

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 20th February 2018

Minutes of meeting held at the Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr J Dore (Chairman), Cllr L Higgitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr I Bound, Cllr J Lewis, Cllr R Williams, Cllr M Bound, Cllr P Windsor, Cllr B Jones, Cllr C Davies.
Clerk Mrs S Palmer & County Cllr P Davies.
0 members of the public in attendance

1. **Apologies:** None, all members present
2. **Declarations of interest to be made for any matters on the agenda.** None made.
3. **Minutes** for meeting held on 2nd January 2018 were noted to have an error in names of Cllrs in attendance but otherwise were agreed as a true account by all Cllrs present.
4. **Website information:** Discussion of what to be added and process for doing so. The company who maintain the website currently add news items, agendas and minutes to the website but following discussion it was proposed by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr M Bound that the Clerk would request training from Upper Bridge in order to be able to add this information herself. Clarification was also confirmed of what kind of news items/public information could be automatically added onto the website for the community's information.
5. **Noticeboards:** Clarification of which to use and how to display agendas and notices. It has been noted which the correct noticeboard is to use in Llangurig and that as none of the noticeboards have covers etc that the agenda must be put up in a plastic wallet to try and keep dry in wet weather. Also discussed was the state of the Llangurig noticeboard. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotations for new boards and/or repairs to the existing board for the next meeting. Cllr L Higgitt will also ask the Community Centre whether it would be possible for LCC meeting agendas to be posted in their new noticeboard.
6. **Highway Matters**
 - a) **Disability access, kerbs and crossing and drains require unblocking on the road facing the Blue Bell Inn.** No updates at present. It was agreed to leave this item on the agenda until there is an update.
 - b) **Additional signage for the village car park:** Cllr P Davies explained that the signage currently on the road is standard signage used and anything additional would need to be agreed by Trunk Road Agent. There have been no complaints recently regarding parking for the Community Centre or from anyone else that Cllrs are aware of.
Cllr R Williams: mentioned that towards the car park and at the car park the lighting is very poor at night time. One street light has been turned off. Cllr P Davies will request that this is turned back on.
 - c) **Village Car park: resurfacing:** Costs for resurfacing the car park would be relatively high for the Community Council to cover and in the meantime maybe the potholes could be filled in and the general surface made safer. Cllr P Davies will contact Highways to request if this can be done.
7. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Wind Farm:** Updates and details of Community Fund. No updates have been given at present. Mr S Radford has been given meeting dates in order to see if he is able to attend to provide any updates on this but has not contacted the Clerk back as of yet.
 - b) **Financial Regulations:** Draft sent to all Cllrs prior to meeting for discussion. A draft of the Financial Regulations was sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting. It was agreed to adopt the Financial Regulations on the basis of some further clarification and updates

in certain sections. Proposal to adopt these Regulations was made by Cllr B Jones and seconded by Cllr J Lewis. Standing Orders and the Clerks contract also need to be confirmed/adopted. These will be drafted and sent to all Cllrs prior to the next meeting.

- c) **Welsh Government:** Review of Community & Town Council Sector, information events. Latest information has been sent to all Cllrs as and when received by the Clerk. An engagement event will be held by the Independent Panel on 1st March in Newtown.
- d) **Welsh Government:** Planning Law in Wales Consultation paper. It was agreed that this consultation will not affect the Community Council as much as changes to LDP. No comments will be forwarded regarding this consultation.
- e) **Independent Review Panel:** This item was duplicated in error – already discussed in item 7c.
- f) **Laptop for Clerk:** Information and quotations received for discussion. Clerk has received some details and costs for different laptops from PC-Q in Llanidloes. The motion to confirm for the Clerk to order a laptop on the basis of the costs discussed was proposed by Cllr R Williams and seconded by Cllr C Davies.
- g) **General Data Protection Legislation:** Clerk has been forwarded information and updates relating to this as and when received and has confirmed that further information is expected from various organisations.

