

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 18th February 2020

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 B Jones, Cllr C Davies, Cllr M Bound, Cllr I Bound.

Not present: Cllr C Howells

1. **Apologies:** Cllr R Williams, County Cllr P Davies also gave his apologies as he was unable to attend due to other commitments.
2. **Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*
None given
3. **Minutes** for meeting held on 21st January 2020 were agreed as an accurate record and proposed by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr L Sephton.
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. **Internal Auditor for 2019/20:** Cllr L Higgitt has spoken to C Bound who has kindly agreed to do the audit for us again this year. Clerk will arrange getting the accounts paperwork to her as soon as possible following the end of March.
6. **Website Requirements:** After checking information provided by One Voice Wales Vice Chair Cllr L Higgitt and the Clerk have checked the requirements against what is currently on the LCC website. Some information is missing or partially missing. Some details were confirmed at the meeting by Cllrs present and other information such as the register of interests will be added to the website by the Clerk who will begin scanning and adding the information.
7. **Highway Matters**
 - a) **Flashing 30mph signs & Pedestrian crossing:** No updates on this matter at present.
 - b) **Roundabout, planting flowers:** Clerk confirmed that the Trunk Road Agent are sourcing some native heather rather than varieties, which is taking longer than expected. They will contact the Clerk again when there are any further updates.
 - c) **Water running down road:** PCC have confirmed that they have scheduled work here to unblock culverts. They cannot give a timescale at present. Cllr M Bound confirmed that one of the culverts has been dug out but there are still issues there due to there being so much rain with the recent storms. There will be further issues if it freezes. Cllr I Bound also mentioned that there should be a barrier of some sort near the pitch which is past the windmills road going towards Llanidloes where trees have been removed so now there is a sheer drop down to the brook. Clerk to report this to PCC.
 - d) **Issues of patching roads:** PCC have scheduled more works to fix potholes but cannot give any specific details of time scales on any works at present. Cllr B Jones confirmed that PCC have been out to patch the potholes on his roads but they tipped some tarmac into the holes and drove over it and over the next few days it was washed away again. This is a waste of time and resources could be better used. The roads need to be repaired properly and not patched up temporarily. Clerk to contact Highways again with these continued concerns.
 - e) **Roadside trees hazard:** Chair Cllr J Dore noted that some trees are being taken down but also in the recent storms there have been problems with them falling. This could be a hazard so close to the Highways.
8. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Village Green; Various matters:**
 - **Boundary:** solicitors have been contacted. The solicitor is waiting for an answer from Curig Charity.
 - **Fencing:** This has been ordered and received but waiting for better weather to install it.

- b) **Village Play Area:** Cllr I Bound has spoken to the landowner who has asked how much land LCC are asking for. Cllrs discussed and agreed on a rough sized patch of land to go back to the landowner. Cllr I Bound to speak with the landowner again.
- c) **Tree Management:** Clerks contact has not provided confirmation of having checked the trees as yet. Cllr B Jones has confirmed that he knows someone who is a tree surgeon and has quoted roughly £300 to look at and produce a survey on the trees. Cllrs discussed this as it is not mandatory but good practice. Cllr B Jones declared an interest as a family member to the tree surgeon. Proposed by Cllr M Bound and seconded by Cllr L Sephton to use this person as a qualified tree surgeon. Cllr B Jones will action and pass details onto the Clerk.
- d) **Street lighting shields:** Chair Cllr J Dore confirmed the address which is still having an issue with the lights. Clerk will confirm the details to PCC and ask them to fit different lighting shields.
- e) **Slates at Black Lion:** Clerk has been in contact with TRA as barriers were blown across the main road recently. TRA confirmed that they required to be further filled with water. They are now staying where they should be. Clerk has not however received an update regarding what the situation is with the falling slates. Clerk will chase this up as it was reiterated by Cllrs how dangerous the situation is for passers by plus the fact that the only option is to walk in the road or cross the road several times due to the lack of pathway past the Black Lion. Clerk to continue to chase for a response.
- f) **Lack of local jobs:** Clerk has written to Russell George on this matter but has not yet had a response. Clerk will chase this up and involve County Cllr P Davies.
- g) **Welsh Government Consultation:** Changes to planning and related application fees. Information noted, no action.
- h) **Powys CC: Local Development Plan, draft Supplementary Planning Guidance.** Cllr M Bound has not been through the full consultation document but says that there is no wonder there is so much flooding when the natural bogs are being removed by all of the development of wind farms and chicken sheds. Clerk to construct a response relating to these points in relation to the SPG on 'Land Drainage and Flooding'.

