

**Forден with Leighton and Trelystan Community Council**  
*Cyngor Cymuned Ffordun gyda Thre'r-Llai a Threlystan*

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**Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>ND</sup> July 2015**  
**At Forден Community Centre**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr L Corfield	(Chair)	Cllr W Jones	(WJ)
Cllr D T Jones	(DTJ)	Cllr R Dawe	(RD)
Cllr D Clare	(DC)	Cllr N Edwards	(NE)
Cllr D Jones	(DJ)	Ms H Stanier	(Clerk)
Cllr C Alexander	(CA)		

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr M Williams

**GUESTS:** Mr Mike Evans and Mr Edward Davies

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 21 May 2015, as circulated, were agreed as a true record and were signed by Cllr L Corfield (Chair).

Proposed by Cllr D Jones and seconded by Cllr C Alexander – all agreed.

**FORDEN UTD FOOTBALL CLUB – Football Pitch Drainage**

Representatives of the club attended the meeting to discuss the drainage problem on the Football Pitch. Due to the main pipe being blocked, they had already arranged for Metro Rod to come and inspect. A Camera was used to inspect the drain parallel to the touch line and they have established that the drain had collapsed. The biggest expense for the work will be the costs incurred by Metro Rod, work already carried out, the cost being £350 plus VAT. Their proposal now is for Ben Roberts to come with a digger, they will get volunteers to do the shovel work but will need to buy stone, all these costs they feel should be relatively cheap. They do need to ascertain if other pipes are blocked during the process.

Councillors agreed that the club could go ahead with the work but to keep Councillors informed regarding the other drains and any more expenditure. Councillors agreed to pay Metro Rod.

Proposed by Cllr D Clare and seconded by Cllr D Jones – all agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**From AGM**

1. Public Right of Way adjacent to Oak Cottage, Forден. Mrs Sheila Bright had previously reported that this needed clearing; this is still in an overgrown state.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to contact Calum Carr, Rights of Way Officer to inform him of the problem.

2. Cllr D T Jones has agreed to act as Vice Chairman, proposed at the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 AGM meeting by Cllr D Jones and seconded by Cllr L Corfield (in D T Jones' absence)

**From Monthly Meeting**

1. Web Site – Clerk confirmed that she had not had time to spend on this.

**Action:** Clerk to update web site.

2. Risk Assessments Sports Fields and Playgrounds – Electric circuitry – Mr Stafford has not completed the work.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Mr Stafford again and if she has any problems to speak to DJ who will pursue the situation.

3. Bus Shelter – LC confirmed the cost is £3600; this is to transport the new Bus Shelter, take down the old one and erect the new. DTJ has been to photograph the new Bus Shelter and has confirmed that it needs work. A Question was raised about the land around the Bus Shelter if more space needed when the new Shelter is being erected.

**Action:** LC to establish who owns the land involved.

4. Play areas – Re Forden playground

- a) Safety surface needs cleaning – Work to be carried out W/E 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The Caretaker had queried with the Clerk as regards payment for the Pressure Washer, the Clerk had confirmed that he could pay up front and he would be refunded, or, if the final cost was known then a cheque could be raised. LC confirmed in the meeting that she would go to Phil's Tool Hire with the cheque if needed.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to contact the Caretaker to make sure he is ok with regards the payment and also to confirm that he is to ring MW before work is carried out.

- b) Springers – The Clerk confirmed that GL Jones had been in touch regarding the old Springer; they have confirmed that it is not feasible to repair it and install it back on site. The quote to replace it is £1,567.55 (VAT Incl). Councillors have agreed to delay a decision on purchase and to inspect the area for safety.

5. Playground Inspection Reports – Heritage Green – DTJ confirmed inspection taken place and only problem is regards split timber.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to establish what the procedure is for the Inspection reports.

6. Dogs on sports field – DTJ has brought to the meeting the 2 new signs that had been purchased to show that that “No Dogs are Allowed”. DTJ handed the receipts to the Clerk.

**ACTION:** DTJ to put the signs up on the Sports Field and Play Area. The Clerk to ensure DTJ refunded for the cost of the signage.

7. Road speed, Leighton – CA just waiting for the speed monitoring strips in relation to the speeding in the 30mph area near the church, she will chase this up.

