**Cyngor Cymuned Dwyriw Community Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Dwyriw Community Council held on**

**Thursday 19 January 2017 in Cwm Llanllugan Community Centre at 7.30pm**

**Present:** CllrsOwen (Chair),Davies, Hawtin, Hill, Heward, Benbow and the Clerk Sarah Yeomans

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Jones and County Cllr Shearer

**2. Declarations of Interest**

 None

**3. Minutes of November’s Meeting**

The minutes of November’s meeting were taken as read and accepted as a true

 record. Proposed Cllr Hawtin and seconded Cllr Davies.

**4.** **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None

**5.** **Planning**

 **P/2010/0890** **Windfarm development comprising 19 wind turbines** at Esgair Cwmowen– additional information

There was a lot of information available on the Powys Council website for this

Planning application and Councillors agreed to ask a representative from the developer to come to a Council meeting to discuss the details with them.

**6. Finance**

a) **Account balances** – the current account contains £2676.33 and the deposit

 account contains £2518.52. The Clerk gave an update of the current budget

 situation and the following invoices were approved for payment:

 i) Gareth Andrew – Grass cutting for 2016 - £650 **100420**

ii) Llanfair Town Council – crossing patrol for two years 2015/16 & 2016/17 - £200 **100421**

 iii) Adfa Village Hall – Hire fees 2016 £25 – **100422**

 iv) Adfa Village Hall – Annual Grant 2016/17 - £450 **100423**

 v) Cwm Llanllugan Centre – Hire fees 2016 -£15 **100424**

 vi) Cwm Llanllugan Centre – Annual Grant 2016/17 - £450 **100425**

 vii) St Mary’s Church – Hire fees 2016 - £16 **100426**

 viii) Wales Audit Office – Audit 2016 - £163.50 **100427**

 b) **Village Hall Grants -** A letter had been received from Powys County

Council explaining that there would no longer be any grants given to the community halls. Following discussion it was resolved that the grants for

Cwm Llanllugan Centre and Adfa Village Hall would remain the same at £450 each for the coming year. For any additional funding they could apply to the Community Trust Fund.

c) **Precept Request** - The Clerk had prepared a budget for the 2017/18 year

 and this was circulated to those present. Following discussion the

Councillors agreed to request **£4200** for the coming year. This should still leave enough for a contested election in May 2017 if that occurred. The concurrent functions grants received annually from Powys towards the play area and cemetery upkeep had now ceased.

d) **Fidelity Guarantee –** the council considered that the £150,000 fidelity cover was adequate.

e) **Section 137 Expenditure** – the limit for 2017-18 has been set nationally at

£7.57 per elector

**7. Highways and Byways**

 It was noted that the road surface along the C2013 Beudyhir stretch was still in a bad condition with part of it prone to flooding during wet conditions.

**8. Adfa Play Area**

Nothing to report

**9.** **Llanllugan Burial Ground**

 There had only been one tender for grass cutting at the burial ground for

 the coming two years at £650 per year. The Council accepted this tender and

 the person would be informed.

**10. Community Broadband issues**

A discussion was held about the ongoing issues of community broadband provision. The current situation is that ITS, the current supplier of wireless broadband to many members of the community, is proposing to upgrade the current system and speed. They will invest in the project themselves, encourage applications for Welsh Government grants and have been successful in securing potential support from the wind farm trust fund. They require a minimum of 88 households to sign up before going ahead. There is also the prospect of BT Fibre being put in place in Adfa and Cefn Coch. The timescale for this is uncertain but it has been suggested that this might become available during the first half of 2017. When it does arrive it will not be available for the outlying properties, only for those closest to the BT cabinet. The Clerk was asked to write to BT to see if they could confirm a timescale for installation.

The Council agreed to monitor the situation for the next few months.

**11. Correspondence**

a) **OVW -** Montgomeryshire area committee meeting**,** 24th January in Abermule

b) Applications for funding deferred to the AGM:

 Tenovus

 Macmillan Cancer Support

c) Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Services review

d) Boundary commission Powys review – meeting 8 March 2017 in Welshpool

e) Clerks and Councils Direct

**12. Welcome Letters**

 None

**13. Items to be reported or included on the next agenda**

 None

**14. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 23 February 2017** Adfa Village Hall at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm