

**Llangurig Community Council**  
**Remote Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

Minutes of meeting held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm.

**In attendance:** Cllr J Dore (Chairman), Cllr L Higgitt (Vice Chairman),  
Cllr R Williams, Cllr L Sephton, Cllr M Bound

Clerk: Sophie Palmer  
County Cllr: Phyl Davies

**Not present:** Cllr C Davies, Cllr B Jones

**1. Apologies:** Cllr C Howells, Cllr I Bound

**2. Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*  
No declarations given

**3. Minutes** for meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr R Williams and seconded by Cllr L Higgitt.

**4. Internal Audit** The audit has been completed with no issues to report. Clerk will scan and collate the relevant documents for the Council to be able to sign off the accounts and enable them to be sent for external audit.

**5. Town & Community Council Meeting with PCC** Clerk attended a remote meeting held by Powys CC with Town & Community Councils. The main aim was to go through the issues raised by COVID-19 and the process of recovery from it. The main issues were not things that directly affect LCC and it's residents. Clerk felt that this was a good way for the council to be able to engage with the Local Authority and it will hopefully to continue and will be a good way to raise issues direct with the senior members of PCC.

**6. Highway Matters:** (it was noted that the Highways Dept are currently only dealing with emergencies)

- a) **Issues on roadways of inadequate repairs** No response has been received on this matter. Clerk to chase.
- b) **Roadway requiring a barrier following tree removal** No response has been received on this matter. Clerk to chase.
- c) **Grass cutting on minor roads:** visibility very bad in places This has been reported to PCC
- d) **Japanese knotweed:** Japanese knotweed was suspected on the roadway leading up from the Bluebell and reported. This has now been sprayed by PCC.

**7. Matters Arising:**

- a) **Village Green; Fence and boundary issue** The fence has not been able to be erected as yet due to restrictions and the delay to the fence panels.
- b) **Village Play Area** Cllr I Bound was not at the meeting and has not sent any updates regarding this matter. To be followed up at the next meeting.
- c) **Tree Management** There are TPO's on the three trees which we would have to request to be removed in order to fell the trees if that was the option chosen. There is no cost for removing the TPO's. Clerk is waiting for confirmation of the cost of felling the trees.
- d) **Street lighting shields** No update on this matter at this time.
- e) **Slates at Black Lion** TRA has confirmed that there are a couple of issues which require repair and there should be no further issue after this has been carried out. Clerk to request further updates prior to the next meeting.
- f) **Lack of local jobs** Russell George has responded to LCC's concerns and mentioned the Mid Wales Growth Deal which he suggests LCC look into in more detail. Clerk has forwarded the information that Russell George AM sent to all Cllrs.
- g) **Community Wind Farm Fund** County Cllr Phyl Davies was in attendance and confirmed that a committee is being formed to distribute the funds from the wind farm which has been confirmed as index linked for a 20 year period. The fund should be available to apply for from October 2020. The fund will be for a total of £70,000 per year. Cllrs were not happy that no one from LCC has been invited to be on the committee and would like to be more involved. Cllr P Davies stated that he would put LCC forward to be a consultee. To follow up at the next meeting.

8. **Correspondence:** Various correspondence received from Organisations and Government with up to date information relating to the current COVID-19 situation. All correspondence has been distributed to Cllrs and shared online as necessary.

- a) **Local resident:** rats on the village green This was reported and someone came out to take a look at it but seems to be no further activity so no further action to be taken.
- b) **Llandrindod Wells Town Council:** Questionnaire regarding declaring a climate emergency. Information noted, no action.
- c) **PCC:** Engagement on draft vision of SEN/ALN provision in Powys A proposal of changes to provision for those with additional learning needs etc across Powys. Cllr P Davies clarified some of the details of this project. Cllrs were in unanimous agreement to support this project. Clerk to confirm support to PCC.
- d) **Virtual Town Hall – The Future of Towns:** online event. Clerk and Cllrs were not available to attend this virtual event.

#### 9. Planning

- a) **Planning application passed for poultry unit** Clerk to write to PCC Planning Dept referring back to LCC original concerns over the adequacy of the roadways to accommodate the extra HGV's that will need to use them for access to the poultry unit. Although requested a response was never received from planning to address the concerns of LCC and local residents before planning went through.
- b) *Missed off the agenda:* Planning application: 20/1043/HH. This planning application was missed off the agenda in error but Cllrs declined to comment on it as it is retrospective.

#### 10. Finances:

- a) **Account balance** = £7,885.50
- b) **End of Year accounts and internal audit update:** Details confirmed at the start of the meeting, that the internal audit has been completed and the accounts and other relevant details will be forwarded to all Cllrs prior to the next meeting in order for the accounts to be approved.
- c) **Bills to be paid:**
  - Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (July) = £251.90 - £50.40 (PAYE) = £201.50 (total pay)
  - Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (July) = £23.11
  - HMRC PAYE tax payable (July) = £50.40
  - Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (August) = £229.00 - £45.80 (PAYE) = £183.20 (total pay)
  - HMRC PAYE tax payable (August) = £45.80

Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr R Williams and seconded by Cllr J Dore.

#### 11. Cllr Comments:

**Cllr J Dore:** The weeds seem to have taken over on the roundabout. Clerk to contact PCC about this.

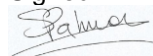
On the road down from the main road between the Post Office and Craft Shop the road going over the bridge is badly overgrown with weeds. Clerk to report to PCC.

**Cllr R Williams:** the roadway towards his property has subsided badly and dropped by about 4 inches. The road is already very narrow. Clerk to report to PCC.

12. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is due to be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 as no meeting is held in August.

Chairman Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)