

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 18th September 2018

Minutes of meeting held at the Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 7.30pm.

In attendance:

Cllr J Dore (Chairman), Cllr L Higgitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr C Howells, Cllr I Bound

Clerk Mrs S Palmer

0 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** Cllr R Williams, Cllr B Jones, Cllr H Pritchard, Cllr M Bound, Cllr C Davies, County Cllr P Davies
2. **Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*
Cllr J Dore: Agenda item 8e
Cllr C Howells: Agenda item 8e
3. **Minutes** for meeting held on 17th July 2018 were proposed as a true record by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr I Bound
4. **County Cllr Phyl Davies:** County Cllr P Davies was unable to attend, update to be given at next meeting.
5. **Highway Matters**
 - a) **Disability access, kerbs and crossing:** Clerk confirmed that Trunk Road Agent has confirmed that the works for 5-6 dropped kerbs will be scheduled for Llanidloes Depot and will be completed bit by bit as they can fit it in with other works.
 - b) **Village Car park: lighting:** Clerk confirmed that the person she had been in contact with is no longer working at PCC. Clerk has contacted the person now dealing with lighting and is awaiting a response.
 - c) **Drainage at Lanerch corner:** PCC Officer has been out to this area but no information has been received following this. Clerk to chase PCC.
 - d) **Cefn Road sign:** No further updates at this time. Clerk to chase for an update.
 - e) **Pavement blocking/illegal parking:** Clerk stated that this issue has been discussed with the Trunk Road Agent who confirmed that there is not a huge amount that can be done by them. The Police may be able to help more by enforcing against pavement blocking. Clerk to contact Karen Jones PSCO 11 again and PCC regarding the roads they manage.
 - f) **Redundant signage:** Some signage in the village (Llangurig) is worn out opposite the Blue Bell Inn and near the Black Lion pub there is a sign for a phone which is no longer there. Clerk to raise with PCC.
7. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Clerks contract and Regulations/Policies:** A further draft of the Standing Orders was put together following updates made to the model Standing Orders by One Voice Wales. Standing Orders and final draft of the Clerk's contract were sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Standing Orders were agreed pending Clerk amending numbering etc. Proposal was made to adopt the Standing Orders by Cllr C Howells and seconded by Cllr L Higgitt. The Clerks contract was agreed for approval pending the adoption of some policies detailed in the contract. Clerk to print a final draft to be signed by herself and Chairman Cllr J Dore at the next meeting. Proposed by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr I Bound. Clerk also raised the fact that LCC does not have an up to date complaints procedure. A model complaints procedure provided by SLCC was read through and Cllrs unanimously agreed to adopt this procedure straight away. Clerk will look at a more detailed complaints procedure at a later date. Clerk will send final drafts to all Cllrs for their records.
 - b) **Fence for village green:** Following discussions at the previous meeting the Clerk contacted the Council's insurance company to ask what implications erecting a fence along the village green. Clerk is waiting to speak to a liability expert but in the mean-time was told that putting a fence up shouldn't make much difference to the current policy. Clerk to clarify with the liability expert what implications there would be on health & safety and liability. Since the previous meeting Clerk found Village Green Byelaws. Clerk will forward these to all Cllrs for their records and add to the next agenda for further discussion as to whether the Byelaws need to be updated/amended.

- c) **Public Toilets in Llangurig:** Query relating to whether LCC would look to take on responsibility over public toilets was mentioned. As only four Cllrs were present at the meeting it was agreed to discuss this matter further at the next meeting. Clerk will also look into what funding might be available towards such a project.
- d) **Village Green boundary:** No update as yet.
- e) **Bryn Titli windfarm:** Part of the wind farm is within the Llangurig boundary, so it was suggested for the Clerk to contact the administrators of the community fund to enquire whether any funds might be available for a project such as the public toilets.

