

Llangurig Community Council
Remote Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 20th April 2021

Minutes of meeting held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 20th April 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 P Abel, Cllr R Jones.

Clerk: Sophie Palmer

1. **Apologies:** Cllr I Bound, Cllr M Bound
2. **New Councillor Co-option:** Declaration of Acceptance of Office signed by new Councillors: Richard Jones and Phil Abel were present and made their declarations of interest. They were both then welcomed onto the Council as the two newest Councillors.
3. **Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*
Cllr R Jones declared an interest in agenda item 6b.
4. **Minutes** for meeting of 16th March 2021 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr R Williams.
5. **Highway Matters:**
 - a) **Sign to phone box for removal:** TRA have stated they will get the sign removed.
 - b) **Layby on A470 between Llanidloes and Llangurig:** Clerk has tried to chase up for a response to having signage put here but has not received anything back yet.
 - c) **Junction by the Bluebell (lorries hitting the Bluebell):** Another incident has occurred where a lorry has hit the Bluebell Inn. LCC have stated to PCC and TRA what they feel should be done here and highlighted the concerns over safety and the building. Cllrs agreed for this item to be removed from the agenda.
 - d) **Signage for Poultry Farm:** Cllr P Davies was going to look into this. He was unable to attend the meeting due to being on holiday. Clerk to chase this up prior to the next meeting.
 - e) **Drainage on the C2075 near Llwynceilyn:** Reported and confirmed as due for repairs by PCC.
 - f) **Llwyn Gwyn culvert requiring repair:** Reported and confirmed as due for repairs by PCC.
 - g) **Sunken drain outside Bluebell:** TRA has confirmed that this is the responsibility of Severn Trent, I will pass this onto the resident who reported it
 - h) **Blocked drain on Bluebell junction:** Reported and confirmed as due for repairs by PCC.
 - i) **Road crumbling away past chicken shed:** Reported and confirmed as due for repairs by PCC.
 - j) **Road up to Tynyrwtr, Old Hall – repairs required:** Reported and confirmed as due for repairs by PCC.
 - k) **Blocked culvert – back road to Rhayader:** Reported and confirmed as due for repairs by PCC.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Village Green; Fence, boundary and trees**
Trees: waiting for birds to stop nesting to be able to fell the trees
Fence: The fence has not yet been put up, this is scheduled for next week
Boundary: No further information received from the solicitor. Clerk to chase up.
 - b) **Village Play Area:** Cllr R Jones confirmed that he and his brother own the land in question and are happy for some land to be used for a play area but the amount of land would need to be confirmed and the permissions etc for the land would need to be looked into. Clerk to look into this information and ask Cllr P Davies for some help and advice in relation to this.
 - c) **Slates at Black Lion:** No update at present, TRA will chase Building Control.
 - d) **Community Wind Farm Fund:** No update, they were due to set up the bank account last month so this should be underway now.
 - e) **Dog fouling in Llangurig:** Clerk has received no response from PCC regarding putting up more dog fouling signs and bins. Clerk to continue to chase.
 - f) **Bin removed from Village Green:** PCC have confirmed that the bin will be replaced but this has not yet been done. Clerk to chase.
 - g) **Dualling Information (Road Safety Scheme):** Cllrs discussed this consultation and feel that this is a very expensive project which is a waste of money as it is not required. The money would be better spent making other parts of this road safer. Clerk to construct a letter of objection and send on in response to the consultation.

h) **To Do List for the Council:** This item was left on the agenda from the previous month. No further items to add to the to do list at present.

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 Phyl Davies:** Broadway Broadband. Cllrs would be interested to know more about this. Clerk to keep on the agenda for next month and invite Cllr P Davies to attend and provide more details.
- b) **One Voice Wales:** Consultation; Local Authority Power to Trade. Information noted, no action.
- c) **One Voice Wales:** Membership for 2021/22. Clerk confirmed that the renewal fee for 2021/22 membership is £126. Cllrs agreed to renew membership and for the cheque to be drawn this month.
- d) **PCC:** Powys County Council Active Travel Network Map stakeholder engagement. Information noted, no action.
- e) **Cllr Phyl Davies:** Electric Vehicle Charging Points in Wales. Cllrs would like more information regarding this such as where the chargers might be.

Further correspondence received following the agenda being posted:

- **Mr D Akers:** Resident contacted the Clerk some time ago regarding an issue with trees near his boundary that he disputed were within his boundary and therefore not his responsibility to cut back. PCC have confirmed that the trees are not within Mr Akers' boundary and are therefore not his responsibility. Clerk was copied into the email from PCC to Mr Akers and Mr Akers called the Clerk to thank LCC for helping to resolve the issue.
- **Llanidloes and District Sport Partnership:** Request for funds towards equipment for the new 4G pitch. Cllrs agreed that the funds they have will be used to help the local area directly such as with the new play area that is being discussed.

8. **Planning:**

- a) **Application Reference: 21/0303/HH** Grid Reference: E:291013 N: 280258 Proposal: Erection of a side extension Site Address: Nant Shan , Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6SB

Cllrs discussed the above planning application and had no comments to put forward.

9. **Finances:**

- a) **Account balance:** = £8,177.77
- b) **End of year accounts:** Clerk to contact Clare Bound to see if she would be able to carry out the internal audit for LCC again.
- c) **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (Apr) = £249.60 - £39.80 (PAYE) = £209.80 (net pay)

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Apr) = £25.88

HMRC PAYE tax payable (Apr) = £39.80

One Voice Wales (2021/22 Membership) = £126.00

Cllrs agreed the bills and Cllr R Williams proposed them for payment and Cllr C Howells seconded this.

10. **Councillors Comments:**

Clerk: informed Cllrs that she will be leaving Trefeglwys CC as Clerk and has handed in her resignation. Clerk plans to continue as Clerk with LCC and Caersws CC.

Cllr J Dore: received a complaint from local resident in relation to the query over the permissions for the café. LCC forwarded a query some months ago to PCC in relation to the use required for the café. This is with Powys CC to action if required.

Cllr L Sephton: Reported that the overtaking on the road to Aber since the 50mph limit was put in has increased and is more dangerous as a result. Clerk to report this back to Trunk Road Agent.

11. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be the AGM at 7pm followed by the ordinary meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th May 2021.

Chair Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.48pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)