

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 18th June 2019

Minutes of meeting held at the Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 7.30pm

In attendance:

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

Clerk Mrs S Palmer

8 members of the public present

1. Apologies: Cllr M Bound

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 6a.

3. Minutes for meeting held on 21st May 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.*

A number of local residents were present and one had contacted the Clerk prior to the meeting requesting to speak during this agenda item in order to put forward their objection to the proposed poultry unit; agenda item 8b.

The objection relates to the following points:

- The road due to be used for access to the poultry unit which is not suitable for the types of HGV's which are too large for the road stated as there are currently not enough passing places and large vehicles already use the road and will cause more of a hazard for other road users, particularly those walking, cycling, running and horse riding.
- The smell from the manure spreading will affect many local residents in the area.
- Overflow of drainage: is it far enough away from peoples' homes and waterways? There are concerns over the waterways becoming contaminated from the manure spreading.
- There are many poultry units already in Powys which can be seen on a map printed from the internet. The resident feels that Powys has far too many already and should not approve any more rearing or egg producing units.

The residents were thanked for their contribution and were welcomed to stay at the meeting if they wished.

5. Highway Matters

a) Drainage at Llanerch corner: Clerk reported that PCC have still not been able to provide an update as they have still not received a response from the developers of the wind farm. Clerk to continue to chase.

b) Cefn Road sign: Cllr Phyl Davies has confirmed that this sign has been put up and is now in place, this was confirmed by Cllr I Bound who has seen it. Clerk to remove this item from the agenda.

c) Slates from Black Lion Hotel: Following discussion at the previous meeting the Clerk contacted County Cllr Phyl Davies who is chasing this matter up, no update received as yet; Clerk to chase up for the next meeting.

d) Flashing 30mph signs & Pedestrian crossing: some residents have approached Chair Cllr J Dore regarding the safety of the roads through Llangurig and asked whether flashing speed limit signs could be installed on the approach to the village and also that a crossing be put at the centre of the village. Clerk has been in contact with the Trunk Road Agent and received a response from the Welsh Government which states that this request will be considered. It will likely take a long time for the Welsh Government to make a decision on this but it was agreed to leave the item on the agenda until a decision has been made.

e) Parking issues and restrictions in the village: The issue of parking in the village has been raised again by a local resident. Cllrs discussed briefly the issues and where and why they arise. It was decided to leave this matter until the next meeting for further discussion on how to proceed. The full extent of the issue needs to be explored and Cllrs need to come to an agreed response to these issues and a plan of action of what suggestions/requests can be made in order to resolve it.

6. Matters Arising:

a) Village Green Various matters:

- **Quotes for fence:** Clerk confirmed that she has constructed a tender invitation which was read out to Cllrs. This will be sent to builders in order to obtain as many quotations for the work to install the fencing around the village green as possible prior to the July meeting.
- **Lighting at steps:** Vice Chair Cllr L Higgitt confirmed that he is waiting on a date for the work to be completed.

b) Village Play Area: Clerk read out a letter drafted to send to local land owner in relation to the possibility of obtaining land for a play area in the village. Cllrs present were in unanimous agreement to send the letter. Clerk to action.

c) Council Insurance: Clerk confirmed that the insurance recently taken out covers the trees on the village green, she has also obtained information relating to trees on council land and how they should be surveyed/assessed in order to ensure the public safety. There seems to be no requirement by law for the Council to have a survey done by a professional tree surgeon but risk assessments should be made on a routine basis decided by the land owner as to the frequency and what type of person is to complete the assessment. Chair Cllr J Dore suggests that a survey should be carried out on an annual basis by a qualified person. It was decided for the Clerk to look into this further and contact One Voice Wales for advice. Clerk to also get quotations from qualified persons for a full survey on the tree present on the green to discuss further at the next meeting.

d) Llanidloes School Governors: Clerk is awaiting a response regarding whether there is space for a new Governor, however the two schools will be merging at some point soon so it is likely that there will be one governing body over the two schools.

7. Correspondence:

a) Future Generations Commissioner for Wales: Our Future Wales A National Conversation. Details noted, no action.

b) Cambrian Mountains Initiative: Map reprint for 2020. Cllrs discussed whether they would like to request for Llangurig Community Council to be added to the reprint of the map and concluded that they still did not feel that the Cambrian Mountains Initiative has made a clear enough statement of what it intends to achieve and therefore they do not wish to be included. It was also noted that the funding is due to run out at the end of the year.

c) Llanidloes Town Council: Motions for One Voice Wales. Cllrs were all in agreement with the motions suggested by LTC. Clerk to confirm.

d) Powys County Council: North Powys Wellbeing Launch. Further information has been provided and details of drop in events etc have been shared on the LCC website.

