**MINUTES OF THE BRECON AND RADNOR ONE VOICE WALES AREA COMMITTEE MEETING INCLUDING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD VIA REMOTE VIDEO ON MONDAY 27th JUNE 2022**

Mike Lewis the Community Broadband Officer from Powys County Council was unable to attend the meeting and will be invited to a future meeting to make a presentation.

Chair: Clive Easton (CE) Llanwrthwl

**Present**

Jenny Morgan Clyro

Peter Games Crickhowell

James Prothero Hay on Wye

Debbie Landymore Hay on Wye

Aaron Mills St Harmon

Josephine Rumsey (Clerk) Talgarth

Ellen Walsh Moorman Talybont on Usk

Geraint James Talybont on Usk

Paul Evans ??

John Morris Vale of Grwyne

Hugh Pattrick Ystradfellte

Sue Dale (Clerk) Llangynidr CC & Llanfrynach CC

Alun Harries (AH), Mid Wales Development Officer, One Voice Wales.

**Apologies:**

Alan Austin Llanwrthwl

Sian Meredudd Llandrindod Wells

Mark Hammond Builth Wells

Alan Pryce Erwood

Phil Lewis Talgarth

**MINUTES – ANNUAL MEETING**

1. Welcome from the Chair

CE welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that the preference for meetings should be face to face meetings. AGM rules stated that nomination papers for Chair/Vice Chair should, in future, be circulated in advance and the resultant nominee list plus statements sent to OVW no later than 1 week before the AGM. HP said that at the last NEC it was decided that there would be consultation with each Area Committee in respect of their preference as to the mode of meeting. There were several members present who said they had not received any papers for the meeting. AH requested that all members email their contact details to him ASAP so that the list of members may be updated. **ACTION: All Members.**

1. Apologies

As listed above.

1. Declarations of interest

None declared.

1. Election of Chairman

Clive Easton was unanimously re-elected as chair.

1. Election of Vice Chairman

Debbie Landymore was unanimously elected as vice-chair.

6. Election of representatives on other bodies

1. The National Executive Committee (NEC) of One Voice Wales: Hugh Pattrick and Peter Games
2. Powys Teaching Health Board Stakeholder Group: Peter Games – no contact since last year. **ACTION: PG to send contact details to AH**
3. Powys Public Services Board: Hugh Pattrick

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

1. Apologies

As listed above.

1. Declarations of interest

None declared.

1. To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2022 (attached)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

CE said that all councils should now be conducting multi-location meetings. Most of the councils present had broadband that was working at the venue of their council meetings. He mentioned Mike Lewis [Mlewis@Powys.gov.uk](mailto:Mlewis@Powys.gov.uk) as an excellent contact and CE invited members to contact him directly for further information about the equipment required. Louise Nicholson at PCC was the contact for further information about a grant that is available from PCC for multi-location meeting equipment and the closing date has been extended recently. JM said that it was important to have a good quality microphone to ensure that councillors and members of the public could hear what people were saying during the meetings.

Item 16 – Llanbedr CC are keen to maintain affordable housing in the area and this would also contribute towards community spirit. AH LDP review?

DL – said they had the LDP through about two weeks ago from the consultants. 90% of the information was incorrect. (e.g. no police station, number of businesses, restaurants, etc).

AH and CE mentioned the importance of developing close working links with PCC in specific business areas, particularly in areas such as planning. Moves are underway to have a first exploratorial meeting between B&R OVW and the CEO/Council Leader of PCC. Please see minutes below.

1. Matters arising from the above minutes (not otherwise on the agenda)
   1. Closure of Llanfihangel Rhydeithion School:

No further feedback received from members. HP said that the judicial review applied for was decided today and decided in favour of PCC’s actions. The new leader of PCC has suggested there may be a change of approach regarding this matter. JM said this was also affecting other schools in the area. CE asked if there was merit in someone from One Voice Wales sitting on one of the ‘action’ groups.

