

# Aberhafesp Community Council

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Minutes of Aberhafesp Community Council meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 via Zoom.

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**Present:** Cllrs. N Hamer (chair), R Jones (vice) G Green, A Nutting, R Amy, J Hopkins, C Cllr. H Hulme, Mrs R Hamer (clerk)

**Also present:** M Bedworth, Mr & Mrs Pike, Mrs L Davies, Mr G Fleming, Miss A Barrett representing Powys Crematorium Ltd

1. **Welcome** - The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a safe and happy new year.
2. **Appologies** - Cllr A Pryce.
3. **Declaration of interest** - None.
4. **Minutes of previous meeting** had been sent to all councillors prior to the meeting. Proposed Cllr Amy, seconded Cllr Hopkins all in agreement minutes to be adopted.
5. **Matters arising** - **Bank Farm Aberhafesp** - Pending Consideration.  
**Ty Coed Afalau** - Pending Consideration  
**Aberhafesp/b signs** - still waiting decision from portfolio holder  
**Sewerage works Aberhafesp** - with PCC legal team, but they have it on works programme to look at and make safe.  
**Pot holes** - Point Pitch and Tyn y Pales - waiting for better weather to use the jet patcher, Melin y Gloch - Done, Garraglwyyed pitch passing place - works order has been raised for the ditch to be reinstated but a new a passing place will not be created as there is a passing place 50m on one side and 40m on the other.
6. **Financial Update** - Bank £4251.12 plus £30,000 the last precept for the year has been received. Invoice from Audit Wales received £331.25 proposed Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Hopkins clerk to arrange payment. The annual audit will now run on a 3-year cycle, 1

year out of the 3 will be a full audit the other 2 basic. The basic audit is as how it is now, the full audit will be the same with extra detailed testing of transactions and that we are following procedures. All paperwork will need to be taken to a central place for it to be checked. All councils have been split into 3 groups to determine when they will have the full audit, Aberhafesp Community Council is year ending 2020 – 2021. The cost for the full audit will be higher than normal, but as yet do not know how much.

7. **Planning** – Ref 20/2087/FUL Construction of all new crematorium – land formally known as Ael y Bryn Aberhafesp. Chair started by welcoming Miss A Barrett for attending the meeting to answer as many questions as possible. Chair stated that at the pre planning consultation the main questions were the concerns about the feeder roads to the crematorium and how busy they would be.

Residents then asked questions for Miss A Barrett to answer, followed by Councillor questions: Mr & Mrs Pike was the traffic survey on the road for this application or was it a coincidence? Traffic not as normal at moment due to lockdown. What is the estimated take up for the crematorium? Why do they think it is a good place to site it there?

Ms M Bedworth can she email the newsletter list to make more people aware of the planning application?

Mr Fleming is there a connection between holiday park planning application and this application? Why this place was chosen for the crematorium? The traffic will increase on the B road

Mrs Davies the traffic will increase at an already tricky and dangerous junction at Foxes Pitch.

C Cllr Hulme stated that the planning application for the holiday park and the crematorium need to be treated separately and looked at individually.

Mr Pike Looking at typical numbers at funerals, there will be bands of slow traffic with cortege, especially large funerals. Also, at the end of the service or hospitality will be a concentration of traffic.

Cllr Amy does not object to crematorium in principle. During the speed watch sessions in Aberhafesp they have never had a session with no vehicles speeding. People will be using the road that they are not used to, a path for pedestrians through Aberhafesp would make it safer, as residents walk on the road frequently. Would it be the responsibility for PCC or the applicant? Cllr Nutting agreed with Cllr Amy. Cllr Nutting rural crematorium is generally bigger than a city crematorium. Will there be parking issues?

Miss A Barrett responded to questions the volume of traffic is covered on the transport assessment and statement on the PCC planning portal. It proves that the road has capacity to deal with extra traffic, the amount of traffic will change daily. Cannot say how many funerals per day but using the entire capacity of the crematorium in 1 hour it has been proved that the road can take it. It is now with PCC to look at.

Transport assessment states high and low scenario. A feasibility study looked at areas that needed a crematorium and the viability, Caersws area was chosen. It was chosen for beautiful area, good views, good site of excellence not industrial – idyllic which is how crematoriums should be. Viability and wellbeing. The crematorium is visible from some aspects of the road.

Chair – The traffic increase through Aberhafesp is the main issue. Could PCC do some traffic management through Aberhafesp for safety of pedestrians on the road. A path is needed is it PCC or applicant?

Miss A Barrett cannot offer a solution to speeding as that is a Police issue. All issues need to be given to PCC now, so that the application can move forward.

Parking is adequate and there is also an overspill carpark. The amount of room in the chapel is reflected to the carpark space.

C Cllr Hulme the speed strips installed carry out calculation and will form part of robust and detailed report from highways. Any concerns agent and applicant will work together with highways. The speed strips calculate the average speed.

Chair - When turning out or into the junction for Bwlch y Ffridd the speed would have dropped; strips are too close to the junction! C Cllr. Hulme - Strips will be placed at various locations and form part of a wider picture.

Cllr Amy proposed if the application is to go ahead some sort of pedestrian path through Aberhafesp is needed.

Road calming measures can be different ways not just bumps in road that are noisy.

Cllr Amy proposed provision either by PCC or applicant to provide a pedestrian walkway through village of Aberhafesp, for the safety of the local residents. Seconded by Cllr Nutting all in agreement.

Chair then thanked Miss A Barrett for attending the meeting.

Chair responded to question if an email could be sent to residents on the newsletter list to advise them of this application? Cannot pick and choose which planning applications to advise residents of, got to be seen as being fair, it is up to residents to look at information on any planning applications themselves. The newsletter does not come out often enough so that all applications would be included.

**Ref: 20/2109/FUL Siting of 2no. holiday lodges, Land adjacent to Capel Bethel, Bwlch y Ffridd.** No objections to planning application but how is it being managed for neighbouring houses for noise etc?

Proposed Cllr Green, Seconded Cllr Nutting, clerk to advise planning department.

8. **Correspondence** - None

9. **County Councillor update** - Decembers report had been sent to all councillors prior to the meeting. C Cllr Hulme also updated Llanfair Caereinion medical centre is online with vaccination Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January. If requested to attend mass vaccination centre to go there if possible.

Census is on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 you will either be sent a paper or digital questionnaire; the preferred option is digitally. Will have to wait to see what you get.

10. **Other Issues** - None

No other issues chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting, the meeting was closed at 8.45pm.