association members questioning the legality of the right of way through the Devils Gulch. Strongly worded letter to Welsh Water and PCC. |
| C. Evans – welcomed the chance to  |
| J. Stuart concern over the fact of any road closures and this should be included in the letter.  |
| R. Thomas - has asked for the financial information. |
| **Action** – A. Davies to send round her points to Cllrs who attended to add theirs, for a letter or a document on the points gathered from social media etc to PCC and Welsh Water and copied to our A.M and MP. Clerk to liaise with Cllrs. |

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| **6.2 Dolgerddon Hall Update** |
| Excellent press release front page. K. Curry has been in touch with CEO from PCC. Letter from CEO PCC has been received with no way forward. |
| D. Thomas has had dialogue with the journalist to pick this back up in a couple of weeks. |
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| **6.3 Asset Transfer Update** |
| D. Davies / C. Evans – Alana Clark in the process of creating a template letter. correspondence has been collated and once this has been  |
| App for monitoring payroll etc. D. Davies is having training. |
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| **6.4 Car Charging Points** |
| This is still being looked into. Social media to be used on what the needs are for charging points. |
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| **6.5 Town Improvement Grants** |
| A. Davies - Declared an interest.  |
| R. Thomas – RTC Grant to business received 12 applications and agreed to support £2305 and have a balance of £195. Indirect affect as businesses who haven’t applied are looking at refreshing their businesses. |
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| **6.5.a Banners and Totum**  |
| Technical drawings for the Totum Hafod hardware shall be doing the town branding. The town shall have a website and shall be owned by R2K. |
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| **6.6 Riverside Walk Update** |
| Been discussed in the actions |
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| **6.7 Cemetery Update** |
| Fence has been replaced and looks good. Gate is working and has been stained. |
| The gents toilet has been closed due to burst pipes. Ladies toilet is open for general use. |
| C. Walton confirmed that the toilet committee is to meet with Mike to go over the revised plan. |
| **Action** – letter of thanks to PCC, hopefully go ahead and look at the main gateway. |
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| **6.8 Broadband Update** |
| K. Curry – Nantmel and Rhayader - next stage for Rhayader let Rhys Simmons and Broadway Partners to look at the area, suggested to look at the whole boundary of Rhayader.  |
| Elan Valley village - contacted residents of the Llanwrthwl initiative will have them quicker than Rhayader. In the process of writing a letter to residents on what the initiative is about. |
| **Action –** Clerk to send a map of Rhayader and Cwmdauddwr with a line around it to Broadway Partnership and Rhys Simmons. |
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| **6.9 Dark Lane Public Toilet Grant Update** |
| Grant has been agreed £10,000. There has been a leak in the toilets which has been repaired. |
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| **6.10 NHS Social Care and Frontline Workers Days 05/07/2021** |
| No further information has been received. **Action –** clerk to forward the info onto Cllrs |
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| **6.11 Benches and Related Issues - Update** |
| V. Davies - Mike Heard to discuss the benches and the pound, the worse benches have been identified. Measurements etc have been forwarded on. £400 each bench, new benches cost £400-£700. Pound posts shall be replaced and the gate repaired.  |
| R. Thomas suggested look at different options e.g. plastic benches. |
| C. Evans confirmed that we agreed as a Council to refurbish two benches every year. Look at the costing of plastic slats instead of wood. Rolling stock of slats if using wood.  |
| **Action** – J. Stuart proposed that the pound work (posts & gate) in Cwmdauddwr be carried out and second by C. Walton - all in agreement. Cllr C. Walton and Cllr. D Davies, Proposed the six benches that are earmarked having powder coated and the iroko timber to replace the slats. all in favour. |
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| **6.12 Consultation on Members Code of Conduct** |
| C. Evans proposed that this item is an agenda item at the AGM, this was seconded by A. Davies – all in favour |
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| **7. CORRESPONDENCE:** |
| **7.1 Late Correspondence** |
| Letter has been received West Radnor Community Haven, this has been forwarded to Rhayader Community Support. |
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| **8. PLANNING** |
| **8.1** 1/0102/Res Land Adjacent to Tir Gaia, Rhayader – Reserve Matters for 9 dwellings in connection with approval of P/2017/1284 (3 of which are affordable dwellings)  |
| No objections  |
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| **8.2** 21/0177/FUL A.T. James, Sycamore Garage, East Street, Rhayader – Increase showroom display area.  |
| No objections and welcome this new showroom to the town.  |
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| **8.3** 20/1987/ADV Installation of digital interactive information board - Totem  |
| Unable to comment as this is an application from the town council and there could well be a conflict of interest. |
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| **9. FINANCE**  |
| 9.1 Benches and Gate Post at the Pound Cwmdauddwr – Quotes  |
| Quotes have been agreed. |
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| **10. URGENT BUSINESS** |
| Smithfield parking – J. Stuart – we write to both the Smithfield trust and Welshpool livestock sales asking, that in light of potential lockdown restrictions being lifted in coming weeks, to ask has any progress been made in looking for a solution to opening a part of the Smithfield for parking if only on limited days such as a Saturday and Sunday. Seconded by A. Davies. |
| **Action** – clerk to write |
| Cricket Field – C. Walton – message that the ownership has been reverted back to the school. |
| Under-fives shall have permanent use of the pavilion.  |
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| **11. PRESS RELEASE.** |
| Broadway Partners |
| Devils Gulch - Cllrs attended the consultation meetings |
| Charging points  |
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| **12. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING.** |
| Devils Gulch |
| Dolgerrddon |
| Five year plan |
| **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  |
| 23rd March 2021  |
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| **Meeting closed at : - 21:15**  |