8. Correspondence:

- a) **Tommy Silhouette for Remembrance/commemoration:** Clerk confirmed that an email has been received thanking LCC for giving permission for the silhouette for remembrance. It was confirmed that a silhouette will be purchased and not a bench. The question was also asked as to whether LCC will purchase a poppy wreath. Cllrs present unanimously agreed to purchase a wreath, Clerk to order.
- b) **Transport Innovation Network Mid Wales:** Cllrs felt that this was not relevant to LCC, no action.
- c) **Invitation to Montgomeryshire Village Awards:** Information noted, no action.
- d) **Powys CC: Community Regeneration & Development Fund:** Details of available funding were noted. Clerk passed details onto the Community Centre.
- e) **CPRW: Issues over Bryn Blaen windfarm:** Clerk read out an email that was sent to PCC from CPRW regarding the windfarm and what action will be taken in light of the wind farm not yet being operational. A response has not yet been received.
- f) **Independent Review Panel: Outline findings & Recommendations:** Information noted, no action at this time.

9. Requests for Financial Assistance:

- a) Noah's Ark Appeal
- b) Bobath Wales
- c) Welsh Talking Books

Cllrs requested information at the last meeting regarding what donations have previously been given and how much in previous years. Clerk confirmed these details. Following discussion Cllr I Bound proposed that financial assistance requests should be discussed and actioned during the meeting of the Community Council each February, this was seconded by Cllr L Higgitt. Clerk to respond to any requests for funding with this information.

10. Planning Applications:

- a) **Proposed New Planting at Tan-yr-All, nr Garreg-y-bwlla, Llangurig**
Cllrs discussed this proposal and agreed that they had no objections to this.
- b) **Application Reference: 18/0537/FUL** Grid Reference: E:290819 N: 280002. Proposal: conversion and change of use of a redundant school (D1) into a dwelling (C3), erection of garage and workshop. Site Address: The Old School, Tan-y-groes, Llangurig, Llanidloes Powys
Cllrs present agreed that they had no objections to the above planning application.
- c) **Application Reference: 18/0064/FUL** Grid Reference: E:291481 N: 279537. Proposal: erection of 10 no. Glamping pods and car parking and conversion of agricultural building into 2 holiday let units. Site Address: The Foel, Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6RN
Cllrs present agreed that they had no objections to the above planning application.

11. Finances:

- a) **Account balances to confirm:**
Community Account = £2,198.94 (up to 15th August 2018)
Business Money Manager Account = £6,296.47 (up to 27th August 2018)
- b) **Additional signatory:** Cllr H Pritchard had previously agreed to become a signatory but was not present at this meeting. Cllr C Howells confirmed that he would also be willing to be a signatory if required.
- c) **Cllr Allowances for publication:** Clerk confirmed that each year Cllrs remuneration for the previous financial year has to be published. Clerk has produced the relevant document and Cllrs confirmed they were happy that the information was correct and ready for publication.
- d) **Bills to be paid:**
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (September) = £208.11 (19hrs)
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (August & September) = £64.83 (*incl OVW Conference & AGM booking fee which is split between 3 councils*)
HMRC PAYE tax payable = £0
Upper Bridge Enterprises (Annual website fee and hosting) = £203.30

The below were not on the previous agenda but the Clerk requested that the cheque & letter be drawn and signed at this meeting:

One Voice Wales (OVW Conference and AGM fee) = £85.00

Letter to HSBC requesting for the Business Money Manager Account to be closed as discussed at the previous meeting.

Bills to be paid and letter to HSBC were proposed by Cllr I Bound and seconded by Cllr C Howells.

12. Councillors comments:

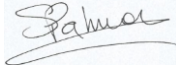
Chairman Cllr J Dore: Due to attend the upcoming Tri-Towns meeting.

Cllr L Higitt: Asked the Clerk whether a response had been received to LCC's comments regarding the proposed poultry unit discussed at the previous meeting. Clerk confirmed that LCC won't necessarily receive a response, the plans will now be submitted as a planning application if the applicants chose to go ahead.

13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th October 2018 at 7.30pm.

Chairman Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.11pm.

signed:

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

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)