

Llangurig Community Council
Remote Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 19th January 2021

Minutes of meeting held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr J Dore (Chairman) [lost connection for 5 min during Matters Arising], Cllr L Higgitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr R Williams, Cllr L Sephton, Cllr I Bound.

Clerk: Sophie Palmer

1. **Apologies:** Cllr C Howells, Cllr M Bound
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 15th December 2020 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr L Sephton.
4. **Councillor Vacancy:** Clerk confirmed that the Notice of Vacancy is up and PCC will confirm once the deadline has passed and whether an election needs to be called. Two people have already contacted the Clerk that are interested to join the council. The Clerk confirmed that if an election is not called then a notice of co-option will be put up encouraging local residents to confirm interest in joining the council. The deadline for this notice was confirmed as the March meeting in order to ensure local residents have ample opportunity to view the notice and contact the Clerk if interested.
5. **Highway Matters:**
 - a) **Roadway requiring a barrier following tree removal** Powys CC Highways have confirmed that there is not a requirement for anything such as a barrier here due to the classification of the road and the low volume of traffic. This will however be monitored and should any issues arise verge markers can be installed. Clerk to report any issues directly to Highways if any issues or incidents are reported here.
 - b) **Sign to phone box for removal** This item is being chased up by TRA to be completed.
 - c) **Layby on A470 between Llanidloes and Llangurig** No response received at this time, Clerk to chase.
 - d) **Junction by the Bluebell (lorries hitting the Bluebell)** No further response received other than stop sign being removed. Clerk will continue to chase the request for something more to be done to prevent lorries hitting the Bluebell.
 - e) **Speed limit signs on road from Llani to bypass** PCC Highways have confirmed that there are 30mph signs in the appropriate places on this road. Cllr R Williams added that a big issue on this road is large vehicles/lorries parking along one side of it creating the problem of traffic having to go over to the other side of the road in order to pass along a long length of the road which is dangerous. Cllr R Williams asked Clerk to get confirmation from Highways as to whether this is a highway or an access road. Clerk to request this information.
 - f) **Signage at C2075 junction** Incident reported here regarding a lorry which went the wrong way and made a mess of verges etc when having to reverse. Clerk stated that Highways have confirmed that a 'No Through Road' sign will be erected at the relevant junction. Cllr L Sephton stated that more is required here to stop the lorries for the poultry farm going up the wrong road. It was suggested that the poultry farm could erect a sign highlighting the direction for the farm in order to prevent lorries going the wrong way. Clerk to contact Highways.
 - g) **Drainage/ice on the C2075 near Llwyncelyn:** Highways have confirmed that there is an issue here with the drain and they have scheduled work to be completed. Cllrs stated that this issue is higher up, just above Pen Crosau Villas, Clerk to send this additional information to Highways.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Village Green; Fence and boundary:**

Fence: Not installed as yet, issues with the fence plus Covid restrictions have delayed this.

Boundary: Clerk reported that the solicitor has stated that he is waiting for Curig Charity to report back to him to progress.

Trees: Clerk has confirmed with Trannon Tree Services that LCC would like them to carry out the work to remove the trees. The TPO's need to be removed first. Clerk has sent the relevant documentation on to PCC and await their decision.
 - b) **Village Play Area** No update

- c) **Street lighting shields:** No further updates
- d) **Slates at Black Lion:** No further updates
- e) **Community Wind Farm Fund** no further info received, here were some issues with the accounts previously and some delays due to Covid.
- f) **Audit Wales: Future Audit Arrangements for Town & Community Councils.** Letter to be agreed to send to Audit Wales. Cllrs agreed the letter, Clerk to send.
- g) **PCC: Consultation on Regulations to Establish Corporate Joint Committees:** Item left on the agenda in error. LCC comments were sent prior to the deadline at the start of January.
- h) **Dog fouling in Llangurig:** No response, Clerk will chase up prior to next meeting.
- i) **Bin removed from Village Green:** No response, Clerk will chase up prior to next meeting.

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) **Cllr:** remote meetings, long term: Clerk proposed a discussion regarding how the council will deal with remote meetings long term. Currently the Council is using a free Zoom account which works well apart from being cut off after 40 minutes which is not ideal. Clerk to look into other options as well as confirming the cost for a full Zoom license.
- b) **Llandrindod Wells Town Council: Dental Provision Crisis in Powys:** Information noted, Clerk to share the information.
- c) **One Voice Wales:** Your Town Your Future! Information noted, Clerk to share online.
- d) **PCC Town & Community Council Meeting:** Clerk attended the latest meeting from Powys CC's Remote meeting with Town & Community Councils. Clerk will forward information on which was shared following the meeting. No specific items to report.
- e) **Russell George:** Dualling info. The dualling of road sections in Llangurig has been mentioned in Russell George's newsletter. Cllr I Bound had some info but Cllrs proposed that the Clerk contact Cllr Phyl Davies and Russell George AM to request more details regarding this proposal.

8. Planning:

- a) **Application Reference: 20/2025/FUL** Grid Reference: E:291329 N: 276361
Proposal: Installation of biomass boilers, flues and ancillary apparatus to an existing agricultural outbuilding (retrospective) Site Address: Pantdrain, Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6SA
Cllrs discussed the above planning application and have no comments.

9. Finances:

- a) **Account balance** = £9,031.62

b) Bills to be paid:

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (Jan) = £235.20 - £47.00 (PAYE) = £188.20 (total pay)
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Jan) = £ 22.49
HMRC PAYE tax payable (Jan) = £47.00

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

10. Councillors Comments:

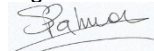
Cllr I Bound: The culvert mentioned a couple of months ago just has a bollard on it and is creeping further into the road. Clerk to report again to highways.

Cllr J Dore & Cllr L Higgitt proposed writing to Brian Jones and Colin Davies who have recently resigned from the Council to thank them for their service and contribution to the Council over the years.

11. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is due to be held on Tuesday 16th February 202.

Chair Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.41pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)