

**Llangurig Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 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 R Williams, Cllr L Sephton.  
Clerk Mrs S Palmer

1. **Apologies:** Cllr B Jones, Cllr M Bound, Cllr C Davies, Cllr C Howells.
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 items 7b, 7e and 8e.  
Cllr R Williams declared an interest in agenda item 9b.
3. **Minutes** for meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr R Williams.
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.*
5. **Cambrian Mountains Initiative, Charlie Falzon:**  
The Cambrian Mountains Initiative was founded by three local authorities through local action groups in order to revisit a definition for the Cambrian Mountains. 50 community and town councils to speak to in total across Powys, Ceredigion and Carmarthen. In 1972/1973 the Cambrian Mountains was almost designated as a National Park but the Welsh Government are open to a new approach and feedback and suggestions should come from Communities.  
If nothing happens Mid Wales may miss out on funding etc.  
7 possibilities:
  - Do nothing
  - National Park
  - Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
  - Biosphere
  - Regional Park
  - Parc Naturel
  - Different proposal: Set of planning policies for the uplands. A 'super trust' could be set up bringing farmer support, funding for communities, land management, visitor experience etc.More discussion is required for anything to happen and an interim report will be out in the next two weeks.  
  
Charlie Falzon was thanked for attending the meeting and for providing the above information.
6. **Training materials for information:** Chairman Cllr J Dore has attended a number of training sessions with One Voice Wales and has various information following these that he has made available to all Cllrs as they may be useful.
7. **Highway Matters:**
  - a) **Lighting: Village car park & street light on way out of the village:** Clerk confirmed that she has now spoken to the new manager at Street Lighting at Powys CC. It has been confirmed that they are willing to change the light head on the street light nearest to the village car park due to where it is located. However, the resident/s living closest to this street light should be consulted first as they may not want it to be switched back on. If it was put back on it would be off during the hours of 11.30pm and 5.30am. Clerk to contact the resident and ask for their response to this.  
Clerk also reported that she had spoken to PCC street lighting regarding the street light that was moved and not worked since being relocated. It is the last street light on

the way out of the village going towards Aberystwyth. The PCC officer was not aware and confirmed that they would look into it and get back to the Clerk,

- b) **Drainage at Llanerch corner:** PCC Planning Dept is struggling to get a response from the developers of the wind farm so there are no updates on this as yet. Highways Dept are still chasing this up as is the Clerk. Clerk to contact Highways to ask whether in the mean time they could look at other issues not relating to the wind farm development as there has been an issue with this area historically prior to the wind farm development.
- c) **Cefn Road sign:** No further updates since the previous meeting. Agreement was that this item would be left on the agenda until confirmation that the sign has been re-instated.
- d) **Wood piles near old school:** PCC Highways have visited this location and spoken to the relevant person about moving the wood.
- e) **Slates from Black Lion Hotel:** No further information or updates at present. Reports have been received that more slates have been falling from the roof.
- f) **Moss on pavement near Bluebell Inn:** Further to this area another area of moss was reported since the previous meeting. Clerk reported this to PCC Highways and they have said that they will deal with it. Some seems to have been treated but not near to the Bluebell Inn. Clerk to chase this up.
- g) **Parking restrictions near Tan y Groes Rd:** Clerk reported the concerns over vehicles being parked on this road to PCC Highways but has not yet had a response at this time. Clerk will chase.
- h) **Speed restrictions on A470 to Ponterwyd:** PCC has confirmed that LCC comments have been passed on to the relevant parties and have confirmed that the matter is now with the Welsh Government to make a decision.

#### 8. Matters Arising:

- a) **Policies & Regulations:** Clerk will be forwarding all regulations and policies onto all Cllrs. No policies or regulations outstanding.
- b) **Village Green Various matters:**
  - a. **Fence:** Planning Application has been made to PCC for the fence.
  - b. **Lights at the steps:** Cllr L Higgitt has one quotation for around £600 and has met with another electrician who confirmed that the quote would be sent to the Clerk by the time of this meeting but nothing has been received as yet. Clerk to chase up for the next meeting.
- c) **Village Plan:** Clerk mentioned that Newtown Town Council are undertaking a Place Plan so it will be interesting to see how they go about consulting and constructing the plan. No information has been received as yet regarding any land that could be available for a childrens play area, Clerk to chase this up.
- d) **Air Ambulance:** Difficulty finding landing locations. Cllrs discussed at the previous meeting that the Air Ambulance often circles for a long time prior to landing so a query was forwarded to The Wales Air Ambulance asking whether they had designated landing locations and whether the Council could assist in any way to make it easier for the helicopter to land. Clerk confirmed a response stating that the helicopter does not require designated landing sites but the Council was thanked for it's offer of assistance.
- e) **Llangurig Community Centre:** Marquee request. Clerk confirmed further details as requested from the previous meeting. Cllrs discussed and agreed unanimously to allow permission for the marquee on the date requested on the understanding that insurance is covered by those hiring the marquee as this is not covered by LCC, the Village Green is left as it was found and any damage is repaired and that those attending the event are asked to be mindful of local residents living nearby.
- f) **Light pollution:** Clerk confirmed that Street Lighting at PCC have sent the current Street Lighting Consolidation Policy but have also confirmed that this is currently being reviewed and any updated policies will be forwarded as and when they have been implemented. Cllr L Higgitt will pass the details received onto the resident who requested the information.

