**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th APRIL 2021 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 P Barrett, and Cllr B Thomas

County Councillor Rachel Powell,

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr A Jones, Cllr M Collins, Cllr E Harris ,Cllr C Thomas and Cllr M Morgan

**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*

**6019   APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings on 9th March were approved.

**6020** **MATTERS ARISING**

From the meeting of 9th March 2021 only matters which do not appear on the Agenda should be raised.

**Roads update**

The Chair was hopeful in future that Powys CC highways will inform local Town and Community councils if planned disruption is likely to take place on the roads network.

**Knucklas Playground Report**

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

**Rural Broadband**

Fay Jones MP forwarded a reply from Openreach in response to questions as to why costs of £100k were being quoted to some residents in the Teme Valley whereas others were being informed that installation of fibre broadband could be undertaken at zero cost once the £3,400.00 Government subsidy was considered. Openreach had also been asked about the cabling which appeared to be being installed between Beguildy and Felindre. Having outlined how much Openreach were spending on broadband rollout and how committed they were to connectivity, the response continued that any queries should be directed to BT and that the community should consider a Community Fibre Partnership project or a mobile solution using the Ofcom mobile coverage checker which indicated a contract with ‘Three’ to be the best option. It was also stated that any engineering works in the area ‘are not part of any Openreach commercial roll out in the area’.

The Chair confirmed that he had asked for a detailed breakdown of installation costs from BT and was quoted a figure of £99,676.80 after the deduction of the £3,400 per premises subsidy. Any community project would be dependent on qualifying households sharing that cost i.e. it remained prohibitively expensive.

Councillors indicated that EE provided the strongest signal in the Teme Valley

County Councillor Powell suggested inviting Powys CC **Community Broadband Officer** to attend a meeting to discuss possible ways forward.

**6021. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Cllr Powell reported that Powys infection rates of Covid cases have dropped considerably and the vaccination programme continues at pace with Powys CC staff supporting NHS staff.

**6022. FINANCE**

1. Payments –

N King (April 2021 Salary)             £319.32

HM Inspector of Taxes (£63.86)

(Income Tax deducted from Clerks Salary)

Net Pay £255.46

Felindre Village Hall £25.00

High ground Maintenance £131.88

**Payments agreed by members.**

  In addition payments on 31st March 2021

Donation to Felindre Village Hall £850.00

Donation to Knucklas Community Centre £850.00

**6023. PLANNING**

**Application Reference: 21/0567/LBC**

**Grid Reference: E:323801 N: 276005**

**Proposal: Erection of an extension and**

**internal alterations to dwelling**

**Site Address: Lower Goytre , Lloyney,**

**Knighton, Powys LD7 1UY**

**Application Reference: 21/0566/HH**

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**Beguildy CC had no objections to either of the 2 above applications.**

**Pre-planning application for a Proposed Radio Base station mast and cabinet on grass verge at entrance to Knucklas village on behalf of Telefonica UK**

Support was agreed in principle in that access to smart meters might allow consumers a wider range of tariffs and also there was the potential for improved mobile telephone reception. A suggestion was made that an alternative site nearer to the sewage treatment plant might be more aesthetically appropriate if technically possible.

**6024. HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Felled trees in Knucklas.**

Beguildy CC were very concerned as to what has happened and are awaiting the outcomes from both the Legal and planning departments of Powys County Council findings.

**Public consultation on Glastir Woodland**

Beguildy CC fully supported this venture.

**6025. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / ISSUES**

. None.

**6026. HEYOPE RECREATION GROUND**

None

**6027 FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

None.

**6028 ANY URGENT BUSINESS/INFORMATION (at discretion of Chair)**

None.

**Meeting closed at 8:35 pm**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Next meeting to be Tuesday 11th May 7:30 pm on Google Meet.**