**MINUTES OF DUHONW C.C. MEETING – 14TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

APOLOGIES – NONE

PRESENT -Cllrs R. Powell, Ll. Samuel, T. Evans, D. Price, P. Jones and G. Jones.

MATTERS ARISING – Cllr R.P reported that work at Cwmbwch bridge had been completed. Overgrown hedges at Liliwen, Garthfelin, land formerly of Peter Barry, Dol-llynwydd and Nant-yr-arian were causing problems for traffic. Cllr P.J. enquired about the warning signs for horses at Cwmowen. Cllr D.P would meet with Highway officers shortly and pass on these concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter had been received from AON insurance to notify us that they will no longer be involved with Local Councils but passed on info from BHIB Insurance Brokers for future use.

 Invite from Chris Davies MP asking if we would like a visit to the Palace of Westminster and a Q and A session. Could arrange with other C. Councils

Notice of 3 Cllrs appointed on the Standards Sub- Committee are Hugh Pattrick, Ystradfellte, Joy Shearer, Tregynon, Margaret Morris, Glasbury, until 2022.

Powys Development Plan – available on LDP website. Public consultation from 19th Sept – 30th Oct.

Public Services Board (PCC, Powys Teaching Health Board, Natural Resources Wales and Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue is working on the development of the Powys Well-being Plan. Link had been given out via email for online survey.

Emails sent out previously –

Business Start Up – advice and support.

One Voice Wales AGM Showground 30th September.

Tree Charter- apply if we would to plant a tree.

Grants for projects using Welsh technology & new ideas to facilitate Welsh.

Friends of Healthcare – Defibrillators. Email asking if we would like a defibrillator in the area. It was suggested using the BT telephone box by Penllech as a suitable place. Need to check if we can still adopt a phone box and whether the Friends would be willing for this at the phone box.

Notice of temp road closure 11th Oct at Llanddewi’r Cwm – Tumble for new telegraph poles.

FINANCE

Bal acc - £1,810.

External Audit Report. All fine but still requesting that PAYE is in place. Accountant now in the process of doing this.

Internal Auditor. It was prop. by Cllr D.P to ask Diana Samuel to do Int. Audit. 2nd Cllr R.P.

Budget Monitoring update was approved.

It was also agreed that we should write to Kirsty Williams AM regarding the huge rise in costs for External Audit and also the amount of paperwork that is now requested. The Audit is nearly double what it was 2 years ago and precept has had to be raised considerably to cover this.

Clerk had explored changing from Nat West to Barclays Bank. It appears Nat West will provide mobile banking in Builth on a Tuesday. Also, Barclays would only allow 3 people to sign cheques. Agreed to stay with Nat West as some Barclays banks had also closed in other towns.

Builth Community Support. Asking for financial aid as they have had a reduction in funding.

It was proposed by Cllr. T.E and 2nd by Cllr D.P to give £100. Chq no 000218 was made out.

Brecon Advice Centre Report and Accounts – left on the table.

PLANNING

Cllr D.P mentioned that there is a planning application in presently adjoining Hillview for housing. Not in Duhonw area, but useful for Cllrs to be aware of this application.

A.O.B. Cllr P.J advised all that groundwork had been finished at Salem Chapel.

Next Meeting – 9th November.