Pack of appendices for the full council meeting to be held on Monday 27th November 2023

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APPENDIX A

Dear Mr Robinson

Following on from the recent correspondence you will have received regarding Green GEN Cymru's Vyrnwy Frankton connection project and Bute Energy's Llyn Lort Energy Park, I wanted to update you on the progress of another proposal that is being developed by Green GEN Cymru.

The Rhiwlas Green Energy Network (Rhiwlas GEN) is a proposed 132kV overhead line, to be supported on wood poles, to take the electricity generated by Bute Energy's proposed Banc Du and Rhiwlas Energy Parks to the electricity transmission network, providing clean, green energy to homes and businesses across Wales and England. Rhiwlas GEN also includes an underground cable, at the lower voltage of 33kV, to connect the two Energy Parks.

The project is still in the early stages, and we have completed a range of preliminary surveys and technical assessments to identify a proposed corridor for the overhead and underground cable lines respectively. These have considered effects on people and place, environment, landscape and heritage, as well as technical needs and costs.

We recognise that people have differing views on new infrastructure, and concerns about wood poles featuring in the landscape. Delivering the infrastructure we need to address climate change requires a careful balance. We are focused on causing the least disturbance to the environment and those who live, work, and enjoy recreation close to our proposals.

We will shortly be launching the first of multiple stages of consultation with local communities along the proposed corridor route. This will include a community leaflet, dedicated project website (including an interactive map for interested parties to see how the proposed corridor sits in relation to their homes, businesses, or local landmarks) and drop-in events for residents to find out more information and ask any questions. We will be in touch with you again before the consultation launches to provide you with copies of the consultation materials and details of the public events.

If you would be interested in arranging a briefing on the Rhiwlas GEN project, we would be happy to facilitate this. You can contact us at info@rhiwlasGEN.wales or on 0800 699 0081 (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm) to set this up or if you have any questions or need further information.

Yours sincerely.

Gareth Williams Grid Director Green GEN Cymru

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Llanfair Caereinion Town Council – minutes from council meeting held on 26th September2022:

The meeting considered a report on the consultation regarding a wind farm comprising 18 turbines along with ancillary matters.

Minute 82.3 Wind Farm traffic Following the most recent application for wind farm development an approach has been made by the Wind Farm Developers to discuss the Council's viewpoint on access and traffic.

A meeting with the developers was held following the public information displays in the Institute.

A resident present asked if due to the expansion of the Quarry, would it mean more traffic, especially early in the morning as the first wagon through is 5am up the road and 6am down the road.

The applicant (who was present) confirmed that the wagons travelling up and down the road are not HV Bowen wagons, so they do not have jurisdiction over them, they set off early and drive until they reach their drivers hours, which normally means they have a break once at the Quarry. Vehicles going down have normally stayed at the Quarry overnight and set off early.

After discussion it was agreed that the Council position be passed to the Development Company with the following comments:

- i) The principle of the wind farm is open for discussion.
- ii) The traffic route and benefit to the town should include the construction of an adopted road (provided in Cwm Golau for previous wind farm traffic) to help remove much of the lorry traffic currently using the Town.
- iii) A resident with a local business (recording studio) is concerned about the noise and vibration levels which would mean his business could not continue.

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BANK RECILIATION

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BANKING	START		CURRENT	30,281.33	40,836.78	43,965.70	47,082.54	34,630.96	43,403.27	38,525.73
			DEPOSIT	60,383.41	60,383.41	60,383.41	60,585.64	60,585.64	60,585.64	60,834.67
			TOTAL	90,664.74	101,220.19	104,349.11	107,668.18	95,216.60	103,988.91	99,360.40
	END		CURRENT	40,836.78	43,965.70	47,082.54	34,630.96	43,403.27	38,525.73	35,181.06
			DEPOSIT	60,383.41	60,383.41	60,585.64	60,585.64	60,585.64	60,834.67	60,834.67
			TOTAL	101,220.19	104,349.11	107,668.18	95,216.60	103,988.91	99,360.40	96,015.73
			DIFFERENCE	-10,555.45	-3,128.92	-3,319.07	12,451.58	-8,772.31	4,628.51	3,344.67
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SUMMARY	INCOME		GENERAL	15,755.00	4,1/5.00	7,238.89	75.00	18,360.00	324.03	725.00
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	VAT	0	VAT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
			TOTAL	15,755.00	8,401.66	7,992.23	75.00	18,360.00	324.03	225.00
	EXPENDITURE		GENERAL	4,689.31	5,152.74	4,231.92	10,899.09	8,762.35	4,592.96	3,399.06
	LAST YR CHEQUES	0	Last yr chq	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	VAT	4054.5	VAT	510.24	120.00	441.24	1,627.49	825.34	359.58	170.61
	VAT	-4054.5	TOTAL	5,199.55	5,272.74	4,673.16	12,526.58	9,587.69	4,952.54	3,569.67
			DIFFERENCE	10,555.45	3,128.92	3,319.07	-12,451.58	8,772.31	-4,628.51	-3,344.67
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APPENDIX C

ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

Act	Cheque no Payable to	For	Net	VAT	Gross	
LGA 1972	102153 INSTITUTE	Youth club hall rental	420.00	8 .	0.00	420.00
	102154 CANCELLED		0	0.00	0.00	0.00
LGA 1972	102155 MID WALES SGN	Signage	76	26.00	5.20	31.20
LGA 1972	102156 SEVERN TRENT	Toilets water rates (held)	1180.03	.03	0.00	1180.83
LGA 1972	102157 MATT EVANS	Youth club equipment	118.25	.25	0.00	118.25
LGA 1972	102158 GLYN LLOYD	Vertidraining Mount Field	350.00	•	70.00	420.00
LGA 1972	102159 MID WALES SGN	Chronicle November	426.00	00:	0.00	426.00
LGA 1972	SO R HOUGHTON	Toilet cleaning	250.00	00:	0.00	250.00
LGA 1972	DD BRITISH GAS	Chapel of Rest Electric	87	87.00	5.88	92.88
LGA 1972	SO BRIDGEN CONTR	Grass cutting	683.33		136.67	820.00
LGA 1972	SO INSTITUTE	Office rent	108.33	.33	0.00	108.33
LGA 1972	DD BRITISH GAS	Toilets electric	38	38.88	1.94	40.82
LGA 1972	TRANS HSBC	Bank charges	18	18.00	0.00	18.00
LGA 1972	SO R ROBINSON	Salary town clerk	568.53	.53	0.00	568.53
LGA 1972	SO MEVANS	Salary youth leader	186.67	.67	0.00	186.67

BUDGET FOR 2024-2025

SUMMARY		2023-2024	Estimated	2024-2025	2024-2025
			2023-2024	No increase	5%
INCOME					
Precept		46500	46500	46500	48825
Burial Services		5000	5000	5000	5000
Street Scene		5000	5000	7500	7500
Recreational		10	10	10	10
Mount Field		160	160	300	300
Deri Woods		0	0	0	0
Administration		800	700	400	400
Publicity/Events		600	0	600	600
Projects (from reserves)		0	0	0	0
Grants/Donations		0	0	0	0
Community		10950	10950	5000	5000
From reserves		7200	0	9876	7551
Total		76220	68320	75186	75186
EXPENDITURE		2023-2024	Estimated	2024-2025	2024-2025
			2023-2024		
Burial Services		7125	7000	7466	7466
Street Scene		15200	10000	9450	9450
Recreational		2650	2500	3430	3430
Mount Field		7150	7000	5900	5900
Deri Woods		2400	2400	4350	4350
Administration		20596	18000	23390	23390
Publicity/Events		7250	7000	10100	10100
Projects / Other		2500	2500	2400	2400
Donations/Grants		1250	2000	1000	1000
Section 137		50	50	100	100
Community		9650	5500	7600	7600
Total		75821	63950	75186	75186
Balance		399	4370	0	0
PER HOUSEHOLD BAND D	Cou	ncil tax total	46500	46500	48825
		ount per year	57.76	57.76	60.65
		ount per month	4.81	4.81	5.05
	_	ount per week	1.11	1.11	1.17
		ount per day	0.16	0.16	0.17

