

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 20th November 2018

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

In attendance:

Cllr J Dore (Chairman), Cllr L Higgitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr C Howells, Cllr I Bound, Cllr M Bound, Cllr B Jones, Cllr R Williams

Clerk Mrs S Palmer

Not present: Cllr C Davies

0 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** Cllr L Higgitt previously gave apologies but was able to attend.
2. **Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*
Cllr M Bound declared an interest in agenda item 6d, Cllr J Dore declared an interest in agenda item 6d, Cllr C Howells declared an interest in agenda item 6d, Cllr R Williams declared an interest in agenda item 6d
3. **Minutes** for meeting held on 16th October 2018 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr C Howells and seconded by Cllr R Williams.
4. **County Cllr Phyl Davies:** Update will be provided at a later date.
5. **Highway Matters**
 - a) **Disability kerbs:** Roadworks have been started in the village and PCC have confirmed that disability kerbs will be completed alongside these works. One date of night time works resulting in a road closure has been given but Cllrs confirmed that this is the evening of the Winter Fair at the Royal Welsh Showground and the closure could cause considerable disruption. Clerk will contact Trunk Road Agent to let them know and ask whether this could be altered at all.
Following the meeting Trunk Rd Agent altered the night time closure due to the Winter Fair.
 - b) **Village Car park lighting:** Clerk confirmed that PCC have responded to state that the light in question was requested to be turned off. Cllrs disagree that this is the case as it is the furthest street light in that direction. Clerk to go back to PCC and look at historic correspondence from when the lights were requested to be turned off.
 - c) **Drainage at Llanerch corner:** PCC departments are liaising to look into this issue. Clerk to chase before the December meeting.
 - d) **Cefn Road sign:** No further information since previous meeting.
 - e) **Pavement blocking/illegal parking:** Nothing further on this matter as it has been previously suggested that the dropped kerbs may help the access situation. Clerk to leave this on the agenda and reassess once the dropped kerbs have been installed.
 - f) **Redundant signage:** Clerk confirmed that she has received confirmation that the signs near to the Bluebell that are illegible will be replaced and the sign near the Black Lion car park for a phone that is no longer there will be removed.
 - g) **Additional salt bins requested:** No response from PCC, Cllrs think new bins may have been provided. Clerk to confirm with PCC that bins requested have been provided.
 - h) **Wood piles near Old School House:** Clerk has had no response as yet from PCC. Clerk to chase up.
 - i) **Overgrowth on roundabout:** Trunk Road Agent has confirmed they will be looking at this and will take appropriate action.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Council Policies including Public Speaking Protocol:** Clerk provided details of a public speaking protocol which could be implemented. Cllrs discussed this and agreed that they would like the public speaking protocol to be included within the Standing Orders. Clerk to draft something within the Standing Orders for the next meeting.
 - b) **Village Green Various matters (Fence, Byelaws, access):**
 - **Fence:** Following the discussion at the last meeting the Clerk confirmed that she has spoken to a liability expert in relation to the potential risk of a fence being erected. Clerk was told that someone who has an accident would have to prove negligence which would be very difficult unless the Council has created a risk. Following discussion, Cllrs felt that a fence would prevent an accident rather than increase the likelihood of one. Clerk will let the Hall Committee know that a fence has been agreed in principle and the finer details will need to be discussed at a future date.

- **Boundary fence:** A local has been in contact and asked whether a gate between the Black Lion pub and the Village Green has been put there legally. Cllrs discussed and concluded that further investigation was required in order to determine who erected the fence here originally and therefore whose property/responsibility it is. An issue of bad language from owners of the Black Lion was also mentioned within the letter. Clerk to speak with PCSO Karen Jones.
 - **Unsafe steps:** it was reported to the Council that someone fell on down the steps from the Village Green towards the road. Luckily the gentleman was not badly hurt but it poses the questions as to whether there should be some lighting for the steps in order for people to see where they are going more easily as the steps are in darkness on one side even when the street lights are on. Quotations and more info to be gathered.
- c) **Bryn Titli Wind Farm Fund:** Clerk confirmed that Rhayader Council had responded to say that funding could be applied for. Clerk had responded to confirm that LCC were not looking to do anything with the toilets so would not be looking for funding for that project but will contact them again if any other projects are in the pipeline.
- d) **Bryn Blaen Wind Farm: amendment consultation query:** Following queries from the previous meeting Clerk has been in contact with Powys Planning Dept who have confirmed that 'non-material amendments' have no statutory requirement to be sent out for consultation and this amendment is considered non-material.
- e) **Independent Review Panel: Discuss and respond to outline findings and recommendations:** Clerk to resend the details of recommendations to all Cllrs and add onto the next agenda.
- f) **Insurance query regarding Clerk and sick pay:** Following the previous meeting Clerk has confirmed with the current insurance provider that LCC are covered in the event that the Clerk is off work long term through sickness.

7. **Correspondence:**

- a) **Dept for Work & Pensions: Armed Forces Covenant:** Cllrs discussed the armed forces covenant but agreed that they wouldn't sign it at this time.
- b) **Local resident: query relating to access of the Village Green:** This was discussed during agenda item 6b.
- c) **PCC: kerbside garden waste collection service:** Cllrs discussed this and will complete the survey as individuals.
- d) **PCC: Expressions of interest invited for Healthy, Active & Outdoors Project:** PCC have sent through details of a project. No action as there are no relevant projects at present.

8. **Finances:**

- a) **Account balances to confirm:**
Clerk confirmed that the Money Manager account has now been closed as requested.
Community Account = £9,106.80
- b) **Precept discussion for 2019/20:** Clerk had forwarded the financial and budget information to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs went through the budget and costs expected for the 2019/20 year to come. Cllrs also made allowances for proposed costs which are predicted at this stage. Cllrs agreed an amount in principle to be fully confirmed at the next meeting.
- c) **Bills to be paid:**
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| Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (November) | = £213.58 (19.5hrs) |
| Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (November) | = £35.46 |
| HMRC PAYE tax payable | = £0 |
- Bills to be paid were proposed by Cllr M Bound and seconded by Cllr B Jones.

9. **Councillors comments:**

- Cllr R Williams:** There was previously an accident at Bwlch Garreg junction and a car is still there. This is creating a hazard and should be removed. Clerk to contact Police in regards to this.
- Cllr B Jones:** In relation to the above point; there are lots of accidents on this corner, what is the issue? Speed? Grip?
- Cllr M Bound:** Should there be a permanent lower speed limit here?
Clerk to contact Police and Trunk Road Agent regarding the above matters.

10. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 7.30pm.

Chair Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

Signed:  Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)