

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Minutes of meeting held at the Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr J Dore (Chairman), Cllr L Higgitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr R Williams, Cllr M Bound, Cllr P Windsor, Cllr B Jones, Cllr I Bound (arrived 7.35pm).

Not present: Cllr J Lewis, Cllr C Davies.

Clerk Mrs S Palmer.

0 members of the public in attendance

1. Apologies None

2. Declarations of interest to be made for any matters on the agenda. Cllr L Higgitt declared an interest for item 4a (agenda reference) or item 8a within these minutes.

3. Minutes for the meeting held on 17th October 2017 were proposed as a true account by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr R Williams. Minutes for the meeting held on 19th November 2017 were proposed as a true account by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr B Jones.

4. Clerks 3 month probationary period. Clerk left the room for Cllrs to discuss the probation period of the role. Following discussion the Clerk returned and Chairman Cllr J Dore confirmed that the probation period had been passed successfully. This motion was proposed by Cllr P Windsor and seconded by Cllr M Bound.

5. Procedure for adding agenda items for discussion. It was discussed that Cllrs should confirm which items received from the Clerk through the month between ordinary meetings should be added on to the next meeting agenda. This would exclude items which at the Clerks discretion need to be added for discussion. All Cllrs present agreed this motion which was proposed by Cllr B Jones and seconded by Cllr R Williams.

6. Precept for 2018/2019: All relevant accounting/budgeting and previous precept information sent to all Cllrs prior to meeting in order to discuss and agree on a precept amount for 2018/2019. Following discussion of the accounts information and budget for the coming financial year a precept amount was agreed by all Cllrs present of £4,100. Motion was proposed by Cllr I Bound and seconded by Cllr M Bound.

7. Highway Matters

Clerk confirmed that although County Cllr Phyl Davies had been unable to attend the meeting he had emailed some information relating to the below matters via email prior to the meeting.

- a) **Disability access,** kerbs and crossing and drains require unblocking on the road facing the Blue Bell Inn. It was confirmed that the issue of disability kerbs in the village is on the agenda with PCC but these matters take time to action.
- b) **Additional signage for the village car park.** Cllrs had previously asked whether the Community Council were allowed to put up their own signage as PCC won't add any additional signage. This may be a possibility but any signage would have to be agreed by the Trunk Road Agent as it is the main A44.
- c) **Village Car park: resurfacing costs.** Cllrs had asked whether they could get quotes on the costs of resurfacing the car park in Llangurig as it is not a priority for PCC. The costs for this would be a minimum of around £20k.

8. Matters Arising:

- a) **Land registry:** Cllr L Higgitt confirmed that the documentation regarding the boundary between Church House and the Village Green is being chased up but it could take several months to receive anything back. Cllrs (excluding Cllr L Higgitt who had declared an interest) discussed who should cover £40 application made to Land Registry. It was agreed by all Cllrs present (excluding Cllr L Higgitt) that the cost should be shared equally between Llangurig Community Council and Curig Charity. This motion was proposed by Cllr B Jones and seconded by Cllr R Williams. Contact to be made with Curig Charity.
- b) **Wind Farm:** Queries have been raised as to the details of the Community Fund from the wind farm. It has been suggested that this is something that will be available but possibly not until the wind farm is up and running. Clerk will stay in contact with the wind farm for any updates.
- c) **Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Clerks contract:** Drafts/queries for discussion. It was agreed by all Cllrs present that the Clerk will send through a draft copy of the Financial Regulations to all Cllrs prior to the next meeting in order to discuss and agree on changes/additions etc. Other documents will be on hold in order to finalise the Financial Regulations first.
- d) **Welsh Government:** Review of Community & Town Council Sector, information events. One Voice Wales have run events to collect information from Town and Community Councils and will be collating this information and distributing it to all Councils as well and forwarding it on to the Welsh Assembly. Clerk to report further information as and when received.
- e) **Use of Village Green for events:** update regarding insurance, liability etc. Clerk has been in contact with Aon who provide the Council insurance. They confirmed that the Council is covered for public liability on the land but would have to add cover for a marquee if required. No liability is covered for non-owned equipment.
- f) **Guidance for Principal Councils on the Review of Community & Town Councils:** Further information regarding how this might affect LCC. None received but any changes made would affect all small Councils.
- g) **Chairman Cllr J Dore:** Complaint response from Post Office was forwarded to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. No further action or information as the matter is now resolved.