8. Planning: *Please note that Llangurig Community Council is a consultee only and not a decision maker in regards to planning applications.*

a) Application Reference: 19/0746/FUL Grid Reference: E:289862 N: 283444 Proposal: Demolition of existing farm house, replacement dwelling & change of use of agricultural land. Site Address: Malgwyn, Pantmawr, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6PP
Cllrs discussed the above planning application and unanimously agreed that they have no objections.

b) Application Reference: 19/0866/FUL Grid Reference: E:291710 N: 281090 Proposal: Erection of a pullet rearing unit, feed bins and associated works Site Address: Blaen Glyn, Llangurig, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6SL

Clerk read out two emails received from members of the community who have objections to the planning application and their reasons why.

One objector stated that the road to the proposed unit is not suitable and they have concerns over the building and roof of the Bluebell Inn as large vehicles have caused issues for the building previously and this proposal will add to the amount of such vehicles.

The other objector stated that the land on which the proposed unit is planned neighbours their property and both their well and bore hole are located on land which has been marked for manure spreading, not at the required distance from the water source.

Cllrs discussed the proposed planning application and asked the planning applicants, who were present, for clarification on certain points.

Cllr R Williams is in support of the application as there will not be large HGV's going up and down the road constantly due to it being for a pullet rearing unit and not an egg laying unit.

Cllr C Davies asked the applicant whether they will have something on the unit which reduces the noise from the fan and chickens to which the applicants confirmed that noise will not be an issue due to the way the unit is built and the type of fans etc.

The resident who raised concerns earlier in the meeting stated that the information in the application is misleading as some parts are incorrect and they were grateful to have certain points clarified about the proposal.

Following the meeting the Clerk drafted a response which Cllrs agreed on prior to sending on the PCC Planning Dept. The response sent is as follows:

Llangurig Community Council discussed the planning application proposal at its meeting on Tuesday 20th June where a number of local residents and the applicants were present and able to make representation to the Council of their views and concerns. The applicants were also able to confirm and clarify certain points.

Llangurig Community Council concluded that although some queries were answered following the pre-application consultation and further information given by the applicants there are still some outstanding concerns which are laid out below:

- There are concerns within the community and Council regarding the narrow roads which will be used by large vehicles to access the poultry unit. The applicants have clarified that articulated lorries will not be in use which is contrary to what is stated within the application. Will further passing places be considered as there are currently only two passing places on this road which are reported as not being large enough currently for a car and lorry to pass each other and one is often used to park a car. Will this be considered and re-evaluated as there are concerns for frequent users of the road including, runners/walkers, cyclists and horse riders? Cllrs are concerned that not enough consideration has been given to the suitability of the current road on the basis that there are already three operating centres on this road increasing to four with the addition of the poultry rearing unit. This in turn increases the number and frequency of large vehicles using this stretch of road. Careful consideration must be made when looking at the suitability of the road in its current state and what alterations may need to be made to it in order to ensure all road users safety.
- The community of Llangurig has been impacted negatively through poor regulation enforcement of a different type of facility but one which raises health concerns when strict regulations are not adhered to and further to that not enforced. This is not the assumption here but there is a concern that regulations must be met and enforced if required. The Community Council requests reassurance of these processes and procedures.
- Llangurig Community Council has received information from a local resident who lives near to the proposed application. They have provided maps and information detailing that their well and borehole are both shown as being on land sited for manure spreading. The required distance from a water source is 50 metres which is not the case here. The Community Council would insist that this must be investigated and the manure management plan altered if necessary. Please see the maps and information from the resident attached.

Llangurig Community Council requests a response to the above points and any other relevant details that can be provided prior to being able to offer a supportive or objective response.

8 members of public left the meeting at this point.

9. Finances:

a) Account balance = £9,127.87 (up to 15.05.19)

b) Bills to be paid:

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (June)	= £220.60 (20hrs)
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (June)	= £46.35
HMRC PAYE tax payable	= £8.40
CAS (Council Insurance 2019/20)	= £190.40

Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr C Howells and seconded by Cllr C Davies.

10. Councillors comments:

Cllr I Bound: A local resident has complained about rubbish being thrown over the hedge near the entrance to the wind farm. Clerk to contact PCC to look into it.

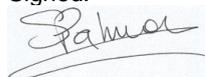
Cllr L Higgitt: A local resident reported that they have had people taking post from their post box as they have had items sent to the residents' address but in a different name. The resident is concerned that people should be made aware as these people must be watching the house and location of post box etc for their own use. Clerk to put something on the website to warn people of this.

Clerk: read out a letter drafted to congratulate Colin and Mary at the Post Office for their award recently won at the Countryside Alliance Awards. They are also up for a UK award and will find out in the next few days whether they have won that as well.

11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th July 2019 to begin at 7.30pm.

Chairman Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer