

**Llangurig Community Council**  
**Remote Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Minutes of meeting held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: Sophie Palmer

1. **Apologies:** Cllr M Bound, Cllr I Bound, Cllr B Jones, Cllr C Davies.

Clerk confirmed that she received apologies from Cllr Colin Davies along with his request to resign as Councillor. Clerk confirmed that a letter of resignation has also been received from Cllr Brian Jones as detailed in agenda item 6a.

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

No declarations of interest were made.

3. **Minutes** for the meeting of 17th November 2020 were discussed and Cllr R Williams stated that the culvert mentioned in the minutes has not yet been cleared, Clerk to alter the minutes to clarify this, Cllrs were happy to confirm the minutes on the basis of the amendment. Minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr R Williams and seconded by Cllr C Howells.

4. **Highway Matters:**

- a) **Roadway requiring a barrier following tree removal** Highways have said that a barrier cannot be put here due to the category of the road, volume of traffic and lack of budget. Highways did also state that there may be other options available here so the Clerk will chase this up and push for another option to be considered.
- b) **Sign to phone box for removal:** The Trunk Road Agent have confirmed this was scheduled as a job to remove so they will chase it up.
- c) **Issues with culvert** PCC have confirmed that this has been unblocked.
- d) **Rubbish at the layby on A470 between Llanidloes and Llangurig** No further information on this matter, Clerk to chase up.
- e) **Junction by the Bluebell (lorries hitting the Bluebell)** Clerk has received an email from Highways confirming that the Stop sign will be removed as well as the post it is on. Clerk to chase what other actions will be considered to make this junction safer.
- f) **Roadway from Llanidloes towards Llangurig** heading towards the bypass requires a lower speed limit due to lorries parking along the road and vehicles having to pass on a long stretch on the wrong side of the road.

5. **Matters Arising:**

- a) **Village Green;**
  - **Fence:** this will be done as soon as possible, Covid restrictions have delayed this.
  - **Boundary** solicitor has said that he has had contact with Curig Charity now and is waiting further instruction from them.
  - **Trees:** Clerk to confirm TPO removal with PCC and confirm Trannon Tree Services to fell the trees as soon as possible.
- b) **Village Play Area** No update received as yet and Cllr I Bound who is in contact with the landowner was not present.
- c) **Street lighting shields:** No update regarding this, Cllrs have requested to leave this on the agenda for the time being.
- d) **Slates at Black Lion** TRA is going to chase up the works required.
- e) **Community Wind Farm Fund:** County Cllr Phyl Davies has confirmed that there have been some hold ups relating to the account for the fund and Covid has slowed progress slightly.
- f) **Audit Wales: Future Audit Arrangements for Town & Community Councils.** Clerk to send letter to Audit Wales regarding the issue of small councils being lumped in with much larger ones with more staff and higher precepts which is unfair and disproportionate as the councils have the same expectations with audit.
- g) **Welsh Government: Consultation on Compulsory Purchase Regulations:** Information noted, no action.
- h) **PCC: Consultation on Regulations to Establish Corporate Joint Committees:** Cllrs agreed that this seems to be little more than adding another layer of bureaucracy, spending money for no reason and making things more complicated that don't need to be. Clerk send a response.
- i) **PCC: Consultation on Establishing Town & Country Planning Regulations 2020:** Information noted, no action.

**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) **Cllr B Jones:** Letter of resignation. As confirmed at the start of the meeting a letter of resignation has been received from Cllr Brian Jones along with an email from Cllr Colin Davies prior to the meeting also requesting to resign. Cllrs discussed this matter and wondered whether Cllrs might be convinced to reconsider. Clerk has asked this of Cllr C Davies already and will contact Cllr Brian Jones in case there is anything the Council can do to help him continue. Clerk to put up Notices of Vacancy for one or two vacancies once confirmed.
- b) **Natural England** Countryside Code Review. Information noted, no action.
- c) **Powys Community Health Council:** Questionnaire for Stakeholders. Completed the few questions during the meeting.

**7. Planning** No planning received

**8. Finances:**

- a) **Account balance** = £7,836.53
- b) **Account and Budget Review and consideration of budget for 2021 precept:** This was discussed at the previous meeting but Cllrs wanted to confirm some figures and finalise the amount at this meeting. All budget considerations were discussed and agreed and a precept amount of £5,700 was confirmed. Precept proposed by Cllr R Williams and seconded by Cllr C Howells.

c) **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (Dec) and back pay = £235.20 + £44.33 = £279.53 - £56.00

(PAYE) = £223.53 (total pay)

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Dec) = £24.62

HMRC PAYE tax payable (Dec) = £56.00

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

**9. Councillors Comments:**

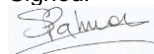
**Cllr R Williams:** There have been complaints of dog fouling from the turning at Maes y Llan all the way down the road. Lots of people walk here as it is flat. Clerk to contact PCC to ask for signage to be put up.

**Cllr L Higgitt:** Reported that the waste bin at the village green has been removed. It was reported that the bin was removed by a PCC officer who stated that there is a waste bin on the other side of the road. This is dangerous road to expect people to cross just to use a bin. Clerk to contact PCC and ask if the bin at the village green can be replaced.

**10. Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is due to be held on Tuesday 19th January 2021.

Chairman Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)