MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING 8th JUNE 2023 – HELD AT LLANBADARN FAWR & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE at 7.00pm.

0323/01	Present: M Phillips Phil Knill, , Jenifer Le Mesurier (James Griffiths.		
0323/01	Apologies, Martin Lawrence		
	In attendance: Cllr G Morgan		
0323/02	Declarations of Interest:		
	Cllr Morgan – item 7 – interest because member of the Powys County Council Planning Committee.		
0323/03	The minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Meetings held on 11 th May 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record. (PK/JLM).		
0323/04	Matters arising: from minutes of the previous meeting.		
	The notice board had been repaired – thanks were given for the help of a local resident and details this with Clip BY.		
	 undertake this with Cllr PK. PCSO had been contacted to confirm a date to attend a future meeting and had indicated an 		
	interest in taking part in a community information event.		
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	There was a short discussion about the lack of safe footpath access between Greenfield Lane and the station and also towards Penybont. This was part of a popular local walking route Output Description:		
	used by residents. Cllr GM agreed to raise this with highway officers.		
0323/06	Finance:		
0020,00	a) A bank reconciliation showed the following balances in hand which were noted and, with		
	bank statements, agreed (PK/JLM):		
	Current Account £ 10,769.70		
	Savings Account £ 13,144.32		
	Invoices for payment to approve:		
	Mrs T A Price 2023 internal Audit Fee £ 82.50 (ib)		
	Clerk Q1 2023 Salary incl HMRC payment (to pay on or after 30/06/23) £ 648.96 (ib)		
	A Jones Accounting Q1 payroll process (to be paid on receipt as contracted) £ 30.00 set aside		
	Cllr PK presented an invoice from Caerfagu Products for materials used to repair the Notice Board and Shelter – this was also agreed for payment by internet banking £ 96.90 (ib)		
	The clerk reminded members that the Council insurance was due for renewal on 8 th August and that the anticipated premium with BHIB would be within the £400.00 precept budget set aside. Members agreed that the Clerk pay the premium (with 20% discretion if exceeding the budget) on receipt of invoice in order to ensure that cover was maintained.		
	Payments were approved (JG/PK)		
	 b) To receive the 2022-23 Internal Auditor report: the Internal Audit had been completed – the Internal Auditors Report was discussed and the notes and recommendations accepted to be addressed as required (PK/JG) c) Approve and sign the 2023 Annual Return: The Audit Return financial report figures were explained, and the Governance Statement was discussed, completed and then signed. (JLM/JG) 		
0323/07	Planning Applications: Planning Application 23/0756/FUL Crossgates Service Station. LD1 6RE. Demolition of existing retail unit, cafe and fuel sales forecourt and construction of replacement		

7.43 pm Cllr GM left the meeting The application was discussed and the following points were noted. The retail unit is deemed to be the 'village shop' for residents in the Village of Crossgates and nearby many of whom walk to the existing premises. The plans do not encourage pedestrian access and appear to promote access via the proposed car park across the drive through service road and through the cafe The present front of premises short term 'pop in for the paper or a pint of milk parking' is lost from the proposed plans again reducing the community shopping hub currently offered. The drive through design for take away food intrinsically encourages 'drive away' rather than park on site to consume' Members considered potential impact on nearby roadside laybys being used to 'park and eat' and raised particular concerns about litter. It was proposed that the provision, siting and responsibility for emptying litter bins be an issue discussed in depth with the developers. The closeness of a drive through cafe to a school might also be an issue that should be discussed with care. It was noted that the launderette facility would be retained and this was supported as an important community resource - again access was of some concern both for pedestrians or for those parked and needing to cross the drive through route. Members requested that the date for the closure of comments for the application be extended in order that the plans be more widely discussed and comment upon by local residents . 7.57pm Cllr GM was invited to return to the meeting **Correspondence:** A summary document was circulated and the noted: 0323/08 a) National Association of Local Councils - Published 2023 The Good Councillors Guide to b) Attending PCC Council Meetings - Meetings at County Hall, Llandrindod Wells, are attended by some councillors in person and by others over Zoom, can be viewed via the council's website. c) Submit a Question to Powys County Council (Council Meeting 20/07 2023) - People who live, work or study in Powys are being invited to submit a question to the next full meeting of the county council (see also 0323/09) d) PCC – Powys roads winter service review - purpose of this report is to ensure PCC have winter service routes created using an open, consistent and fair approach that will provide an equitable service for the whole county Planning Aid Wales - Wednesday 12th July 2023 10am to 1pm online conference f) 0323/09 **Local Member Update:** GM advised that PCC full Council invited 4 public questions to be addressed by the Council at the next meeting – these would be accepted on a first come first served basis with potential unansered questions being carried forward to the next PCC meeting. Members asked Cllr GM if there had been any progress in an increase of PCC employees returning to work at Council premises. He advised that there appeared to be few officers working regularly in County Hall. Members asked that he note that residents found it difficult and time consuming to contact the Local Authority with general enquiries and/or complaints. Members acknowledged that although it was useful to use email not everyone had access to this. It was also noted that Community Councillors and members of the public had limited time during the working day to make contact with Powys Officers as they were themselves working. 0323/10 Member discussions and items on the Agenda to be raised at the next meeting: None

Exclusion of public and press due to the confidential nature of the following business items: None

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0323/12	The July Ordinary Meeting was agreed as provisional (7 th July) and only to be held if a meeting with the PCSO could be scheduled. Planning and/or urgent business meetings to be called as required. Meeting to be held at Crossgates Community Centre (subject to Covid-19 regulations at the time of the meeting).	
	Meeting Closed 8.22 pm	
SIGNED		DATE