**This matter is now closed.**

8. PCC proposals for Community Delivery (Clustering) – Councillors agreed to join the cluster group with Montgomery. **This matter is now closed.**

9. Leighton Bank – LC has already raised the issues of drains and potholes with the Highways Department. **This matter is now closed.**

10. War Memorial – Additional names. LC has looked on the internet for cost of Plaque and confirmed that it should cost less than £100 (Inscription included). LC showed Councillors the planned wording for the Plaque and they confirmed that the wording was fine. A decision was made by Councillors to compare the price of new plaque to engraving straight on to the memorial.

**Action:** LC to check with M E & A Hughes for estimate on price to engrave straight on to the memorial and also the price for a Plaque with inscription so a comparison can be made.

11. Grove Lane. LC has now raised this as an issue with the Highways Department. **This matter is now closed.**
12. Councillor vacancy – Councillors co-opted Cllr Richard Dawe at the last Community Council meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015). **This matter is now closed.**
13. Forden Utd Football Club – Sports Field improvements – **This matter is now closed,**
14. Clerk resignation – Filing Cabinet to be transferred to the Clerk’s home. **This matter is now closed.**
15. Coat of Arms – A decision has been made that DJ and LC will attend the open public meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> July at the Church in Forden; the Chair of Montgomery Society will explain all details. Questions will be raised and clarification sought.
- Action:** DJ and LC will report back to the Community Council in regards the outcome.
16. Risk Assessments – Just the Cricket Pitch to be inspected.
- Action:** Councillors to inspect the Cricket Pitch.
17. Leighton Farm Visit – Letter has been sent to Mr Potter and Mr Futter. **This matter is now closed.**
18. Pot holes by Gaer – LC has reported these at the meeting with the Highways Department. **This matter is now closed.**
19. Death of Local Baby. Clerk confirmed all details to Funeral Director regarding funding. **This matter is now closed.**
20. Football Pitch being used by people not aware of fees. Clerk completed poster and passed to NE confirming full information regarding Football Pitch usage. **This matter is now closed.**
21. Air Show Road Closure. Clerk contacted Welshpool Town Clerk and confirmed road not within our catchment area. **This matter is now closed.**
22. Powys Local Development Plan Consultation. Clerk ensured all information was put on Notice Boards and passed on to NE for the Newsletter. **This matter is now closed.**
23. Letter received from Ombudsman regarding revised Guidance on the Code of Conduct. Clerk downloaded copy and kept on file. **This matter is now closed.**
24. Hedge at Castle Court, Leighton. LC to enquire as to who is responsible in dealing with the high hedge which is obscuring residents view upon exit from Castle Court.
- ACTION:** LC to action as above.
25. Tirddu. The Clerk to see arrange time to spend with DC to look over what needs to be done as this job has now been passed to the Clerk.
- ACTION:** The Clerk to arrange time to spend with DC.

## PLANNING

Application Ref. P/2015/0409. Grid Ref. 324060.05/302413.97 for Householder. Demolition of existing garage and erection of extension to the dwelling at 11 Heritage Green Forden Welshpool Powys. - Supported.

Application Ref. P/2015/0452. Grid Ref 328137.46/304355.8 for Householder. Erection of a two storey extension to dwelling at View Farm Marton Welshpool Powys s -Supported.

Application Ref. P/2015/0607. Grid Ref. 323195.19/303035.32 for Section 73 application Removal of condition 2 of planning permission M2006 0864 relating to floor area restriction at the Oaks Forden Welshpool Powys - Supported.

Application Ref. P/2015/0564. Grid Ref. 323442.06/300545.22 for Application for a Lawful Development Certificate (existing) for the conversion of an outbuilding to an annex to serve the existing dwelling at Cwm Farm Forden Welshpool - Supported.

Application Ref. VAR/2015/0020. Grid Ref 324067.05/302415.75 for VAR. Modification of section 106 paragraph 1a of application M/1999/0337 at 15 Heritage Green Forden Welshpool Powys – Supported.

Application Ref. P/2015/0501. Grid Ref. 323119.38/303124.8 for Householder. Erection of a single storey extension at Edderton Lodge Forden Welshpool Powys - Supported.

#### Planning permissions has been granted for the following applications:-

Full: Erection of two detached dwelling houses together with the formation of vehicular access and installation of a sewage treatment plant Land and barn at Church Farm Forden Welshpool.

VAR: Removal of conditions 6, 7 & 8 of permission P/2012/139 relating to the requirement for the Code for Sustainable Homes Former St. Johns Brigade Hall Forden Welshpool.

