

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 18th December 2018

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

In attendance:

Cllr J Dore (Chairman), Cllr L Higgitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr I Bound, Cllr M Bound, Cllr B Jones.

Clerk Mrs S Palmer

Not present: Cllr C Davies

1 member of the public

1. **Apologies:** Cllr R Williams, 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 item 6b
3. **Council Vacancy:** Clerk confirmed that one expression of interest has been received from a local member of the community living in Llangurig. Cllrs discussed and were unanimous in their decision to co-opt Mrs Lynne Sephton onto the Council. Clerk to contact Mrs Sephton following the meeting to let her know and to forward any relevant information.
4. **Minutes** for meeting held on 20th November 2018 were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr B Jones and seconded by Cllr L Higgitt.
5. **Highway Matters**
 - a) **Village Car park: lighting:** Clerk confirmed that she has not yet had a response from PCC on this matter. Cllrs confirmed that they wish to strongly confirm that the light in question was not requested to be switched off. Clerk to chase up.
 - b) **Drainage at Llanerch corner:** Clerk confirmed that no updates have been received as yet on this matter. Clerk to chase.
 - c) **Cefn Road sign:** No further information received as yet.
 - d) **Pavement blocking/illegal parking:** No further complaints have been received and as a number of dropped kerbs have now been installed Cllrs confirmed that this matter should be removed from the agenda until such a time when there is another issue/complaint.
 - e) **Wood piles near old school:** Clerk confirmed that she has chased up but not yet heard back from Powys CC on this matter. Clerk to chase again.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Council Policies including Public Speaking Protocol:** Clerk has printed another Community Councils Public Speaking Protocol from the internet and Powys CC's Public Speaking information also. Cllrs discussed what details they wished to include in the protocol which could be inserted into the Standing Orders. Clerk to draft the protocol and send to One Voice Wales and/or Powys CC for their advice and feedback on the draft and will add to the next meeting agenda.
 - b) **Village Green Various matters (Fence, access etc):**

Offensive language towards those using the Green: Clerk has spoken to PCSO Karen Jones who has said that anyone who wishes to report offensive language must contact Llanidloes Police station or her direct.

Fence: Cllr L Higgitt showed Cllrs a picture of the fence which would be installed. Cllrs discussed the type of fence and how it should be fixed. Cllr L Higgitt to contact a builder about a quotation for the costs to install the fence. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

Boundary line: There has been a query regarding the fence erected along the edge of the green next to the Black Lion pub. Cllr L Higgitt confirmed having spoken to the previous owners of the pub who confirmed that they did not erect the fence and it was the Community Council that put it up some years ago. Clerk to draft something to send to pub owner regarding plans to install/replace the fence.

Lights for the steps from road to Green: Cllr L Higgitt requested a quotation from an electrician for installing lights on the steps. Cllr L Higgitt and Cllr B Jones to look to get a further two quotations.
 - c) **Independent Review Panel: Discuss and respond to outline findings and recommendations:** Clerk confirmed that One Voice Wales would like responses from Town & Community Councils regarding the recommendations given. Cllrs went through the recommendations and confirmed responses on each. Clerk to draft a response to forward to One Voice Wales.

- d) **Light pollution:** Cllr L Higgitt reported that someone had reported concerns over light pollution in the area. It affects PCC in terms of street lighting etc. It affects planning applications for larger developments. Attractiveness of the village is affected depending on the level of light given out. Clerk to ask Powys CC what their policy is on street light pollution and light pollution in regards to planning applications. This is in relation to lighting at night time. Could the lights be dimmed over night? Clerk to contact PCC prior to the next meeting.

7. Correspondence:

- a) **Local Resident: Query over Community Hall porch and the Village Green Boundary:** Resident has contacted the Clerk in relation to the issue with the Village Green boundary line and the new porch on the Community Centre. Cllr L Higgitt has clarified the situation for the Clerk to go back to the resident with.
- b) **Local Resident: Rat Infestation:** This is an issue to be raised with the relevant landlord. Clerk has responded to this person to ask whether they have been to their landlord already. Clerk to respond to the resident.
- c) **Local Resident: Dangerous reversing onto highway:** Not a council matter. Pedestrians and drivers alike must take responsibility and be aware of their surroundings. Reversing onto a highway is not illegal but warned against within the highway code as driving out forwards is preferable if possible. Clerk to respond to the resident.
- d) **Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council: Proposed Recycling Development at Abermule:** Cllrs concluded that not enough information is available in order to be able to comment. Not aware of the full facts to be able to comment fully on this issue.
- e) **Powys CC: Publishing 3rd party responses on Planning Portal:** Clerk confirmed that an email has been received from Powys CC Planning Dept stating that 3rd party correspondence in relation to planning applications will no longer be added to the planning portal and will only be available to view in person at the planning office. Cllrs agreed that it is not practical or reasonable to expect individual Cllrs to go the planning office potentially multiple times each month to view correspondence from the Community which may help towards the Community Council making its own decisions on planning applications. This also highlights even more that the deadline for responses to planning applications of 21 days is not long enough. Clerk confirmed that she often has to request extensions to the response deadline and the procedure of having to attend the planning office to see the 3rd party correspondence will make this deadline even tighter than it already is. Clerk to draft something to this effect to send to Powys CC Planning Dept.
- f) **Powys CC: Play sufficiency in Powys assessment:** Survey available for completion on this topic. Clerk has added it to the website.
- g) **Llandrindod Wells Town Council: Proposed relocation of Ariel Lift Platform (ALP) from Llandrindod Wells Fire Station to Aberystwyth:** Cllrs discussed this and although where Llangurig is situated in comparison to both Llandrindod Wells and Aberystwyth the decision was that Powys should not be without an ALP so it should be kept in Llandrindod Wells. Clerk to respond.

8. Finances:

- a) **Account balance to confirm:**
Community Account = £8,816.91
- b) **Precept:** conclusion of precept amount for 2019/20: £4,100
- c) **Bills to be paid:**
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| Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (December) | = £208.11 (19hrs) |
| Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (December) | = £26.46 |
| HMRC PAYE tax payable | = £0 |
- Bills to be paid were proposed by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr B Jones.

9. Councillors comments:

Cllr M Bound: The drains are overflowing above PenCroeso Villa and the water is flowing down the road which will be a real hazard when colder weather comes and the water freezes.

Clerk: Went through the meeting dates for 2019 which will continue to be the third Tuesday of every month unless anything changes. There will be no meeting in August as usual. All Cllrs present agreed the 2019 dates. Clerk to book the meeting room.

10. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

Chair Cllr J Dore confirmed his apologies for the meeting in January, then thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed:  Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)