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ANNUAL BUDGET									
SUMMARY	2023-2024	Estimated	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025
		2023-2024	No increase	2%	3%	4%	2%	7.50%	40%
INCOME									
Precept	46500	46500	46500	47430	47895	48360	48825	49988	51150
Burial Services	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
Street Scene	2000	2000	7500	7500	7500	7500	7500	7500	7500
Recreational	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Mount Field	160	160	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Deri Woods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administration	800	700	400	400	400	400	400	400	400
Publicity/Events	009	0	009	009	009	009	009	009	009
Projects (from reserves)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants/Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community	10950	10950	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
From reserves	7200	0	9846	8946	8481	8016	7551	6389	5226
Total	76220	68320	75186	75186	75186	75186	75186	75187	75186
EXPENDITURE	2023-2024	Estimated	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025
		2023-2024							
Burial Services	7125	7000	7466	7466	7466	7466	7466	7466	7466
Street Scene	15200	10000	9450	9450	9450	9450	9450	9450	9450
Recreational	2650	2500	3430	3430	3430	3430	3430	3430	3430
Mount Field	7150	7000	2900	2900	2900	2900	2900	2900	2900
Deri Woods	2400	2400	4350	4350	4350	4350	4350	4350	4350
Administration	20596	18000	23390	23390	23390	23390	23390	23390	23390
Publicity/Events	7250	7000	10100	10100	10100	10100	10100	10100	10100
Projects / Other	2500	2500	2400	2400	2400	2400	2400	2400	2400
Donations/Grants	1250	2000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Section 137	20	20	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Community	9650	2200	2000	2600	2009	2000	2000	2009	2009
Total	75821	63950	75186	75186	75186	75186	75186	75186	75186
Balance	399	4370	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PER HOUSEHOLD BAND D	Council tax total	46500	46500	47430	47895	48360	48825	49988	51150
	Amount per year	57.76	57.76	58.92	59.50	60.07	60.65	62.10	63.54
	Amount per month	4.81	4.81	4.91	4.96	5.01	5.05	5.17	5.30
	Amount per week	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.14	1.16	1.17	1.19	1.22
	Amount per day	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17

What is in the budget:

The following is included in the budget for consideration:

- i) Normal running costs of the services the council delivers including an amount for inflation.
- ii) Salaries allowance increased by scales set by SLCC. £800.
- iii) An allowance for elections and allowances of £3,000.
- iv) Christmas lights event £500.
- v) Christmas lights improvements £4,500.
- vi) Repairs to church path, Mount Field & Deri Woods car parks. £1,500.
- vii) Fitness Trail £1,500 to go with the £7,000 grant in the Trusts.
- viii) Street cleaning by contractor every two months. £3,600.

Total extras in budget for year 224-2025 is £20,100. Taken from reserves under £8,000.

Policy statement recommended to go with audit regarding excess reserves:

The Council has larger than usual reserves which are calculated to be £102,000 at end of year 31st March 2024.

The Council is advised to retain a level of reserves at £45,0000 as a 'rainy day and unforeseen expenditure'. Any monies spent from this reserve should be replace asap.

Currently the excess reserves total some £49,000 which can be spent on projects which are a 'one off' and not a continual liability over future years.

The excess reserves should not be used for day to day expenditure. The Audit has identified that the reserves are high and that this should be considered when setting the precept.

To this end the following reserves policy is recommended:

'The level of reserves at £45,000 is to be retained for security. The council will seek to complete projects which benefit the community over the next three years from the excess reserves. However the precept is to be set to cover the council's normal running costs.'

APPENDIX E

PLANNING DECISIONS FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

Removal of French doors and 2 full height windows on the ground floor and removal of 3 full height windows on the first floor and replace with 3 wooden framed windows on the ground floor and 3 wooden framed windows on the first floor

Pentyrch Smithy Llanfair Caereinion Welshpool Powys SY21 OEF Ref. No: 23/1436/HH | Validated: Tue 03 Oct 2023 | Status: Approve

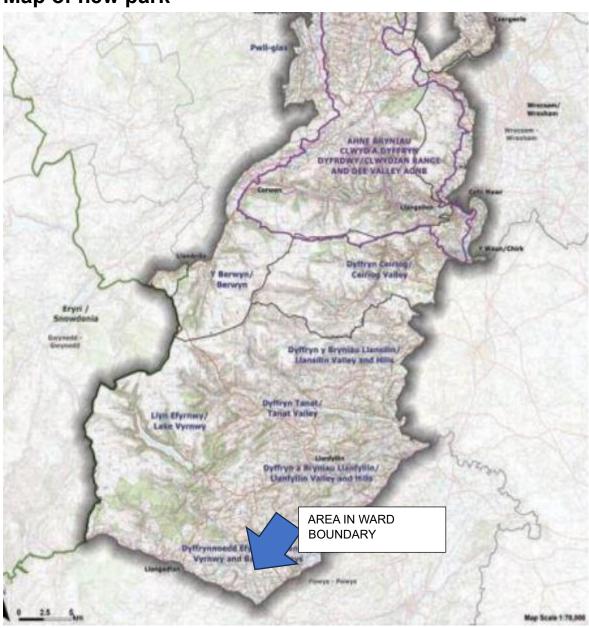
Proposed Garden Room and retrospective erection of fence