#### FINANCE

1. Payment of the following bills was proposed: -

Payee	Details	Power to Pay	Chq No.	£
Mr N Lloyd	Wages	s.164, s.44, ss 9&11	774	£130.10
M Hewitt	Salary (£328.27, Expenses=£6.36)		775	£334.63
H Stanier	Salary (£328.27, Expenses=£21.38)		776	£349.65
HMRC	Income Tax		777	£248.40
Powys County Council	Business Rates	s.164, s.44, ss 9&11	ddr	£135.00
Forden Recreation Assoc	Room hire March and May 2015	LGA1972 S.12	778	£20.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,217.78</b>

Proposed by Cllr C Alexander and seconded by Cllr D Jones – all agreed.

2. Bank Mandate – Clerk confirmed now completed and returned. **This matter is now closed.**

3. QuickBooks – Clerk confirmed still waiting to download new software.

**Action:** Clerk and MH to download software, MH to pay and Community Council to refund.

4. Annual Premium with Zurich Insurance – Councillors had previously confirmed that there are no changes to the policy. **This matter is now closed.**

5. Audit – The Clerk in conjunction with the outgoing Clerk has completed all work in connection with the audit and the accounts have been submitted to the External Auditor. **This matter is now closed.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Idea put forward for Skate Board Park. Letter received from local boy aged 12 putting forward an idea for a Skate Board Park.  
  
**ACTION:** The Clerk to send a letter back thanking Dan Stones for his excellent idea but due to the current economic climate, the Community Council would not be able to consider the idea at present.
2. Consultation on the provision of public transport. Clerk confirmed information received from Powys County Council regarding the Consultation and pointed out the link available so councillors can take part in the consultation process.
3. Update on developments within waste and recycling in Powys. Update received on percentage achieved in recycling and percentage target for 2015/16.
4. Invitation received to attend a Presentation by Planning Policy & Development Management Services on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2015.
5. Letter handed to the Clerk from NE to thank the Community Council for receipt of £900 towards the upkeep of Forden Community Centre, this being sent from the Forden Recreation Assoc.
6. Changes to the operation at Newtown and Welshpool household waste recycling centres. Notification received from Communications and Marketing Officer Powys County Council confirming changes to the operation.
7. Support your High Street Campaign. Information received to confirm this year's campaign. Clerk confirmed Campaign dates 19-26 September and website for councillors to visit for more information.
8. The Montgomeryshire Villages Project. Letter received from David Hall, MCRA regarding the report on the Montgomeryshire Villages Project, attached was a 51 page report which it is pointed out might help with drafting a response regarding the LDP.
9. Invitation to an evening reception to be held at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show 2015. Letter received from P J Ashton, Chair of Powys County Council, inviting 2 representatives from each Town and Community Council to attend.
10. Annual Ombudsman Report. Annual Report of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales which covers the activities for the year 2014/16.

**MATTERS RAISED**

1. Welshpool Primary School Review. DC confirmed attendance of the review on the 1<sup>st</sup> July and confirmed the options that were discussed.
2. Forden Charities Yearly Meeting. LC asked the DJ & RD if they would attend the yearly event as the Rev Toni Bennett needs 2 representatives to attend. Both accepted.
3. Emptying of Bin in the Play Area behind Forden Community Centre. NE pointed out that the bin had not been emptied and that the Caretaker needs to be reminded to do this.  
  
**ACTION:** The Clerk to contact the Caretaker and remind him to empty the bin.
4. Sports Pavilion Files. NE passed bag over to the Clerk which was dropped off by Ex Cllr McNicholas. The Councillors decided that we need to go through what we have had back.  
  
**ACTION:** Clerk to check.

- 5. Complaints received regarding:
  - a) Overgrown hedge by the junction at St Michael's Crescent, Forden.  
**ACTION:** NE to speak to the owner of the property.
  - b) Overgrown hedge by the school in Forden.  
**ACTION:** The Clerk to speak to MH to ascertain if Stuart Sheppard has cut this back in the past.
  - c) Overgrown hedge by the lane leading up to the garages in St Michael's Crescent, Forden.  
**ACTION:** The Clerk to check with MW as to who owns the property whose hedge is causing the problem.
- 6. Play Area – Repainting. The Clerk reminded Councillors of the need for painting of the Play Area, this was due to be done in October 2014 but it was too wet to paint.
- 7. Tokens. The Clerk handed over £20 to NE which was given back in error with the tokens.
- 8. The Clerk issued the dates to Councillors present, for forthcoming Community Council Meetings to cover period 2015/16.

**Date of Next Meeting: 30 July 2015 at 7:00 pm at Forden Community Centre.**

Signed: -----  
Cllr L Corfield (Chair)

Date: -----