

Minutes from General Meeting held on Wednesday 16th January at 7.30pm at the Wellingtonia Centre

Present

Cllr M Watson (Chair)

Cllr E Lewis

Cllr J Powell

Cllr R Powell

Cllr B Davies

Cllr A Watson

Cllr D Watson

County Cllr G Morgan

1) Apologies

None.

2) Declarations

None.

3) Approve minutes from meeting held 16th November 2022

All councillors approved the minutes as a correct record.

4) Matters Arising

n/a

5) Update from County Councillor Geoff Morgan

T4 bus service – students are now travelling on this service from Llandrindod Wells to Newtown for college, but are sometimes having to stand up due to being overcrowded. Cllr J Charlton wasn't aware but have now arranged a meeting within PCC and transport.

School Governor – Mr Hulin-Taylor is working from home now five days a week. There is a governors meeting tomorrow so Cllr G Morgan can update Council at the next meeting. Cllr A Watson proposed to send a letter the education minister, highlighting an LA Governor is on the governing body without having a position within the Local Authority. Clerk to write.

Teacher, Miss J Price, is contracted until May. Cllr J Powell advised that Llanbister could reach over the maximum capacity, they would then have to have 3 teachers.

Food bank in Llandrindod Wells - Cllr Morgan had been around it in the week and it is working really well. They have a washing machine, tumble dryer and shower there for residents in the town to use. Cllr A Watson advised that in Shrewsbury, all the supermarkets put their waste in a food bank and suggested this could be done in our local towns also.

Budget for PCC coming at the next meeting.

6) Standing Items

i) Finance – Bank balance as of 5th January 2022 was £9,834.35

(1) Set Precept

Cllrs all agreed to keep the precept as PCC advise.

ii) Roads

(1) Cllr G Morgan advised that they will be meeting with Penybont Road Maintenance Team every 6 months.

Cllr J Powell advised that the Llaithddu Road needs attention and Cllr A Watson said the road at Clover Ridge where the water flows over the road. Clerk to report both.

iii) Llanbadarn Shop – Cllr J Powell

The shop committee are still researching and comparing quotes for new fuel pumps, but have applied for grant money. They have spent £5000 installing a console which talks to the pumps and will eventually talk to the till so the two are linked. They would also like to have sensors in the fuel tanks to measure the fuel levels instead of manually checking. EDF are looking at putting in EV charging point at the shop. Cllr A Watson would like Cllr J Powell to take back to the committee that an air and water machine would be a good idea, as customers could be charged for those. The staff and the shop committee as a whole are working well.

iv) Community Benefit Fund – Cllr M Watson

Cllr M Watson updated council on the CBF. Application entries closed 21/12/22 and the list came out last Monday. They have a meeting 31/1/23 to decide who would like what and how they divide the money out. Llanbadarn Fynydd community applied for around £19,000.

Village Hall – revamp

Community Shop – Fuel pumps

7) Correspondence

a) Planning

Clerk advised that PCC are communicating with community councils; so if councillors would like any advice on anything, they can contact the Planning Dept.

8) Any Other Business

a) Cllr M Watson asking about the woodchip from the trees that the council are cutting back on the roadsides; whether it can't be used in a biomass burner. Cllr G Morgan will take it to Highways.

b) Cllr J Powell highlighted that Dan Davies paid for the Christmas Tree Lights in the village. Councillors agreed to pay him for the lights and ask if they would kindly store them each year.

Councillors would like to keep the flag pole possibly for the coronation. It was agreed to meet Saturday to take the Christmas Tree down.

- 9) Date of next meeting
Thursday 16th February 2023 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.10pm