

Llangurig Community Council
Remote Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 16th February 2021

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

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

Clerk: Sophie Palmer

1. **Apologies:** Cllr M Bound
2. **Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*
No declarations of interest given
3. **Minutes** for meeting of 19th January 2021 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr R Williams.
4. **Councillor Vacancy:** The Clerk confirmed that there is interest from a number of local residents for the two vacancies. The voting procedure was confirmed with Councillors. The candidates will be invited to the March meeting and also to provide information via email of their reasons for wanting to join the council etc. Clerk to action.
5. **Highway Matters:**
 - a) **Sign to phone box for removal:** No further updates received regarding this, Clerk to chase.
 - b) **Layby on A470 between Llanidloes and Llangurig:** PCC have confirmed they will pick up the litter here and have also requested another dept to look into signage. Clerk to chase the request for signage.
 - c) **Junction by the Bluebell (lorries hitting the Bluebell):** Clerk has received a response from Powys CC stating that the Stop sign will be removed at this junction. Nothing on the other side involving the kerb can be done as Highways and TRA have confirmed that anything allowing vehicles to mount the kerb would put pedestrians at risk. TRA have stated that a temporary sign warning of the overhang on the building will be installed. Clerk has asked why this sign is temporary and not permanent, a reply has not yet been received. Clerk to chase.
 - d) **Lorries parking on road from Llani to bypass:** Highways have responded stating that if vehicles are parking illegally this should be reported to the Police. Clerk to contact Llanidloes Police station and ask them to look into this.
 - e) **Signage for Poultry Farm:** The Clerk has tried to contact the Poultry farm and left a message. It has also been mentioned it to County Cllr P Davies who has said that he will make contact with them. I have stated that Cllrs feel it might be beneficial to have a sign en route to the chicken farm to prevent any wrong turns and damage due to the large lorries having to turn. It was noted that other poultry farms have signage leading to the business.
 - f) **Drainage/ice on the C2075 near Llwyncelyn** The issue mentioned at the previous meeting which is higher up from here has also been reported and PCC will investigate.
 - g) **Lwyn Gwyn culvert requiring repair** This has been reported again and still no response received. Clerk to chase.
 - h) **Sunken drain outside Bluebell** Reported, no response received. Clerk to chase.
 - i) **Blocked drain on Bluebell junction:** Reported, no response received. Clerk to chase.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Village Green; Fence, boundary and trees**
 1. **Trees:** Waiting for PCC to confirm the removal of the tree preservation orders then they can be felled. Information for the Facebook page was agreed for Clerk to request feedback from local residents and inform them that the trees are due to be felled due to Ash Dieback. Cllrs made some suggestions of possible replacements for the trees to be added.
 2. **Fence:** Still waiting for restrictions to allow the erection of the fence.
 3. **Boundary:** Clerk to confirm to the solicitor that the information should all be collected and should be able to be passed on to action the boundary alteration.
 - b) **Village Play Area:** No update at present, leave on the agenda.

- c) **Street lighting shields:** No information received. Cllrs agreed for this to be removed from the agenda, it can be added again if raised at a later date.
- d) **Slates at Black Lion:** No updates received. Barriers are still in place.
- e) **Community Wind Farm Fund:** County Cllr P Davies has confirmed that the account has not been set up due to covid creating an issue to go into branch to complete.
- f) **Dog fouling in Llangurig:** The issues raised were reported but no response has been received yet from PCC. Clerk to chase.
- g) **Bin removed from Village Green:** PCC are looking to replace this bin on the green with a free standing one. Leave on the agenda until resolved.
- h) **Long Term Remote Meetings:** The option of using different software was discussed. Currently LCC is using a free Zoom account which means that the meeting cuts out after 40mins. Cllrs agreed that hopefully it will not be too much longer before physical meetings can return and in the mean time to continue with Zoom as it has not created a major issue so far.
- i) **Dualling Information:** Clerk has forwarded Russell George's response to this and County Cllr P Davies has confirmed that more details and consultation info will be shared on 22nd February.
- j) **HM Land Registry Survey:** Cllr L Higgitt has responded on behalf of LCC and shared the response with Cllrs.
- k) **Broadband Project:** Clerk confirmed that following putting forward an expression of interest to the broadband project a response has been received confirming that Llangurig has not been chosen to take part.

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) **Local resident:** Dispute regarding boundary and responsibility of trees. Clerk confirmed that a resident had got in touch with her in regards to contact they have had with PCC in regards to removal of trees which he states are not on his land. Clerk asked him to send the info he has which she then forwarded to PCC who responded. The two parties are now in further communications to resolve the issue.
- b) **Cllr:** To Do List for the Council. Cllrs agreed for the Clerk to begin a draft of this as a starting point to be added to.
- c) **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales:** New draft guidance on the Code of Conduct for member of Town & Community Councils. Information noted, no action.
- d) **Planning Aid Wales:** Consultation on LDP. Details received regarding the consultation on the Place Plan put together by Newtown Town Council. Information noted, no action.
- e) **Rights Of Way Access Officer:** Ideas of projects in the area requested as there is funding to be spent. Clerk to resend email onto Cllr L Sephton. Issues with gates were raised which the Clerk will forward on.

8. Planning The following applications were not on the original agenda as they were received after the agenda being posted. It was agreed to discuss them in order to respond prior to the deadlines:

- a) **Application Reference: 21/0238/FUL** Grid Reference: E:286477 N: 281933
Proposal: Conversion of former agricultural building to form a dwelling, erection of garage building, alterations to existing vehicular access, installation of sewage treatment plant, demolition of adjoining building and all associated works Site Address: Bwlch Y Pridd, Pantmawr, Llangurig, Llanidloes Powys
Cllrs discussed the above and had no objections.
- b) **AMENDED PROPOSALS CONSULTATION Reference: 21/0158/FUL** Grid Reference: E: 291207 N: 280354 Proposal: Extend curtilage and erection of a detached garage and garden store together with an enlarged parking area Site Address: Minffordd, Llangurig, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6SH
Cllrs discussed the above and had no objections.

9. Finances:

a) **Account balance** = £8,753.97

b) **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (Feb) = £246.96 - £49.40 (PAYE) = £197.56 (net pay)
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Feb) = £21.53
HMRC PAYE tax payable (Feb) = £49.40

The bills to be paid were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr C Howells and seconded by Cllr I Bound.

10. Councillors Comments:

Cllr I Bound: Reported that as well as the culvert near Llwyn Gwyn, there is another issue past the chicken shed where the road is crumbling away. Clerk to report.

11. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is due to be held on Tuesday 16th March 2021.

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

Signed:

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

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)