8. Correspondence:

- a) **Member of public:** A gentleman who used to live in the community and whose parents are both buried at Dernol cemetery has been in contact with the Clerk in order to ask whose responsibility it is to maintain Dernol cemetery as it is in a disgraceful state. Cllrs are not aware of the ownership of this cemetery. Clerk to continue looking into this and have an update for the next meeting.
- b) **Llandrinio & Arddleen Community Council:** Requested information relating to Bryn Blaen Wind Farm and possible funds for communities affected by its construction. It was confirmed that Llangurig Community Council have no further information to help Llandrinio & Arddleen Community Council at this time.
- c) **One Voice Wales:** Membership for 2018/19. It was agreed to continue One Voice Wales membership for the coming year. Clerk to add to the next meeting agenda for a cheque to be raised.
- d) **Mid Wales Stages Rally:** Info of day time rally during March. Information noted, no comments or concerns.
- e) **Powys CC:** Information requested regarding allotment sites. Cllrs confirmed that there are no allotment sites in Llangurig.

9. Requests for Financial Assistance:

- a) **Citizens Advice Bureau:** LCC has donated to CAB previously. Details of previous donations to be confirmed and decided at the next meeting.
- b) **Llanidloes Town Council** (donation request for Llanidloes library/museum & Llanidloes Day Centre): Details of specific details for this years precept were not available. Clerk to have this information at the next meeting.
- c) **British Red Cross:** LCC has donated to British Red Cross previously. Details of previous donations to be confirmed and decided at the next meeting.
- d) **Eisteddfod Powys Bro Hafren:** It was agreed not to offer a donation to this currently.

10.Planning Applications:

Scoping Opinion Ref: SC/2018/ 0001, Grid Ref: 297071.34/282121.44 for Scoping opinion request under EIA regulations 2017 for proposed extension and reprofiling of existing landfill together with the excavation of Phases 1 & 2 and retention of overtip at , Land at Bryn Posteg Landfill Site , Tylwch, Lanidloes, Powys. The details of this were discussed at length. The site has not been managed effectively or been compliant for a long time. It was agreed to send the below response:

RE: Scoping Opinion SC/2018/0001

Dear Mr Williams

At its meeting yesterday evening Llangurig Community Council discussed the above and wishes to make the following comments in response.

Llangurig Community Councillors confirmed that they and many local residents have long had serious concerns over how the landfill site at Bryn Posteg has been managed.

The Community Council has grave concerns over how Natural Resources Wales have monitored the site to date. It is felt that concerns have been raised on numerous occasions with Natural Resources Wales and they themselves are part of the problem due to a lack of monitoring and enforcement over a number of years which has led to the site becoming such a concern for the health and safety of those living within the area.

Llangurig Community Council believe that strict conditions must be put in place for this site to only take residual waste from Powys as was the original intention and condition of the permissions granted. A condition of the site continuing to operate should be that strict regulations and requirements are made clear, monitored and enforced by Natural Resources Wales and are met and adhered to by the operators. This would go some way to reassure the local community that this site can be maintained effectively to an acceptable standard.

Councillors came to the conclusion that the best way forward for this site is that it should only be allowed to re-open if it is compliant and then should be kept open to manage the pollution and site in the best interests of the local area.

Yours sincerely

Sophie Palmer

Clerk to Llangurig Community Council

Application Ref: **P/2018/0176** Grid Ref: 293159.05/284550.08 for Householder: Erection of a two storey extension at Caencoed Old Hall Llanidloes Powys
Cllrs had no objections to this application.

11.Finances:

a) Account balances to confirm

Community Account = £1,795.05

Money Manager Account = £7,953.57

Bills to be paid:

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary = £130.28 (7 wks pay – HMRC PAYE overdue amount)

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses = £43.67

Wales Audit Office = £141.00 (overdue payment for 2015/16)

HMRC PAYE tax = £208.00 (overdue PAYE)

Bills to be paid were proposed by Cllr J Lewis and seconded by Cllr C Davies.

12.Councillors comments:

Chair Cllr J Dore: A resident in Cwm Belan has been in contact in regards to some tree felling which has taken place in an area which is a conservation area. Cllr P Davies said that he believes PCC are looking into this. LCC will expect something in writing from the resident prior to the next meeting.

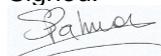
Also brought to the attention of Cllrs was the Montgomeryshire Village Award. Cllrs agreed that they would not enter at this time.

Cllr B Jones: Residents have spoken to him about the state of some of the roads and that a road sweeper is needed through the village. Cllr P Davies will contact the relevant person. There are also a lot of pothole which are a particular concern during the summer months when there are a lot of motorcyclists using the roads

13.Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20th March 2018.

Chairman Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.31pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)