**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th MARCH 2020 at KNUCKLAS COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

**These notes do not form part of the meeting but may be acted upon by the Members**.

No members of the public.

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Present:** Cllr G Evans (Chair), Cllr M Morgan, Cllr P Barrett, Cllr A Jones, Cllr B Thomas, Cllr E Harris and Cllr A Hoyle

**APOLOGIES**

 Cllr M Collins, Cllr C Thomas and County Councillor Rachel Powell

**Declarations of Interest.** Members were requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008.

*Personal*

 Cllr A Jones in relation to Knucklas Community Centre

  Cllr A Hoyle in relation to Knucklas Community Centre

**5943.   APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings on 10th February were approved without amendments.

**5944.** **MATTERS ARISING**

From the meeting of 10th February 2020 only matters which do not appear on the Agenda should be raised.

Cllr Barrett confirmed that the owners of the Radnorshire Arms are putting a private electric supply into the BT kiosk in Beguildy.

No response from Baptist union regarding Felindre cemetery

No response from Powys CC in relation to redacted items on the County Council portal.

Education in Powys CC will operate under transformation guidance in future

**BCC concerns re: Water Accumulation on B4355**

**Discussion centred around updates contained in the County Councillor’s Report**

1. **Carriageway damage and compacted verge outside the public house in Lloyney, adjacent to the red 40mph markings on the carriageway, believed to be exacerbated by the contractors for WPD**

A ‘soakaway’ was suggested as a solution following a site meeting attended by Phil Parry PCC Highways), Cllr. Gwyn Evans (BCC) and a representative of WPD.

The digging out of the gullies in January 2020 has improved the situation but at least one of the gullies is silted up.

**ACTION:** The issue remains outstanding at the time of this meeting.

Emptying the gullies of silt requires attention now and future monitoring.

Members also felt that **a**djusting the road levels to allow the remaining water accumulation to drain towards the gullies and/or digging a channel along the verge would alleviate the problem.

No improvement works not done, in fact worse as Shropshire County Council used this area whilst resurfacing close by.

1. **Blocked drain on the corner below Goytre Farm just beyond Lloyney**

(The concern is not the section where the outlet pipe was blocked by the fence post as this has been addressed).

The drain on the carriageway on the corner *on the Beguildy side of* the Goytre has not been taking excess water. The drain has been investigated using the gully emptier and possibly the jetter and this has improved matters.

             Gully approx. ¼ m further along (previously emptied) discharges water down the slope to accumulate on the bend. Also, water cascades from field on top side of the road to accumulate on the corner, extending the complete width of the road in very wet weather. The above drains have been uncovered and the situation has improved

**ACTION:** BCC suggests, however, that PCC needs to monitor the situation (with the possibility of investigating whether the free flow of water from the drain on the corner is impeded due to cable laying in the adjacent field).

In addition, at least one of the drain covers needs repair.

Work not done.

1. **Damage to culvert in the dip in the road past the turn for Wern-y guefron Farm.**

An e-mail from Phil Parry to County Cllr Rachel Powell, dated 10.2.2020, states that WPD have agreed to replace the whole length of the drain across the carriageway and are awaiting a start date from JSM.

**ACTION:** BCC would appreciate an update via Cllr Rachel Powell.

Work not done.

**4: Possible blockage of drains under carriageway by WPD contractors causing accumulated water on road in the following locations:**

1. past turn for Bryndraenog Farm;

**With reference to this location: Email received from Phil Parry via Cllr Heulwen Hulme:**

*‘We do not believe that these are highway drains therefore, the drains in question are private. As private apparatus, though in the highway, the responsibility for them is not**ours but the landowner. If the B4355 is flooding due to damage caused by WPD contractors, then I am willing to pursue WPD on the landowner’s behalf to get the matter resolved. Firstly, we would need concrete proof that these drains exist; I will contact Mr Thomas to see if he has proof’.*

Members felt that irrespective of ownership, if drains were blocked and causing water accumulation on the highway then it should be investigated and if found to have been caused by WPD contractors, it should be rectified at their expense. Any liaison between Mr Parry and Cllr Thomas is, therefore a welcome first step and BCC looks forward to an update on the outcome.

**ACTION:** PCC Officer P. Parry to liaise with Cllr Thomas and report back on outcome.

Not happened to date.

1. past Gwernerin (first farm on left after Beguildy); approx. 100 yards along at first bend, water accumulates [map refs: **317850280620** and **317825280640**]
2. approach to Felindre (refer to Radar survey map sheets: AO 17G203/001;AO 17G203/002; AO 17G203/003)

Water still accumulates in quantities greater than prior to the cable laying, especially between Gwernerin and Felindre. The radar survey maps also identified gullies and sumps which were silted up.

**ACTION:** PCC to investigate cause of significant water accumulation on corner past Gwernerin and whether identified gullies and sumps have been attended to on approach to Felindre.

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Members are concerned that a large area of flood water appeared for the first time between Monaughty Poeth turn and corner house.

**Possible meeting between PCC Highways and BCC**

Members agreed to await the responses to the above actions before arranging a meeting.

**Knucklas Playground Report**

Ann Jones report identified no real problems.

**Knucklas Bridge overhanging branches**

   Network Rail has agreed to remove the dead tree identified on the approach to the bridge and are awaiting confirmation from PCC of a traffic order being put in place for temporary road closure to allow the work to be carried out. Work was supposed to start on 10th March.

**ACTION:** The County Councillor to be asked to ensure liaison was ongoing with Damon Carberry of Network Rail.

**Planning redacted issue**

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the new portfolio member of Powys County Council on this issue and was awaiting a response. The Clerk also reported that several petitions from Town and Community Councils had been sent to the new member and hopefully the decision will be changed.

No update at February meeting.

**Knucklas Community Centre Management Agreement.**

The Chair confirmed that the councils legal officer recommended that the standard clause in the lease the Community Centre Trust can sell the property should be removed. Nick Venti from PAVO is checking whether this, after consulting with the Charity Commission, is possible.

This issue is still with the Charity Commission.

John Bowen has left the area and the Chair has written to him thanking him for his work at the Community Centre over the years.

Cllr A Hoyle is now responsible the archived material relating to the Community Centre.

Meeting arranged with Nick Venti on Monday 16th March at the Community Centre

**5945. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

**Beguildy Community Council County Councillors report: 10.3.2020**

**Coronavirus:**

As you will be more than aware from media coverage, the Corona Virus (Covid 19) is being carefully monitored via Public Health Wales who are linked within Powys Teaching Health Board. Senior officers within the Council are having regular briefings. The guidance and direction for the Council will be steered though Public Health Wales and this will invariably change as appropriate.

The effects however are low for the majority of the population and as with any virus, the medically unwell and elderly, remain the higher risk group.

For further information see the below link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

The main preventative form is basic hand washing:

(See attached documents that can be printed or sent to community groups).

**Powys Regional Partnership Board (RPB)**

Powys Regional Partnership Board (RPB) brings together representatives from the council, health board, third sector and other key people including citizens and carers, to **improve health and wellbeing in Powys**.

The partnership ensures that people, and ‘what matters’ to them, remain at the centre of health and care services in Powys.

Although the Regional Partnership Board sets the direction for joint work on health and care in Powys and takes the big decisions, it has subsidiary partnerships (Start Well, Live Well, Age Well) and cross-cutting projects to help deliver the Board’s priorities.

The RPB is responsible for allocating funds from Welsh Government and supports a wide range of health and care projects, such as Community Connectors, Befriending, among many others!

Here’s how you can learn more…

**Website**

A new bilingual website has recently been developed for the RPB. Here you can find out about the areas of work, membership, funding, and the impact it’s having - [www.powysrpb.org](http://www.powysrpb.org)

**Social media**

Follow the RPB on Twitter for health and care updates and good news stories - @PowysRPB **Questions?**

Want to know more about how the RPB works and what it’s doing in your area? Email us at [prpb@powys.gov.uk](mailto:prpb@powys.gov.uk) with any questions.

**AskSARA**

AskSARA Powys can be found at ([**https://asksara.dlf.org.uk/?auth=powys**](https://asksara.dlf.org.uk/?auth=powys)). It is an easy-to-use website to improve access to a range of self-care products and smart technology to help make daily activities easier. The AskSara Powys website asks a few simple questions of the user in an anonymous way and from the answers, can produce a personalised report with expert advice - written by occupational therapists - to help them with their needs. The site is aimed at older people, carers and people with disabilities as well as children.

