

Llangurig Community Council
Remote Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 15th September 2020

Minutes of meeting held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: Sophie Palmer

Not present: Cllr C Davies, Cllr B Jones

1. Apologies: Cllr C Howells

2. Declarations of interest *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*

3. Minutes for meeting of 21st July 2020 were agreed and proposed by Cllr L Sephton and seconded by Cllr M Bound.

4. Highway Matters:

a) Issues on roadways of inadequate repairs Response received from PCC: *'Cyclic Highway Inspections are completed on all county Roads, Highway Supervisors schedule repairs based on risk based analysis. Repairs often involve the plugging or filling of potholes on these roads, resources are generally not available for regular permanent patching repairs. Highway Supervisors also schedule roads for further Structural repairs if the condition deteriorates, Patching & Dressing or Resurfacing for example, these roads are placed into a Capital programme and ranked annually for inclusion in the following years capital works. I'm afraid both budgets are reducing regularly and the revenue budget is 50% of what it was 5 or 6 years ago, and therefore its very difficult to maintain minor roads such as the roads in Llangurig. Trunk roads such as the A470T & A44T are maintained by WG and PCC complete the reactive and cyclic road works on their instruction.*

Roadway requiring a barrier following tree removal Response received from PCC Highways: *'The road from Llangurig to Llanidloes would not be considered for installation of a RRS system. RRS would only be installed following the completion of a RRRAP assessment in line with the DMRB CD 377 Requirements for RRS and the first requirement for this to be considered is traffic vehicle movements etc., there would not be sufficient traffic movements to justify the installation of a RRS, the risk would be considered to be low.*

I can ask the highway supervisor to inspect the site and assess what if any action is needed, Aled can consider other options e.g. warning markers or some fencing or possibly an earth embankment.'

b) **Overhanging branches on road off A470 to Marshes Pool:** PCC have been to look into this and have asked the land owner to cut the trees back.

c) **Lights at Village Car Park:** No update on his at present

d) **Sign to phone box for removal:** This has not been removed yet, Clerk has chased up but not received a response.

5. Matters Arising:

a) **Village Green; Fence and boundary issue:** The solicitor is waiting for someone from Curig Charity to contact him. Cllr I Bound was asked to forward this request on.

b) **Village Play Area** Cllr I Bound confirmed that the land owner has not had chance to look into this for various reasons and will let us know as and when they are able to.

c) **Tree Management** Clerk received a quote of £2,070 for removal of the trees on the village green. Cllrs need to discussed the issue of the trees and potential problems. Clerk to speak with Council Insurance to find out what level of liability there is and also what the situation would be if there was an issue with a tree on the land owned by the Black Lion, as one of these could fall on the village green if they are also infected.

d) **Street lighting shields** No information

e) **Slates at Black Lion** No further updates on this. At present the owners have been asked to carry out some specific repairs and then it should be safe to remove the barriers.

f) **Lack of local jobs** Clerk has previously received information from Russell George AM regarding the Mid Wales Growth Deal. Much of the progress of this has been put on hold due to COVID-19 so there is not much to report regarding this. Clerk will look out for any developments or updates relating to this.

- g) **Community Wind Farm Fund** Cllr P Davies was not in attendance and the Clerk has not received any updated information relating to the fund. Clerk to request an update from Cllr P Davies and whether this is now set up and running.
- h) **Rats on Village Green** rats have been seen again on the Village Green. The person who came to look into it last time was not available until the end of the month so this will be left for now and if there is more activity will try to get someone out again.
6. **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) **Powys CC: Virtual Meeting to be held on 15th October** Clerk will attend this engagement meeting on behalf of all of her Councils
- b) **Powys CC: Payphone consultation** Payphone in Cwm Belan is due for removal. Cllrs discussed this and thought it would be worth adopting it and asking the people of Cwm Belan about using the kiosk for a defibrillator/library/noticeboard etc. Clerk to action this.
- c) **Rubbish on streets and laybys** The layby on the main road between Llanidloes and Llangurig has been full of rubbish for a long time. There do not seem to be any groups who collect litter currently. Clerk to contact PCC regarding the rubbish in the layby.
- d) **One Voice Wales: Remote Training Dates** OVW has set some dates for remote training, any Cllrs wishing to attend can contact the Clerk.
7. **Planning**
- a) **Poultry unit works** Cllr J Dore has (as an individual) has highlighted to PCC that the passing places created for the poultry unit application have been built at the incorrect size to allow for passing of the large vehicles that will be using them. This was also raised with Highways by the Clerk when discussing a separate issue and highways have passed a request onto planning to look into this issue.
- b) **Application Reference: 20/1326/FUL** Grid Reference: E:291092 N: 279338
Proposal: Siting of 4 additional holiday lodges and associated works Site Address: Land South Of Felin Fawr, Llangurig, Llanidloes, Powys
Cllrs discussed the above and raised no objections
- c) **Application Reference: 20/1376/HH** Grid Reference: E:290769 N: 279951 Proposal: Erection of single storey rear conservatory and demolition of timber decking Site Address: Plas Y Llan , Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6SG
Cllrs discussed the above and raised no objections
8. **Finances:**
- a) **Account balance** = £7,599.53
- b) **End of Year accounts** Internal audit has been completed for the accounts. All information was scanned and emailed to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs were in unanimous agreement to approve the accounts. Clerk to securely post the audit paperwork to Chairman Cllr John Dore to sign and date and return in order for her to then forward the full audit paperwork to the external auditors.
- c) **Bills to be paid**
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (Sept) = £229.00 - £45.80 (PAYE) = £183.20 (total pay)
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Aug & Sept) = £36.32
HMRC PAYE tax payable (Sept) = £45.80
- Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr R Williams and seconded by Cllr L Higgitt.
9. **Councillor Comments:**
Cllr I Bound: The culvert going up Llyngwyn Lane is giving way. Clerk to report to PCC.
10. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is due to be held on Tuesday 20th October 2020.

Chairman Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.37pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)