

Llangurig Community Council
Remote Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 17th November 2020

Minutes of meeting held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr J Dore (Chairman), Cllr L Higgitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr R Williams, Cllr L Sephton, Cllr I Bound, Cllr C Howells, Cllr M Bound.

Clerk: Sophie Palmer

Not present: Cllr C Davies, Cllr B Jones

1. **Apologies:** None received
2. **Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*
None given
3. **Minutes** for meeting of 20th October 2020 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr R Williams and seconded by Cllr C Howells.
4. **Classification of Town & Community Councils** for Audit purposes: As a small Community Council LCC is put into a bracket of Councils with up to £35,000 precept. Clerk to draft a letter to send to Audit Wales and add to the next agenda.
5. **Highway Matters:**
 - a) **Roadway requiring a barrier following tree removal:** No update received from Highways, Clerk to chase.
 - b) **Sign to phone box for removal** This has been chase but not yet removed.
 - c) **Issues with culvert:** No update received from Highways but it will be investigated, Clerk to chase.
 - d) **Layby on A470 between Llanidloes and Llangurig:** no update received from PCC yet, Cllrs feel this needs to be cleared and signage added. Clerk to chase.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Village Green; Fence and boundary issue:**
 - **Fence:** not yet installed
 - **Boundary:** Clerk reported that solicitor has stated that they have not yet had contact from Curig Charity. Cllr I Bound stated that someone has contacted the solicitor. Clerk to follow up fir an update before the next meeting.
 - b) **Village Play Area:** No decision received from the land owner as yet.
 - c) **Tree Management** Clerk has had difficulty getting 3 quotes for the removal of the trees, Clerk to chase these up in order to have quotes ready for December meeting.
 - d) **Street lighting shields** no update at present, leave on the agenda.
 - e) **Slates at Black Lion** still no updates at present, Clerk to chase up.
 - f) **Community Wind Farm Fund** No further updates received, Clerk to chase up
 - g) **PCC: Consultation on Regulations to Establish Corporate Joint Committees**
Cllrs discussed this but decided to add to the December agenda in order to have more time and discuss further.
 - h) **PCC: Consultation on Establishing Town & Country Planning Regulations 2021**
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7. **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) **Barcud:** Letter received regarding merger between Mid Wales Housing Association and Tai Ceredigion. Information noted, no action.
 - b) **Welsh Government:** Consultation on Compulsory Purchase Regulations. Add to December agenda for further discussion.
 - c) **Repair Café Wales:** Repair and Reuse Fund. Information noted, no action.
 - d) **Llandrindod Wells Town Council:** Climate Emergency, information and questionnaire. Information noted, no action.
 - e) **Audit Wales:** Future Audit Arrangements for Town & Community Councils. Information noted, no action.
 - f) **Refill Wales:** Information noted, no action.

8. Planning

a) Poultry unit works:

The passing places which were previously too small have been extended.

An additional issue was raised prior to the meeting which has been linked to the poultry unit planning application as it relates to the junction near the Bluebell Inn in Llangurig which was raised as a concern by LCC at the time of commenting on the poultry unit planning application. The concerns were that large vehicles, particularly articulated lorries, are very difficult to manoeuvre around this junction without causing damage or a hazard on the main road.

A few days prior to the meeting a lorry struck the corner of the roof of the Bluebell Inn and damaged it, this then happened a second time a couple of days later. The owner of the Bluebell Inn contacted the Council to alert them to this issue and ask what steps will be taken. The Clerk stated that PCC Highways Department and the Trunk Road Agent would need to be informed and asked to investigate what can be done to prevent further damage. The Clerk confirmed that she would make contact but also suggested the owner also make contact and forward the photographic/video evidence that he had. It was also stated that the owner would need to make the relevant contact himself with the company involved, insurers, the police where necessary.

Cllrs discussed this issue as it has been one that has occurred many times over time but is not generally an issue when those using the junction are familiar with it and are driving a suitably sized vehicle. Cllrs were all in agreement that this needs to be resolved as quickly as possible to ensure no further damage to the building. The Clerk confirmed that the Trunk Road Agent and PCC Highways have been in contact and have placed a barrier and cones in the area in the hope to alert drivers to the hazard whilst they look into a long-term solution.

It was agreed that there is no straight forward resolution due to the proximity of the nearby buildings along with the raised kerb being affected by BT owned apparatus.

The Clerk confirmed that PCC and TRA confirmed that they will keep LCC updated with any information relating to this matter. The Clerk will forward the below points to TRA and PCC:

Suggestions made by LCC Cllrs to alleviate this issue:

- Install a large, clear sign at the right level and in the right place to ensure drivers are made aware of the potential hazard.
- Lower the kerb on the opposite side of the Bluebell to prevent lorries trailers rebounding off it into the Bluebell.
- Welcome other options for travelling to the relevant places that would be easier for these large vehicles to navigate to their destination.

This will be kept on the agenda.

9. Finances:

a) **Account balance** = £8,099.60

b) **Account and Budget Review and consideration of budget for 2021 precept** Cllrs went through and discussed the precept but decided to discuss again and make a final decision at the December meeting.

c) **Bills to be paid**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (Nov) = £229.00 - £45.80 (PAYE) = £183.20 (total pay)

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Nov) = £23.11

HMRC PAYE tax payable (Nov) = £45.80

Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr L Sephton.

10. Councillors Comments:

Cllr R Williams: The old road between Llangurig and Llanidloes still has a National speed limit of 60mph which is too fast. Clerk to report to PCC.

Cllr M Bound: The salt bin that was on the pitch was smashed, will it be replaced? Clerk to ask Highways. PCC have cleared the drains well but they are already overflowing again and the water is running down the road, this will be really dangerous when the roads become icy. Clerk to report to PCC.

11. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is due to be held on Tuesday 15th December 2020.

The ordinary meeting was closed and went into closed meeting in order to discuss matters of a confidential nature.

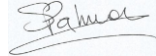
Closed Meeting:

Council will go into Closed Meeting to discuss matters of a confidential nature

1. Clerks review and pay review

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

Signed:

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

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)