



**Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall  
on Tuesday 27th November 2017 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Mrs Margaret Price (Chair), Mr George Moretta, Mr Alan James, Mr David Filsell, Mr David Williams, Mr David Mantle, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs and Mr Paul Lindoewood (arrived late)

**In attendance:** S.Dale (Clerk). PCSO Lee Garrett – Crickhowell Team.

The Chair welcomed the PCSO and thanked him for attending. He circulated a brief about the activities of the Crickhowell team in the month of November and another about a prevalent scam. The recent Speedwatch session was noted. PCSO Garrett was thanked for his contribution.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Gene Taylor
2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** None
3. **Signing of:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. Proposed by GM and seconded by DW. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
4. **Correspondence:**
  - a. Letter and financial report from the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity. *The reduction in rental income was noted, the document was put on circulation.*
  - b. Letter from County Councillor Fitzpatrick of Powys County Council giving notice that the grant for the toilets is to be withdrawn. *Clerk to write to the Welsh Government to complain that the precept will have to increase due to the upkeep of the public toilets – this is not an acceptable long term solution, Powys County Council should be paying for the upkeep.* SD  
*Circulation.*
  - c. Clerks and Councils Direct, November 2017. *Circulation.*
  - d. Schools consultation from Powys County Council, a survey of 12 questions, ends 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018. *Circulation.*
5. **Clerk's Report**

*The Clerk apologised for the poor quality of the printed material. Powys County Council have informed the Community Council that £450.61 will be taken from the December precept amount to pay for the uncontested election.*

*A declaration has been completed for the Pension's Regulator confirming that the Clerk does not want a pension.*

*A data protection officer will be needed when the new Data Protection legislation is enacted.*

*"Community Resilience for Practitioners" was published in October 2016. Now there is a request for involvement if the Community Council is interested.*



**6. Finance:**

- a. Statement of Accounts for October 2017. *Approved*
- b. Cheques approved for payment in October 2017
  - Cleaning the Car Park (up to September 18th) £37.50
  - Clerk's wages and Stationery Allowance £308.97
  - Cleaning the public conveniences £114.50
  - Cae Post £10.20
  - Welsh Audit Office £231.00
  - Burial Ground Trust £200.00
  - RBL Poppy Appeal £17.00
  - British Gas £64.30
- c. Cheques approved for payment in November 2017
  - Cleaning the Car Park (Nov and Dec) £75.00
  - Clerk's wages and Stationery Allowance(Nov & Dec) £617.94
  - Cleaning the public conveniences (Nov & Dec) £229.00
  - Photocopier support for the Primary School £150.00
  - MB Property Services – grass cutting £575.00

**7. Report from the County Councillor**

*None*

- 8. **Toilets. For discussion only.** *Savings in the way water is used in the public toilets seem to have had a positive impact on the water bill.*
- 9. **Adopted site agreement update. The update is due to a change in the agreement. Paragraph 5.1.b to be removed. To be discussed and action agreed.** *Clerk to write to Powys County Council to clarify what rights we have to amend the contract schedule. Can we place notices on the green waste bins asking people to chip or cut up their large branches before they go in the bin? Or will Powys County Council do this? A description of the site is missing from the schedule.*
- 10. **Insurance policy renewal to be discussed and action agreed. A comparison of the quotes to be provided by the Clerk.** *Zurich Municipal was selected.*
- 11. **The clerk suggest an earlier meeting date for the next meeting. It is due to be the 30th January, very close to the usual deadline for precept demands, can it instead be Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January? To be discussed and action agreed.** *Agreed.*
- 12. **It is time for the license for Persondy Field to be advertised.**
- 13. **Consultation on the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill, particularly the general principles of the Bill. Responses are required by the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017. Adjourned from October meeting.** *Clerk to write and ask for more accessible material for*



*Community Councils.*

- 14. There is very little planning recently, does the community council still feel the need for a separate planning meeting?**

*The Community Council would like to retain it's planning committee but agree to suspend meetings for the time being.*

- 15. The green waste bins are not being used properly, some users are forcing large shrubs into the bins instead of chipping them first. This uses up the space inside the bin, preventing other users from benefiting from the facility and makes the bin difficult to empty. To be discussed and action agreed. Clerk to write to Powys County Council to object to the disposal of large whole branches in the green waste bins and to ask for signs to that effect to be place on the bins.**

- 16. Reports from other meetings attended. School Governors meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> November, the school is well and busy in the run up to Christmas. There are carol services on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 6pm.**

- 17. Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors.**

*Persondy Field*

- 18. Date of next meeting: 25th January 2018.**

**Finance Committee 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Precept Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**

**Signed by the Chair**

**Dated**