

**Llangurig Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Minutes of meeting held at the Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm

**In attendance:**

Chairman Cllr J Dore, Cllr L Higgitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr I Bound, Cllr M Bound, Cllr C Davies, Cllr C Howells, Cllr R Williams, Cllr L Sephton Cllr B Jones.  
Clerk Mrs S Palmer

1. **Apologies:** None received, all in attendance
2. **Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*  
Cllr L Higgitt declared an interest in agenda item 7c.
3. **Minutes** for meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr C Howells.
4. **Public Speaking.** 15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda. No members of the public were present so meeting progressed to the next agenda item.
5. **Highway Matters**
  - a) **Village Car park: lighting:** No responses received from PCC. Clerk to chase and copy in Cllr P Davies to see if he can help to get a response.
  - b) **Drainage at Llanerch corner:** Clerk has requested an update on this matter but has not yet received a response following meeting held between PCC Highways and PCC Planning Dept.
  - c) **Cefn Road sign:** Clerk has received an email from Cllr Phyl Davies stating that this matter is in hand and moving forward. There is a matter of fees payable which he is looking into with the relevant department currently.
  - d) **Wood piles near Old School House:** Still no response received from PCC. Clerk will continue to chase and reiterate the safety concerns. Cllrs reported that some of the wood has been moved recently.
  - e) **Slates from Black Lion Hotel:** Clerk confirmed that a letter has been sent to The Black Lion Hotel confirming that following contacting them direct about the falling slates, LCC would also be contacting Powys CC regarding this matter.
  - f) **Moss on pavement near Bluebell Inn:** This has been reported to PCC Highways, Clerk will chase up if no response received.
  - g) **Tan y Groes Road, parking restrictions:** Cllrs clarified that this small road is not an extension of Tan y Groes road. Clerk will try and find out the road number. People have been parking along the road in front of the old school and School House. There was an incident where there was a vehicle parked which inhibited an emergency vehicle getting through. Clerk to contact PCC to ask whether anything can be done such as widening the road or restrictions being put in place to stop people parking and keep the road clear for emergency vehicles.  
  
*The next item was not previously on the agenda but was discussed to enable Clerk to respond in the time requested by PCC.*
  - h) Clerk confirmed receipt this afternoon of an email from PCC Highways detailing a suggestion by the Welsh Government to reduce the speed limit to 50mph on the A470 between Llangurig and Ponterwyd. Cllrs thought this seemed like a long stretch of road (around 12miles) to be limited to 50mph and drivers becoming frustrated at not being able to overtake slower drivers generally cause accidents. Cllrs also agreed that it is a very dangerous stretch of road but agreed for the Clerk to respond to ask whether there are any other options to make the road safer.
6. **Matters Arising:**
  - a) **Policies & Regulations:** Clerk has drafted a section for the public speaking section of the Standing Orders which details Cllrs discussing matter which they have an interest in. This was read through and approved for addition into the Standing Orders.
  - b) **Village Green Various matters:**
    - Planning Application:** This has been put in to the Planning Department. Fee of £95 is payable. The fee has already been paid by Cllr L Higgitt so agreement was made to reimburse this fee.
    - Quotations for installing fencing:** One builder said that he would rather have definitive/specific details prior to giving a quotation.
    - Lighting at steps:** Laurie has received one quote which totals around £600 for installing lighting at the steps. Clerk to chase someone else for a quotation and another person she contacted has not responded to say whether he can do this.

- c) **Village Plan:** Clerk to contact Cllr P Davies and PCC to find out whether there is any possibility of making some land available for a play area in Llangurig. This has been looked into previously but then no land has been available. A decision needs to be made as to whether a village plan will be a useful document to have and what does LCC expect from it.
- d) **Clerks annual review/appraisal:** Clerk had met prior to the meeting with Chairman Cllr J Dore and Vice Chairman L Higgitt in order to go through the Clerks annual appraisal. Clerk left the meeting in order for Chair Cllr J Dore and Vice Chair Cllr L Higgitt to inform the other Cllrs present of the details of the appraisal which were then confirmed for the Clerk when she was asked to re-join the meeting. The confidential details of this discussion have been minuted for the Councils record.

**7. Correspondence:**

- a) **Cambrian Mountains Initiative:** Signage Project and details of an informal meeting regarding the Cambrian Mountains Initiative. Cllrs liked the signage proposed but did not feel that they know enough about the project. Chair Cllr J Dore will try and attend the event next week being held in Machynlleth. Clerk to ask whether someone from the project could come and clarify the aims of the project.
- b) **One Voice Wales:** Membership for 2019/20. Fee for the coming year will be £116 which is based on the number of households.
- c) **Llangurig Community Centre:** Request to erect a marquee on the village Green. Cllrs had some further questions they would like to have answers to prior to making a decision. Clerk to go back to get this information in order to make a decision at the March meeting.
- d) **Wales Audit Office:** Financial Management and Governance Reports received. Many of the recommendations do not apply to small councils such as LCC. Details noted, no action.
- e) **Llangurig Post Office Stores:** Countryside Alliance Awards Finalist. Clerk confirmed that a letter of support was drafted by herself, the Chairman and the Vice Chairman for the Post Office to forward as part of their supporting information offering the Community Councils full support for their nomination.
- f) **Air Ambulance:** Difficulty finding landing locations according to a resident. Clerk to contact Air Ambulance and ask how designation works and do they have to have prior permission to land, they often seem to struggle to land.

**8. Planning:**

- a) Application Reference: 19/0062/FUL Grid Reference: **E:290840 N: 280603** Proposal: Erection of an agricultural storage building Site Address: Maes Mawr, Llangurig, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6SL  
All Cllrs present agreed they are in support of this planning application. Clerk to send response.

**9. Finances:**

- a) **Account balance:** Up to date statement had not yet been received prior to the meeting but following the meeting statements were received by the Clerk confirming a balance (up to 15.02.2019) of £9,459.05
- b) **Internal Auditor:** Clerk confirmed that we will soon need an internal audit. Cllrs present agreed for the Clerk to approach Clare Bound to ask whether she would be available and willing to carry out the internal audit again.
- c) **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (February) (19.5hrs)	= £213.58
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (February)	= £37.01
HMRC PAYE tax payable	= £0
<i>The following cheque payments were not previously on the agenda but all present were in agreement to draw and sign the cheques during this meeting</i>	
One Voice Wales (membership fee for 2019/20)	= £116.00
Laurie Higgitt (reimbursement for Planning Application fees for the Village Green)	= £95.00

All bills were approved and proposed for payment by Cllr C Howells and seconded by Cllr B Jones.

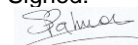
**10. Councillors comments:**

**Cllr L Higgitt:** Asked whether Clerk has received any information back from PCC regarding Light Pollution as previously requested. Clerk confirmed nothing has been received but she will chase this up prior to the next meeting.

**11. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm.

Chairman Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)