

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 19th November 2019

Minutes of meeting held at the Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 15th October 2019 at 7.30pm
In attendance: Cllr J Dore (Chairman), Cllr L Higgitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr L Sephton, Cllr R Williams, Cllr I Bound, Cllr C Howells, Cllr B Jones
Clerk Mrs S Palmer

1. **Apologies:** Cllr C Davies, Cllr M Bound & County Cllr P Davies
2. **Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*
Cllr J Dore declared an interest in agenda item 9e
Cllr L Higgitt declared an interest in agenda item 8a
3. **Minutes** for meeting held on 15th October 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.
5. **Clerks new appointment and annual review:** Clerk confirmed that she has recently taken on a further part time role and clarified that she feels this will not have a negative impact on her role for the council. Cllrs present did not have any concerns to raise and wished the Clerk well with her new appointment. On the basis that the Clerks salary could alter next year Cllrs thought that there was no need to do the annual review until April 2020 which will be 12 months after the last review.
6. **Precept setting and Budget Review:** Clerk sent the up to date accounts and budget information to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs went through the precept amounts needed to cover the estimated outgoings for 2020/21. Cllrs wanted some further details before agreeing the final amount to request for precept. Clerk to confirm this information and add to the next agenda for further discussion and to agree the precept.
7. **Highway Matters**
 - a) **Drainage at Llanerch corner:** Cllrs discussed the issue here and it was confirmed that the issue is no longer present in this area as the fields were drained some time ago and there re no problems here now. Cllrs present agreed to remove this item from the agenda.
 - b) **Slates from Black Lion Hotel:** The barriers have now been removed and no further slates have fallen so seems to be safe at present. Cllrs present agreed for this item to be removed from the agenda.
 - c) **Flashing 30mph signs & Pedestrian crossing:** No further updates from the Welsh Government regarding when this might go ahead.
 - d) **Roundabout, planting flowers:** Clerk confirmed that the Trunk Road Agent has previously confirmed that it should be possible to add some planting to the roundabout but what and when is to be confirmed.
8. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Village Green Various matters:**
 - **Fencing around Village Green:** Cllr L Higgitt has confirmed a third quotation for the fencing. Cllrs discussed the various quotations received and made a decision to request Mr Trow to complete the works. Cllr L Higgitt to liaise with Mr Trow.
 - b) **Village Play Area:** Clerk has not received a response to her letter regarding the possibility to obtain some land for a play area but Cllr I Bound confirmed that he has spoken to the land owner who has asked how much land would be required and exact location etc. Cllr I Bound to go back to the land owner to ask him how much land he would be willing to go to the play area.
 - c) **Tree Management:** Clerk confirmed discussion with the insurance company who confirmed that the council is not legally bound to have a qualified person to check/assess the trees but checks need to be done as the council could be considered liable if they have not attempted any types of checks and an accident or injury occurs.
 - d) **Standing Orders & Financial Regulations:** Cllrs did not have the documents long enough before the meeting. Clerk will email the documents again in order for them to be discussed and approved at the December meeting.

- e) **Register of Interests:** Clerk confirmed that there should be a register of interests held by the Council. This can be in the form of one document detailing the main interests of members or a centrally held file of the Declaration of Interest forms which Cllrs fill in before/during a meeting during which they have an interest. Cllrs decided for the option of the Clerk collating and filing the Declaration of Interest forms to use as the register of interests.
- f) **The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems, plan:** Clerk has roughly drafted a plan which she went through. She will type this up and send to Cllrs prior to the next meeting for approval.

9. Correspondence:

- a) **Christine Hugh-Jones:** Support request regarding petition for 3rd party responses to be available again on PCC Planning Portal. Cllrs agree and confirm their support. Clerk to action.
- b) **Local residents:** Street lighting shields. A couple of local residents have reported that the street lights are shining into their homes. Clerk has already contacted PCC who have said that they can install shields on the lights which hopefully should help.
- c) **Powys Community Health Council:** Questionnaire, Clerk to send comments from Cllrs regarding important health care matters locally.
- d) **Welsh Government, Chief Planner:** Securing Biodiversity Enhancements. Information noted, no action.
- e) **Quatro: Lluest Y Gwynt Wind Farm Proposals.** Some Cllrs received letters from Quatro regarding proposals for a wind farm which would be just outside of but close to the Llangurig boundary. Further meetings will be held which Chairman Cllr J Dore will aim to attend when possible.

The next item was not on the agenda:

Chairman Cllr J Dore received an advert regarding the common housing register that is now available for people to add their details to the register instead of having to register on separate lists. Clerk to share the information online.

The next item was not on the agenda but was raised by Chairman Cllr J Dore as an issue raised by a local resident about what money has been spent / wasted by the authority on projects such as the wind farm which is not yet operational. Cllr discussed and agreed that individuals should request details via Freedom of Information Act.

- f) **Big Lottery Funding:** Countryside Access. Clerk to respond and see whether this would be relevant to a play area proposal.
- g) **Welsh Government:** Planning consultations. Information noted, no action.
- h) **Power for People:** Council motion request re national community energy campaign. Information noted, no action.

10. Planning:

- a) **Reference: Application Ref: 19/0866/FUL** - Poultry Unit Planning Application - additional documentation.
Cllrs discussed the additional information provided and agreed that something was required between the two proposed laybys as the road between these two laybys is very dangerous with bad visibility. Clerk to send these comments to PCC.
- b) **Application Reference: 19/1829/HH** Grid Reference: E:294809 N: 281701 Proposal: Extensions to existing dwelling and formation of 2 car parking bay Site Address: 3 Jubilee Terrace, Cwmbelan, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6RQ
Cllrs discussed the above application and are in support of it.

11. Finances:

- a) **Account balances** = £8,855.92
- b) **Bills to be paid:**
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (November) = £202.30
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (November) = £38.01
HMRC PAYE tax payable (November) = £3.80
Bills to be paid were proposed for payment by Cllr C Howells and seconded by Cllr B Jones.

12. Councillors comments:

Cllr B Jones: Attended the public meeting on 28th October 2019 regarding Bryn Posteg. Around 40 members of public were present. The smells are still present at the site. NRW apparently had the wrong set of plans so illegal tipping was allowed to go ahead. Over

tipping been complained about since 2004. System failures since 2008. Potters fined in 2017. These points all show that the site was mismanaged.

A suggestion was made that the group is not representative of the local community and that Llanidloes Town Council should have been on board with these meetings since the complaints started.

Further issues and concerns raised were that Bryn Du hill is not gritted in winter so lorries queue up along the hill and have been known to jack knife. More heavy vehicles would be going through built up areas and past the local schools.

Someone asked how much an independent review of the tip cost and if Llanidloes Town Council would cover the cost.

A new housing site is proposed near to the tip.

Llanidloes Town Council opposes the proposal as residents have put up with the smell, heavy vehicles through the town and the potential health risks for long enough.

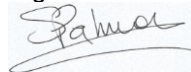
Another liaison meeting is due to be arranged.

Cllr L Higgett: since the road was resurfaced, water misses the drain and gathers opposite the shop. Clerk to report to PCC & Trunk Road Agency.

13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17th December 2019 to begin at 7.30pm.

Chairman Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.03pm.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sophie', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)