AskSARA Powys is an easy-to-use website to improve access to a range of self-care products and smart technology to help make daily activities easier.  It's simple, just answer some simple multi-choice questions on the website and you'll find information about things like automatic pill dispensers, personal alarms and equipment to help make life easier.

The AskSara  covers such areas as:

-          Medication management;

-          Hearing and vision;

-          Memory and mood;

-          Mobility;

-          Adaptations within and outside the home;

-          Living arrangements;

-          Shopping;

-          Gardening, hobbies and leisure;

-          Bathing, toileting and personal care.

The site provides information on how problems in each of the above areas - and other areas - can be helped, sometimes through the use of equipment. The website launches as part of the council's commitment to help individuals stay well in their own home for longer, reduce reliance on friends, family and professional carers.

**Storm Dennis**

Following the aftermath of Storm Dennis, the Welsh Government are offering financial support to households that have been affected by the recent flooding. Customers can apply for emergency financial assistance via the **Discretionary Assistance Fund**. This is only available to residents and not landlords or properties that are a second home or holiday lets.

Powys County Council has a dedicated helpline where we can assist Powys customers to complete the online application form:

01597 826923

For more details please see the following link:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/8489/February-2020-Flooding>

*Please note that as the local member I have already guided and also forwarded information to those affected within the ward. I had previously requested that if as Community Councils you were aware of any properties that sustained damage to inform me. To date, I have not had any additional reporting.*

**Highways**

As previously discussed,.

If the Community Council would like a follow-up meeting I can arrange however, it will need to have a solution-focused approach and I would suggest it being arranged later on in the year. Due to flooding and on-going structural damage both in buildings and roadways, the highways department will be heavily resourced in this current issue. Therefore, I would ask Community Councils to be mindful of this in their requests.

As with all highways issues, the Public and Community Councils, including clerks can self-report into the system via the PCC Website and a reference number provided. If there is a concern that the issue is delayed or not being dealt with then, please email myself with the reference number and I will follow-up.

Knighton and District Community Centre

Louise Hardwick is the Volunteer Coordinator at Knighton and District Community Centre,

*‘helping local organisations recruit volunteers and placing individuals in suitable opportunities’.*

Louise was instrumental in the local flood crisis within Knighton town in view to coordinating, supporting local residents and ensuring that needs were met. As Beguildy ward boundary is directly to Knighton, then it seemed essential to ensure as a Community Council you were aware if, there was a need for future support for the community in the future.

[knightoncomm@gmail.com](mailto:knightoncomm@gmail.com)

[www.knightoncommunitycentre.com](http://www.knightoncommunitycentre.com)

Knighton and District Community Centre: 01547428088

Cllr Rachel Powell

Local Member Beguildy Ward

**5936. FINANCE**

1. Payments –

N King (March 2020 Salary)                   £319.32

HM Inspector of Taxes (£63.86)

(Income Tax deducted from Clerks Salary)

Net Pay £255.46

          Knucklas Community C                                                     £25.00

Moss donation £300.00

High ground Maintenance £304.73

Powys cc ROSPA £72.00

**Payments agreed by members.**

**5947. PLANNING**

**To consider the following application: -**

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Application Reference: 20/0248/REM Grid Reference: **E**:315655 **N**: 278535 Proposal: Section 73 application to remove condition 7 (agricultural tie) attached to planning approval R1117B Site Address: Trenewydd , Felindre, Knighton, LD7 1YR

Members recommended approval of this application.

**5948 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT**

            None.

**5949. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman read out letter from the owners of the Radnorshire Arms and from Mr Edwards at the Old tannery regarding the culvert in Beguildy and its recent blockage problems

Members noted but this issue has already been reported to Powys CC

**5950. HEYOPE RECREATION GROUND**

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate record of business for the recreation ground on the 10th February 2020

**5951. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

            None.

**5952. ANY URGENT BUSINESS/INFORMATION (at discretion of Chair)**

            Clerk to send Ann Edwards agenda/minutes.

VE day celebrations to be supported by a donation to be agreed at next meeting.

Clerk to check why Felindre is considered to be a rural settlement in the Powys CC Local Development Plan

**Meeting closed at 8:30 pm**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm on Tuesday 14th April at Felindre Village Hall.**