**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 810th 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.

**Risk assessment agreed and accepted**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Present:** Cllr G Evans (Chair), Cllr M Morgan, Cllr A Jones, , Cllr E Harris, Cllr A Hoyle and Cllr C Thomas.

**APOLOGIES**

 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

**5959.   APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings on 11th June and 7th July were approved without amendments.

**5960** **MATTERS ARISING**

From the meeting of 7th July 2020 only matters which do not appear on the Agenda should be raised.

**Roads update**

Update in relation to closure after storm damage to B4355.

* Road will re-open today, Thursday (3rd Sept) with 2-way lights at Vedw Llwyd, Pennant Pound and Gwern y Gaufron.
* The road will be closed on the 12 Sept (at Pennant Pound) until 12th Oct (with pedestrian access)
* The road will re-open 12th Oct to 19th Oct – hopefully open sooner but dependent on progress at Pennant Pound
* Will be fully closed in two week half term from 19th Oct to 2nd Nov to undertake work at Gwern Y Gaufron.

**Knucklas Playground Report**

Ann Jones to continue with monthly report. No identified problems at the present time.

**Knucklas Bridge overhanging branches**

   No further advance in getting the work done Clerk to write to both Open Reach and Stephen Lee Smith of Powys Highways to get the work done

**Knucklas Community Centre Management Agreement.**

The Chair confirmed a potted history of the asset transfer over the last 12 years and report that finally now at the stage of a lease between Beguildy CC and Knucklas Community Centre Trust for the centre and land. Members studied the draft lease which was unanimously agreed for approval. Members agreed that the Chair get the lease signed and finalised asap.

**5961. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Local member Report 8.9.2020

* Powys County Council remain in ‘Business Critical’ although phased approaches underway with caution within some services such as libraries, leisure centres, outdoor sports (all with regulations and specific Covid safety precautions).
* All school years returned this week, with arrangements specified from each school Head Teacher/Governing body in operation. Llanbister is deemed as ‘one bubble’ therefore, restrictions less invasive than those in larger schools. Parents have until the 14th of September to return children to school, whereby welfare officers will thereafter be in contact. There is clearly some anxiety by many, in view to shielding parents/grandparents and the consequences of this, if returning to school. Masks strongly recommended in secondary schools for transport and within the classroom, whereby the 2-metre rule cannot be actioned.
* Public health data – previously sent as an on-going update. 2 metre rules in view to social distancing continues, as well as, the need for ‘risk assessments’, if communities wish to meet within designated premises (as per previously sent email).
* Childrens Services – July and August ‘front door’ demand has increased by 20% in comparison to last year’s statistics. This was predicted consequence due to the timeframes of families being at home together. It is anticipated that with the commencement of schools this month that the demand in safeguarding will escalate due to children and young people returning to school and being able to ‘voice’ their situations. This has been a huge concern for authorities throughout Wales as well as, the Education Minister. Main themes are surrounding domestic abuse.
* Any safeguarding concerns raised by any member of the community/Community Council should be dealt with by contacting the ‘Front door’ 01597827666
* Adult Services – clearly the Coronavirus has had a significant impact on this area, especially on residential care. The authority is working closely with this sector to identify areas of opportunity to meet the needs of the future – even more so, with this current pandemic. Again, safeguarding concerns surrounding adults, due to the Covid 19 pandemic and restricting many elderlies is domestic abuse. Contact details to report or ask for advice regarding adult related concerns is through: ‘Assist’ contact number 03456027050
* Community volunteers/groups continue throughout Powys and have been particularly important during this crisis. Knighton Community Support have been particularly pro-active within the area and can be contacted on: 01547520653 if there is a need identified e.g. picking up of prescriptions. They are also very active on social media.

Main local issue: significant flooding due to Storm

Both the Chair and the Community council have had much correspondence in view to this area and therefore, please refer to this for discussion.

To add, the damage costs are calculated to being around £30k which has been brought out of the Capital budget (would have been previously allocated to another project but, clearly the damage on the B4355 would have taken priority).

Further offerings of support can be accessed to RABI (The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Fund) for the farming community, if they would like help or enquire for further support. Freephone helpline: 08082819490 or email [help@rabi.org.uk](mailto:help@rabi.org.uk)

I would like to personally thank, all neighbours, community guardians and support networks for helping one-another and indeed, the Council with the repercussions of this event. It has been a very difficult time for many, having to deal with flood damage through properties and farms/farm land. As always, rural communities are very humble in respect to such support networks and I commend all of those involved.

No new information to note at this stage.

With thanks, Cllr Rachel Powell.

**5962. FINANCE**

1. Payments –

N King (September 2020 Salary)                   £319.32

HM Inspector of Taxes (£63.86)

(Income Tax deducted from Clerks Salary)

Net Pay £255.46

Knucklas Community Centre                                                     £25.00

High ground Maintenance £131.88

**Payments agreed by members.**

**5963. PLANNING**

**To consider the following application: -**

* None.

**5964 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT**

            Clerk to check why grass verges in Lloyney were not cut in May and still not done.

B4355 will be closed at Felindre between 9:30 am to 3:30 pm on Monday 30th November for Open Reach to do a pole test

**5965. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**None.**

**5966. HEYOPE RECREATION GROUND**

No minutes

**5967. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

            None.

**5968. ANY URGENT BUSINESS/INFORMATION (at discretion of Chair)**

**Meeting closed at 8:30 pm**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Because of the B4355 road closure next meeting may be Tuesday November 10th 7:30 pm at Felindre Village Hall.**