**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th DECEMBER 2020 on GOOGLE MEET.**

**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 E Harris, and Cllr C Thomas. County Councillor Rachel Powell

 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr A Jones, Cllr P Barrett and Cllr M Collins

**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.

 *None*

**5979.   APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

 The Minutes of the meetings on 10th November were approved with 2 amendments.

**5980** **MATTERS ARISING**

 From the meeting of 10th November 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.**

**Gwern Y Gaufron** - completed last week following the completion of the fencing.

**Pennant Pound** - awaiting the fencer to return to site to complete his works (WC 07/12/20).

**Fedw Lwyd** - the road is currently closed (from Saturday 28th November).

A decision has been taken to replace the structure in its entirety following discoveries made in the initial excavations.

Works are progressing well:

**Friday 04th December**, the foundation slab was in place.

**Tuesday 08th December**, the first culvert delivery.

**Thursday 10th December**, second culvert delivery and upstream headwalls on.

**Wednesday 16th December**, Waterproofing, and backfilling will take place ready for the delivery of the downstream headwalls.

**Friday 18th December**, the resurfacing contractor on site.

**Saturday 19th December**, the road is planned to be open albeit under 2-way traffic lights. Jones Brothers are planning on working right up until Christmas Eve to get the stone cladding completed before they break up for Christmas.

 **WC 04/01/21**, Preparations for full reopening of the bridge – subject to weather etc having allowed the project to progress.

**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 Network Rail and Stephen Lee Smith of Powys Highways to get the work done. It was agreed that the Clerk draft a response to network rail with the head of highways Matt Perry supporting the need to do something urgently about the trees near Knucklas bridge.

**5981. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

In general terms schools in Powys will not be closing early for Christmas.

Roll out of vaccine for Covid 19 started with haste in Powys today

Highways are still experiencing problems with the floods in August still having an impact.

**5982. FINANCE**

1. Payments –

 N King (November 2020 Salary)                 £319.32

 HM Inspector of Taxes (£63.86)

 (Income Tax deducted from Clerks Salary)

 Net Pay £255.46

 British Legion £25.00

 High ground Maintenance £131.88

 Felindre Village Hall £25.00

                       **Payments agreed by members.**

**5983. PLANNING**

**To consider the following application: -**

 **Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Town and Country Planning**

 **(Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended) Consultation**

Application Reference: 20/1769/FUL Grid Reference: **E**:324007 **N**: 275378 Proposal: Conversion of a barn to a dwelling, installation of a septic tank, alterations to access, creation of a passing bay and associated works

Site Address: Beaumonts Barn , Bwlch-Y Plain, Knighton, Powys LD7 1RE

Beguildy Community Council had no objection to this application

 **Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Town and Country Planning**

**(Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended) Consultation**

Application Reference: 20/1804/FUL Grid Reference: **E**:321910 **N**: 277118 Proposal: Erection of an extension to

existing agricultural building to form an upgraded egg packing and storage area. Site Address: Free Range Egg Unit, The Pound Farm, Dutlas, Knighton Powys

 Beguildy Community Council had no objection to this application

**5984 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT**

            Clerk to report blocked drains on Knucklas bypass.

**5985. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Efforts continue to try and get decent broadband in the Teme valley.

 Chairs communication with BT regarding improved Broadband and the fact that currently it would cost £100k to bring a connection down the valley (and probably a further £100k to connect the valley). Also, that Cllr B Thomas had responded to the Powys Rural development Programme Officer to express an interest in a pilot scheme to bring improved Broadband to small rural communities. County Councillor R Powell also suggested inviting a County Councillor from an area where Broadband upgrading had been implemented successfully to address a future meeting.

**5986. HEYOPE RECREATION GROUND**

No minutes

**5987. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

None.

**5988. ANY URGENT BUSINESS/INFORMATION (at discretion of Chair)**

The Clerk confirmed that a voucher for £40 would be given as a gift to Avril Hoyle for services to Beguildy Community Council over many years as a Councillor.

 **Meeting closed at 8:50 pm**

 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Next meeting to be Tuesday 12th January 7:30 pm on Google Meet.**