#### 9. Correspondence:

- a) **Cambrian Mountains Initiative:** Community events information and drop in sessions. Details noted, Clerk to put the information on the website.

- b) **PC-Q:** business care and support quotation. Clerk confirmed that a quote has been received for continuing support with PC-Q for security, cloud backup and antivirus. Cllrs discussed the various options and agreed to go ahead with the package offered Clerk to contact PC-Q to set up.
- c) **Local resident:** query whether a solar farm is in the pipeline near Bryn Blaen wind farm. Clerk has received confirmation from PCC that there are no applications or pre-applications for such a development. However, this area is listed as a search area for solar power in the Local Development Plan.
- d) **Waters of Wales:** details of training for researching rights of way. Details noted, Clerk to put the information on the website.
- e) **Local Resident:** Sanitary ware near to old toilet block has been left and could be a hazard. Cllr L Higgitt confirmed that once the work has been completed the sanitary ware that has been taken out will be removed which will be by the end of the month.
- f) **Jill Evans MEP:** No Underground Nuclear Waste Dump in Wales, request to pass a motion to refuse volunteering for nuclear waste to be dumped in our community. PCC has already stated that they will not approve this on any of its own land.

#### 10. 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.  
*Above planning application was left on the agenda from the previous meeting in error.*
- b) **Application Reference: 19/0346/HH.** Grid Reference: E:291021 N: 280224.  
 Proposal: proposed domestic extension. Site Address: Llwynceilyn.U2760 From Junction with C2075 at Llwyn Celyn to just beyond track to Maes-Mawr, Llangurig, Llanidloes SY18 6SB.  
 Cllrs discussed this application and concluded that although no issues raised with the proposal itself, it is believed that the water mains run underneath where this extension is planned and there are no details within the application as to how this will be dealt with. Clerk to respond to this affect and request that the water mains are considered within the plans.

*The following application was not included on the agenda in error but due to the deadline for comments was discussed at the meeting at the discretion of the Chairman Cllr J Dore:*

- c) **Application Reference: 19/0386/HDG** Grid Reference: E:291878 N: 283160  
 Proposal: Removal of 32m of hedgerow Site Address: Nant Y Geifr Farm, Glynbrochan, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6PN  
 Cllrs discussed and noted that this is a notification as opposed to a consultation and therefore have no comments to make.

#### 11. Finances:

- a) **Account balance** = £9,459.05
- b) **Accounts and budget for Review:** Cllrs were sent the up to date accounts and budget information prior to the meeting. Details were discussed. There were queries raised in regards to whether the reserves held will be queried again at the external audit but Cllrs agreed that the reserves reflected amounts of finances required to cover the cost of Cllr allowances which could be claimed along with amounts previously precept for things such as play area which have not yet been spent.
- c) **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (March)	= £219.06 (20hrs)
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (March)	= £39.01
HMRC PAYE tax payable	= £0
Roger Malvern (Website Maint', 2017-18)	= £80.00
Wales Audit Office (Audit fee 2017/18)	= £225.00

Bills for payment were agreed and proposed by Cllr R Williams and seconded by Cllr I Bound.

#### 12. Donation Requests (S137/S142):

- a) **Children's Wales Air Ambulance:** £100 donation agreed.
- b) **Powys Citizens Advice:** £50 donation agreed.

- c) **Noah's Ark Appeal:** No donation agreed as many people locally already give to this charity.
- d) **Bobath Children's Therapy Centre:** £50 donation agreed.
- e) **Welsh Talking Books:** No donation agreed.
- f) **Urdd National Eisteddfod:** No donation agreed
- g) **Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod:** No donation agreed.

All Cllrs present were in unanimous agreement to the above distribution of the S137 allocated funds, cheques to be drawn at April meeting.

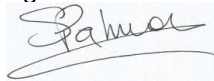
**13. Councillors comments:**

**Cllr L Higgitt:** Llangurig Community Council does not have a representative on either of the schools in Llanidloes Governing Boards. Clerk to add to the agenda for the April meeting.

**14. Date of next meeting** confirmed as Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm.

Chairman Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)