Brynafon Pool Road Llanfair Caereinion Welshpool SY21 OSF Ref. No: 23/0958/HH | Validated: Thu 22 Jun 2023 | Status: Approve

APPENDIX F

National Park for Northeast Wales

Map of new park



Pros and cons of land being in a National Park

Pros of National Parks

- 1. **Preservation of Biodiversity:** National parks play a crucial role in conserving and protecting diverse ecosystems, habitats, and wildlife species.
- 2. **Recreation and Outdoor Activities:** National parks offer opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts to engage in various recreational activities such as hiking, camping, fishing, and wildlife watching.
- Educational and Research Opportunities: National parks serve as living classrooms, providing educational programs and research opportunities for students, scientists, and conservationists.
- 4. **Economic Benefits:** National parks can stimulate local economies through tourism, job creation, and revenue generation.
- 5. **Cultural and Historical Preservation:** Many national parks possess cultural and historical significance, preserving the heritage of indigenous communities and historical landmarks.
- 6. **Natural Beauty and Aesthetics:** National parks are known for their breathtaking landscapes, scenic vistas, and picturesque views.
- 7. **Climate Regulation and Carbon Sequestration:** National parks play a vital role in mitigating climate change by acting as carbon sinks, absorbing and storing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.
- 8. **Health and Well-being:** Spending time in nature has numerous health benefits, including stress reduction, improved mental well-being, and increased physical activity. National parks provide accessible spaces for people to connect with nature and reap these benefits. The Forest of Dean in the UK, a national park, offers tranquil woodland areas for recreation and relaxation.
- 9. **Environmental Protection:** National parks act as buffers against urbanization, pollution, and industrial activities, safeguarding natural resources and ecological integrity.

Cons of National Parks

- 1. **Visitor Overcrowding and Pressure**: Popular national parks often face challenges of overcrowding, especially during peak tourist seasons, which can lead to environmental degradation, trail erosion, and disturbance of wildlife.
- 2. **Conflicts with Local Communities**: The establishment and management of national parks can sometimes lead to conflicts with local communities, particularly regarding land use, resource extraction, and traditional livelihoods.
- 3. **Limited Access and Exclusion**: The designation of national parks can limit access to certain areas, restricting the use of resources and land by local communities, who may have ancestral or cultural ties to those places. This can lead to feelings of exclusion and marginalization.
- 4. **Financial Constraints and Maintenance**: National parks require funding for maintenance, infrastructure development, and staff salaries. However, limited budgets can lead to inadequate facilities, deferred maintenance, and reduced visitor services. This is evident in some national parks where aging infrastructure, such as visitor centers and trails, may not receive timely upgrades or repairs.

- 5. **Invasive Species and Ecological Disruption**: National parks face the constant threat of invasive species, which can outcompete native flora and fauna, disrupt ecosystems, and threaten biodiversity.
- 6. **Natural Disasters and Climate Change**: National parks are vulnerable to natural disasters, including wildfires, floods, and storms, which can cause extensive damage to ecosystems and infrastructure. Climate change exacerbates these risks, leading to increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. For example, the Australian bushfires severely affected national parks like the Blue Mountains National Park, leading to habitat loss and wildlife devastation.
- 7. **Illegal Activities and Poaching**: National parks face challenges related to illegal activities such as poaching, wildlife trafficking, and illegal logging.
- 8. **Conflicting Management Priorities**: Balancing conservation goals with visitor experiences and recreational activities can pose challenges in national park management. Conflicting priorities can arise, particularly in cases where the preservation of sensitive habitats conflicts with activities like off-road vehicle use or fishing.
- 9. Lack of Diversity and Inclusivity: National parks have historically faced issues of limited diversity and inclusivity, with underrepresentation of marginalized communities in visitorship, employment, and decision-making processes. Efforts are being made to address this, but further progress is needed to ensure equitable access and representation for all.
- 10. Geopolitical Challenges and Transboundary Issues: National parks that span international boundaries may face geopolitical challenges and differing management approaches.