

Cyngor Cymuned Abbeycwmhir Community Council

MINUTES

A meeting of Cyngor Cymuned Abbeycwmhir Community Council was held on Thursday 15th February 2024 at 8.00pm. The meeting was at the **Phillips Hall Abbeycwmhir** within Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time.

	The Community Council Meeting was opened at 8.00pm
0224/01	Present: John Jones, (Chairman), Diane Powell, David Jones, Brian Rees, Julie Evans, Gareth Rees. Apologies were received from County Cllr Claire Johnson-Wood.
0224/02	Declarations of Interest: D Powell in respect of Co-option to fill the vacant seat.
0224/03	Minutes of the Previous Meetings: the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 16 th November 2023 and Thursday 11th January 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record, ()
0224/04	Matters arising from the previous minutes: None, other than on the agenda
0224/05	Planning issues: There were no planning applications.
0224/06	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(i) To balance of income and expenditure was noted and approved (DP/JE) and the following invoices were approved. (JJ/DJ)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Balances: at 11/02/2024 Savings. £ 5,371.18 Current £ 3,905.18</p> <p>Clerk Q4 To be paid on or after 31/03/2024). £ 419.10 2023-24 Scribe Accounting 2024-25. £ 216.00 Wynet Internet Services – inv 36054 (website) £ 510.00 Audit Wales £200.00 Audit Wales £200.00</p> <p>It was noted that a payroll invoice for 2023-24 was expected from Andrew Jones Accounting was likely to be received at the year end and the next Scheduled meeting was in May. As this is an agreed contractual arrangement it was agreed to be paid (subject to email approval by the Chairman and another Member) if no other meeting had been called at which it could be discussed as a financial matter (JJ/GR). A VAT list had been prepared to submit using vat126 claim process. It was agreed to include the amounts of the above agreed invoices when paid and submit. (JE/DJ)</p> <p>(ii) Management accounts which included listings of income and expenditure by cost centre for each account for the full year to date were discussed and noted.</p> <p>(iii) To consider applications for funding no unplanned awards were made. The budget set aside for community/charitable support and earmarked for the air ambulance was discussed. Due to the potential loss of a Powys base for an Air Ambulance and the perceived impact this would have on local emergency provision it was decided that this year the award should not be made. It was agreed that the £200 set aside should be given instead to the Rhayader St John’s Ambulance (with a proviso that it be for use by that local branch) when re-established (GR/JE)</p> <p>(iv) A report outlining the current internal audit arrangements was discussed. Members agreed that the 2022-23 internal audit had been undertaken professionally and carefully and that as Mrs Price indicated a willingness to undertake the audit again this year she should be re-appointed.</p> <p>(v) Mrs T Price was appointed as internal auditor for 2023-24 accounts (BR/DJ)</p> <p>(vi) Governance: Co-option. (8.43 DP absented herself from this discussion due to a family</p>

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	<p>connection of the applicant with her husband). Since the second advertisement of a Vacancy for Co-option was advertised in November one Resident had indicated an interest in joining the Council. Mr E Powell had been invited to the meeting as an observer. He confirmed his interest and local connections to the community as described previously by email. He also confirmed his eligibility and completed and signed the required form, witnessed by the Clerk. As no advice had been received from PCC indicating there had been an approach by members of the community requesting an election Members approved the Co-option of Mr Powell (DJ/BR). It was noted to update PCC and ensure that the co-option was in order and it was agreed that until such time Mr Powell would not participate in Council business. (8.55 DP re-joined)</p>
0224/07	<p>Correspondence: Summaries of the following items circulated at the meeting were noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The future of Welshpool air ambulance base – final public engagement closes 29/02/2024 enquiries@llaiscymru.org , or contacting The Emergency Ambulance Services Committee via their website: https://easc.nhs.wales/engagement/sdp/ b) Posters/ were taken by Cllrs to display on the notice boards and information copies of the questionnaire for local discussion. It was agreed that the Clerk complete a questionnaire for the Council to reflect the concerns discussed. c) D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024, D-Day 80 website to find out more: www.d-day80beacons.co.uk d) Meeting for the Llandrindod, Rhayader, Builth and Llanwrtyd Network. Meeting will be held 21 February 2024 at the PAVO Offices e) Maethu ym Mhowys / Fostering in Powys Sarah Price. Recruitment Worker Fostering f) Powys Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) AMENDED HYPERLINK online via the Councils website: Have Your Say copies of the documents and forms to complete to submit comments are available at libraries. g) Consultation Reforming the producer responsibility system for waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) Consultation period: 28/12/23 - 07/03/24 h) Final Sustainable Farming Scheme consultation was published In December 2023. The consultation will close 7 March 2024. i) Older People’s Commission – Report Access denied’ which highlights older people’s experiences of digital exclusion and the impact this has on people’s lives j) Launch of the Buglife Cymru guidance to local authorities. download the new resources organised into folders: https://we.tl/t-F3M0URbuU k) Conference One Voice and Planning Aid Wales joint event in relation to the challenges faced communities and towns in addressing sustainability £50.00 Thursday 7 march 2024 from 10.00am until 2.00pm (remote) l) The Historic Environment and Climate Change Adaptation Activity Survey survey will close at 14:00 on 9 February 2024. m) OVW Meeting – Sustainable Cleaning 27/02/2024 1 am or 6 pm on line. n) Review of Polling Districts Powys County Council is beginning a review of its o) Polling districts and polling places, English: https://www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/shared_link/pcxsjn8d Welsh: https://www.dweudeichdweudpowys.cymru/shared_link/0-ngedsw Agreed this was important and should be an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting p) Free Portrait of His Majesty The King Government funded voluntary scheme throughout the United Kingdom to allow public authorities to apply for a free, framed portrait. Agreed to Apply for this.
0224/09	<p>Local Member Update: A short report from the local member was read aloud by the Clerk. Cllrs were pleased that there was progress to improve mobile signals in the area. The clerk advised that Cllr CJW had been updated with local concerns about the poor quality of repair work undertaken by PCC to deal with potholes and road damage which meant that many repairs had only temporary benefit and need to be addressed more than once. Cllr DJ confirmed that</p>

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	he would be pleased to meet Cllr CJW to explain on this on site.
0224/08	Community Matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windfarm – no liaison group meeting had been held.• Broken Direction Sign – GR advised that a directional road sign to Lydiartywaen/PantyDwr was lying at the roadside due to the post being rusted through. GR to photo for Clerk to report to PCC.• D-day Commemoration activities – the date was noted and members agreed to arrange a discussion to consider a community event with the Hall Committee Chairs as had taken place for Jubilee and Coronation events.
0224/09	Member Discussions and items not on the agenda including Confidential Items: None
0224/10	Date of Next Meeting: the next Ordinary Meeting will take place following the Annual Meeting in May 2024. Date of use of the Hall by Electoral Services to be confirmed and meeting date to be arranged accordingly.
	Meeting Closed 9.16 pm
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