

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 16th April 2019

Minutes of meeting held at the Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 7.30pm

In attendance:

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

Clerk Mrs S Palmer

Mr Dafydd Wynn Morgan from the Cambrian Mountains Initiative

1. **Apologies:** Cllr C Davies, Cllr M Bound
2. **Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*
Chair Cllr J Dore declared an interest in agenda item 9a.
3. **Minutes** for meeting held on 19th March 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.

Dafydd Wynn Morgan from the Cambrian Mountains Initiative visited the meeting in order to go through the details of the road signage project that has previously been discussed by the council. The project hopes to raise the profile of the project.

The proposed signs will raise the profile of the project. The first tourist map for the area has been produced and distributed throughout the area. Some organisations and Town & Community Councils who previously did not want to be part of the project have now requested to be added to the map for a second print.

Dark skies tourism is a big draw for tourists and the Cambrian Mountains is looking to create dark skies discovery sights in the area. Elan Valley is a dark sky park which has brought a lot of tourism to the area. There are 6 possible sites for dark sky areas which will be a big global draw for dark skies tourism.

There is a second map for food and drink producers to show producers in the area. The aim is to get the Cambrian Mountains logo on producers packaging; in France the designated areas shown on produce packaging is 40% more likely to be purchased.

Walking Tourism: Legs 11 will be carried out in May. 11 Community areas, walks with people from the area. No walk in Llangurig for this year but there could be one next year.

Road signs; the project is looking for support for the Cambrian Mountains signage project. 10 out of 20 Councils have responded to the project positively. It would be good for the area for people to know that they are travelling in, around or out of the Cambrian Mountains.

LCC to discuss the signage project and whether they support it. Two options of signs, one large one or one small one either of which would be placed underneath the place sign for the town or village. There could potentially be two or even three signs in the Llangurig area but that would be agreed if LCC confirmed their interest in participating and a site visit would be carried out. The other question would be whether the council would be

- Interested in working with Cambrian Mountains Initiative?
- Does the council want signs and if so which one?
- Is the council willing to pay towards or for the signs?

Questions & comments from Cllrs:

Cllr L Higgitt: Is there a charge to go on the map? A: Organisations signed up and made a fixed payment of £75 towards the production of the sign. The food and drink map is still in progress. Producers may be asked for an annual fee in order to use the logo on their packaging.

Dafydd Wynn Morgan: The project is due to finish at Christmas but could be extended until Christmas 2020.

Cllr L Higgitt: There are outdoor activities and hotels etc that would benefit from the project but not many food and drink producers in this area.

Dafydd Wynn Morgan: Visitor numbers should increase following the production of the map. LCC are welcome to go back to the Initiative with ideas or suggestions for the project.

A year from now would LCC be interested in having a short walk start and finish within the community? 11 walks being done each with one person from the community with Dafydd who

will film the walk which will be about 40 seconds long and will promote and encourage people to come and do the walk themselves. This will be promoted during May which is National Walking Month.

Cllr B Jones: where do these organisations stand at the end of the project who have invested money in the project? A: hopefully another organisation will take the project on from where they leave it and continue it, the map that has been produced would still be online and available.

Chairman Cllr J Dore thanked Dafydd Wynn Morgan for attending the meeting and providing the information about the project, he then left the meeting.

Cllrs discussed the details of the signage project and confirmed the following:

Does LCC wish to be part of the project? Yes

Does LCC want Cambrian Mountain signs? Yes

Will LCC help fund the signs? Cllrs stated they would be willing to contribute towards the cost once the cost is confirmed

As this is still largely a concept, there needs to be more flesh on the bones before LCC are willing to promote.

5. **Council Insurance:** Clerk confirmed that the council insurance is due for renewal on 1st June 2019. The renewal quote has been received and Clerk has been in contact with other providers in order to get a number of comparison quotes. One quotation has been received so far with others on their way in order for the council to be able to make a decision at the May meeting.

6. Highway Matters

- a) **Lighting: Village car park & street light on way out of the village:** Clerk confirmed that she has spoken with the resident living closest to the street light near the car park in the village in regards to having it turned back on. The resident confirmed that he was happy for the light to be switched back on, on the basis that it will be switched off between roughly 11.30pm-5.30am.
- b) **Drainage at Llanerch corner:** There is still no update on the drainage issue here as PCC are having trouble contacting the developer for the wind farm.
- c) **Cefn Road sign:** No update at present, Cllrs confirmed for the Clerk to leave on the agenda until it is resolved.
- d) **Slates from Black Lion Hotel:** Clerk confirmed that she has been in contact with County Cllr Phyl Davies who has confirmed that the issue of the slates has been passed onto the Environmental Health Dept at PCC.
- e) **Moss on pavement near Bluebell Inn:** This moss is still an issue, Clerk has reported again to PCC and asked for it to be treated. There is an area which is under some overhanging branches which is worse and may need multiple treatments.
- f) **Parking restrictions near Tan y Groes Rd:** No information has come back as yet from PCC regarding restrictions that could be put on the road to prevent it being obstructed.