**ACTION: Retain on the agenda.**

* 1. Visit to the Clyro Passif Housing development:

CE is going to circulate a report to members about the recent visit by a small group of members when he has received photographs from the site developer. CE wished to compliment PCC for instigating this initiative – 2/3 bedroom flats/ accommodation with ground and air source heat pumps to provide energy. Heat/ ventilation recovery systems are being evaluated as part of the project. JP said that it had been a very interesting visit and the PCC officer was very helpful with his honest appraisal about the scheme. He said that the equipment was very expensive and a cost evaluation would be part of the project.

1. News and reports of good practice from Councils

CE said this had been covered earlier when discussing multi-location meetings. CE summarised the recent discussions with PCC Planning Dept.

A meeting will be arranged between the chair and the new Leader of PCC James Gibson Watt and the chief executive – to agree terms of reference and promote closer working between this Area Committee and PCC.

1. Developing links with Powys CC in specific business areas:
   1. Highways Matters

Debbie Lowden & Ellen Walsh Moorman nominated.

* 1. Planning Matters

Nobody nominated. JM suggested that the National Park should also be consulted about this – see c. below.

* 1. Environmental Matters

Sian Meredudd from Llandrindod Wells TC had volunteered at the last meeting;

Ellen Walsh Moorman volunteered to be a member on behalf of the group.

DL said that the National Parks AGM takes place next week on 1st July. Invitations will have been sent to all town and community councils in Powys.

The CEO of the NPA has accepted an invitation to attend the next meeting of this group.

1. Reports from bodies on which the Area Committee is represented:
   1. The National Executive Committee (NEC) of One Voice Wales: Hugh Pattrick and Peter Games

* 1. Powys Teaching Health Board Stakeholder Group: Peter Games

No communications received from this organisation.

* 1. Powys Public Services Board: Hugh Pattrick

HP provided an overview of the role of the PSB in Powys. It consists of various local public sector organisations such as the unitary authority, PAVO, Dyfed Powys Police and adopt a co-ordinated approach where relevant to the delivery of local public services; the PSB is responsible for the local well-being strategy. HP said that the new leader of PCC is a supporter of town and community councils and could be someone to work closely with.

1. One Voice Wales Update
   1. National Executive Council

PG said that the communications and commerce meeting took place before the NEC and doesn’t work very well. It was suggested the 2 areas are separated and the NEC will look at this.

HP said there were only 19 people at the recent online meeting of the NEC. 90% of T&CC’s in Wales are now members of 1VW (653 members).

The 1VW website needs to be updated but Welsh Government has removed its financial support for the two posts.

Training is very busy with training in the code of conduct, etc in high demand.

Relationships are very good between 1VW & Welsh Government at this time.

The minutes of the NEC meeting will be circulated soon.

* 1. Larger Councils Committee

No updates.

* 1. Community CPR and Defibrillator Manager – Mr Phil Hill

AH referred to this new role and said that Phil would be invited to attend a future meeting of this group.

* 1. Wales Nature Week 2-8 July 2022

For the information of members.

1. One Voice Wales Training Programme

AH reminded members about the training programme; details are sent every month to the clerks. AH also said that the below documents had recently been circulated to all councils by One Voice Wales:

* The Good Councillor Guide
* Statutory Guidance – Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021
* The Finance and Governance Toolkit for Town & Community Councils.

AH provided a summary of the toolkit and what the requirements were. DL said they had discussed the toolkit at Hay on Wye TC last week and are preparing a plan to roll it out locally.

1. Correspondence
   1. Age Friendly Communities in Partnership Webinar 29-06-22 <https://tocyn.cymru/en/event/f363af58-a8db-4791-b510-162cb05845fb>
   2. The Cyber Resilience Centre (CRC) for Wales <https://www.wcrcentre.co.uk/>
   3. Hwb Natur - Pethau Bychain - Nature Hub [rcarter@onevoicewales.wales](mailto:rcarter@onevoicewales.wales)
2. Date of next meeting

7.00pm Thursday 6th October at ~~Howey Village Hall~~ The Strand, Builth Wells.