9. Correspondence:

- a) **Powys CC:** Additional Renewable Energy Hearing Session 19. Information noted; no action.
- b) **National Assembly for Wales:** Consultation on 'Plans for Powys Schools' Deadline 30th January 2018. Information noted; no action.
- c) **Powys CC:** Guidance on Community Resilience. Information noted; no action.
- d) **One Voice Wales:** Planning Law in Wales Consultation. All Cllrs present agreed to add this item to the February meeting for discussion.
- e) **One Voice Wales:** Natural Resources Wales Funding & Support. Information noted; no action.
- f) **One Voice Wales:** Tackling Loneliness amongst older people. Llangurig Community Centre which is newly refurbished is used by local groups which organise one off or regular events for the local and surrounding communities.
- g) **Powys Teaching Health Board:** Consultation on Proposal to Develop Major Trauma Network for South & West Wales & South Powys. Information noted, no action as this will not really affect the local community.
- h) **Powys CC:** Draft Powys Well-being Plan. Information noted; no action.

- i) **Powys CC:** Annual Village Hall Grant no longer available. Information noted
- j) **Powys CC:** Community Regeneration & Development Capital Grant Fund. Information noted, not relevant to LCC at present.
- k) **One Voice Wales:** Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Information noted, no action.
- l) **One Voice Wales:** Updates on the Review of Town & Community Councils. Covered in Matters Arising.
- m) **One Voice Wales:** Proposed changes to Town and Village Greens. Information noted, no action.
- n) **One Voice Wales:** Upcoming training. Information noted.
- o) **Powys County Council:** Proposal to vary the appointments of Severn Trent and Dee Valley Water. Information noted.
- p) **British Ironwork Centre:** Feedback engagement. No action.

10. Requests for Financial Assistance:

- a) Citizens Advice Bureau – add to next agenda to discuss donation amount.
- b) Welsh Ambulance Service Union – no donation.
- c) Urdd Gobaith Cymru – No donation
- d) Llanidloes Town Council – Cllrs discussed the request for funding towards the library/museum and Day Centre in Llanidloes and agreed that more information should be provided regarding the expectations of running costs for these in order to be able to justify a potential offer of funding from what is a small council with a low precept. Clerk to contact Llanidloes Town Clerk to request information.
- e) British Red Cross - add to next agenda to discuss donation amount.

11. Planning Applications:

Application Ref: P/2017/1442 Grid Ref: 290827.34/280003.7 for Full: Proposed conversion of redundant school into a single dwelling at The Old School Tan Y Groes Llangurig Llanidloes Powys

No objections to the above planning application.

Environment Act - Hedgerow Regulations 1997 - SI 1997 1160 I enclose details of a Notice to Remove Hedgerows ref: HEDG/2017/0008 as required by the Hedgerow Regulations 1997 in respect of: Application for Hedgerow removal notice - Environment Act 1995, Hedgerow Regulations 1997 at Land adj A44 at Pengwaith Nr Llanidloes Powys (285690.46/281969.18) which was received on 05/12/2017.

No objections to the above application.

12. Finances:

- a) **Account balances to confirm:**

Community Account		= £2,188.37
Business Money Manager Account		= £7,952.82
- Monies in:** None
- Monies out:** Interest debited = None
- Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary		= £295.08
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses		= £18.24
One Voice Wales Training		= £30.00
<i>(amended amount – previous cheque incorrect)</i>		
PCC election cost		= £392.99
<i>(this amount will be deducted from December precept payment)</i>		
Martin Obbard (works completed on steps)		= £20.00
<i>(letter signed requesting transfer of this amount by BACS)</i>		

Bills to be paid were proposed by Cllr R Williams and seconded by Cllr I Bound.

13. Councillors comments:

Cllr I Bound: There are some very bad pot holes on the back road between Llangurig and Rhayader (3 miles down from Llangurig between Nant yr Hendy and Pantdrain). Clerk to contact PCC.

Cllr R Williams: The Stop sign by the Bluebell Inn keeps getting clipped by lorries. It should be possible to move the sign (not the post just the sign attached to it) so that it doesn't stick out at all. Clerk to contact PCC.

14. Confirm meeting dates for 2018. Clerk confirmed with all Cllrs present that meetings through 2018 would be held on the third Tuesday of each month with the exception of August when no meeting will be held.

15. Date of next meeting will be Tuesday 20th February 2018 at the Llangurig Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Chairman Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending at closed the meeting at 9.14pm.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sophie', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)