7. Matters Arising:

- a) **Village Green Various matters:**
Lights on the Village Green steps: Two quotations have been received for the lights on the steps which were discussed. Cllr B Jones proposed to confirm the work to be done by Kevin Jones and this was seconded by Cllr C Howells on the basis that Mr Jones carried out the electrical works for the Community Centre refurbishment. Vice Chair Cllr L Higgitt to contact Kevin Jones to confirm.
- b) **Village Plan:** Clerk confirmed that she has received no information back as yet from PCC about areas that may be available. Clerk to chase up.
- c) **LCC representatives for Llanidloes schools:** There have not been any Cllrs on the school governors for some time. Cllr C Howells confirmed an interest in representing LCC and will first speak with one of the governors regarding what is involved. Clerk to add to the AGM agenda for next month.

8. Correspondence:

- a) **Jill Evans MEP:** No Underground Nuclear Waste Dump in Wales. LCC will not pass a motion as LCC wish to be able to comment on any applications that may be put forward in the future.

- b) Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales:** Final Recommendations Report. The report recommends that Llangurig and Llanidloes Without will join with Llanidloes Town for County elections. The concern as previously is that the larger Llanidloes Town area will rule over the smaller communities of Llangurig & Llanidloes Without and that they will be overshadowed and everything heavily skewed towards the larger town. Cllrs unanimously feel that the boundaries should be left as they currently are.

The following item was not originally on the agenda but was brought to the meeting:

- c) Llanbrynmair resident poem:** Details noted, no action.

9. Planning:

- a) Application Reference: 19/0472/FUL.** Grid Reference: E:291103 N: 279266.
Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of 3 holiday lodges, to include alterations to existing vehicular access, installation of a sewage treatment plant and associated works. Site Address: Land Near Felin Fawr, Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6RX.

Cllrs have no objections to this proposal and added that it will bring business to the village.

- b) Application Reference: 19/0271/FUL.** Grid Reference: E:290868 N: 279937

Proposal: Erection of railings onto existing walls

Site Address: The Village Green, Llangurig, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6SG

This application is the one made by LCC for the fencing on the village green.

10. Finances:

- a) Account balance = £8,739.39**

- b) End of year accounts and internal audit:** details have been compiled by the Clerk and passed onto Vice Chair Cllr L Higgitt to go through prior to passing onto the internal auditor. There are a couple of queries relating to the accounts which need to be confirmed and then the paperwork will go to the internal auditor.

- c) Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (April)	= £248.15 (23hrs)
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (April)	= £36.91
HMRC PAYE tax payable	= £15.20
Upper Bridge (Website hosting for 2019)	= £203.30
Children's Wales Air Ambulance donation	= £100.00
Powys Citizens Advice donation	= £50.00
Bobath Children's Therapy Centre donation	= £50.00

Bills to be paid were proposed for payment by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr B Jones.

11. Councillors comments:

Chair Cllr J Dore: training materials passed onto Clerk to scan and forward to other Cllrs.

Cllr L Higgitt: Is it too late to comment on the speed limit change on the road between Llangurig and Ponterwyd. Clerk confirmed that LCC's comments have been passed on and it is with the authorities to make a decision now.

Cllr R Williams: Member of public has reported that a post on the wooden fence has broken, near the Black Lion.

Has anything been received back regarding the comments made about the mains water on the planning application discussed at the last meeting? Clerk confirmed that feedback is not sent in regards to comments made on planning applications but LCC's concerns were forwarded in relation to the mains water supply.

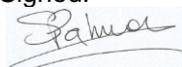
Clerk: Meeting in Newtown regarding electric car charging points in Powys, anyone who wishes to attend has to make Russell George's office aware of their attendance.

Chair Cllr J Dore: will be attending the area meeting for One Voice Wales tomorrow evening in Kerry.

12. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21st May 2019 (AGM) to begin at 7pm, followed by the ordinary meeting to begin at 7.30pm.

Chair Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.43pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)