9. Correspondence:

- a) **Dyfed-Powys Police:** Selection of Police & Crime Commissioner: Information noted, no action.
- b) **Powys CC:** Local Development Plan, draft Supplementary Planning Guidance. Clerk confirmed that this item was left on the agenda in error.
- c) **VE Day Commemoration:** Cllr L Higgitt confirmed that the Community Centre are looking to put on an event to commemorate this occasion. They have asked whether a marquee could be erected on the Village Green for this event. Cllrs were in agreement with this request on the basis that the Community Centre ensure that the marquee is insured and covered by Llangurig Community Centre. Cllr L Higgitt to confirm.
- d) **PCC:** Transforming Education in Powys Consultation: Information noted, Chair Cllr J Dore has previously passed his view on in regards to education. No further comments to be made on the consultation.
- e) **Wales Audit Office:** Consultation on Future Audit Arrangements. Cllr L Higgitt and the Clerk made some points in relation to the changes proposed. Cllrs agreed with the points made and agreed for the Clerk and Cllr L Higgitt to construct a response to be discussed at the next meeting which is prior to the deadline for responses to the consultation.

10. Planning:

- a) **Application Reference: 20/0094/HH** Grid Reference: E:291106 N: 279930 Proposal: Demolition of the existing extension and the erection of a single storey extension, construction of new decking and shed Site Address: Garth Gurig , Llangurig, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6RN
Cllrs discussed the above application and agreed that they had no objections.
- b) **Application Reference: 20/0224/FUL** Grid Reference: E:294161 N: 280995 Proposal: Change of use of land to a wedding venue and siting of a railway carriage and associated works Site Address: Glyngynwydd, Llangurig, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6QQ
Cllrs discussed the above application and agreed that they had no objections.

The following planning application was not on the agenda as it was received the day of the meeting:

- c) **Application Reference:** 20/0253/HH Grid Reference: E:291021 N: 280224 Proposal: Proposed domestic extension (resubmission) Site Address: Llwyncelyn, Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6SB

Cllrs discussed the above application and have concerns regarding the amount of car parking space for the size of property once the works are complete, especially in light of the current use of the passing place near to this property. There is also a concern over the water supply being affected by this development. Clerk to construct a response to be sent relating to the concerns raised.

11. Finances:

- a) **Account balance** = £9,157.33
- b) **Accounts & Budget Review** Accounts sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting. The Clerk has balanced the accounts up to date. Cllrs agreed to review the accounts and budget at the next meeting using the projector.
- c) **Bills to be paid:**
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (February) = £220.40
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (February) =£58.68 (includes £21.67 underpaid for last months expenses – error made when writing the cheque)
HMRC PAYE tax payable (February) = £8.60
Wales Audit Office (External Audit Fee 2018/19) = £172.75
One Voice Wales (Membership Fee 2020/21) = £122.00

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

12. Councillors comments:

Chair Cllr J Dore: three matters to raise:

- **'Stop' sign** by the Bluebell Inn. It has been suggested that the sign is being caught by the large straw lorries as there is straw on the road at the junction. Cllr M Bound confirmed that there is straw there because it is such a tight turn that the front of the lorry catches the straw on the front of the trailer causing some of it to fall. If the lorries caught the stop sign it would be pulled out of the ground.
- **Pavements** for blind people. Noticed that there are dropped kerbs with nodules on to help of blind people in Llandrindod Wells. Is this something Llangurig should have?
- **Advertising sign** just outside Llangurig on the way to Aber. It seems distracting, Clerk will contact the Trunk Road Agent to ask if there are rules on this.
- **Phone sign:** still there, Clerk to chase up it's removal.

Cllr M Bound: there should be more signage after the Llangurig roundabout on the way to Llanidloes where there is a bend which is tighter than it first appears and lorries often end up over the white line. Clerk to contact the Trunk Road Agent to ask whether some signage could be erected so that drivers anticipate the turn on approach. Clerk to action.

Cllr L Sephton: confirmed that the Legs 11 walking route (Cambrian Mountains) will also now be done by Colin and Mary at the Post Office. It has been postponed until the summer now. Cllrs requested that the Clerk contact those doing the walking route a thank you for their commitment and efforts for the local area.

13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17th March 2020 to begin at 7.30pm.

Chair Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.55pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)