

Llangurig Community Council
Remote Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 19th October 2021

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

This meeting was due to be held face to face at Llangurig Community Centre but a last minute decision was made to hold it remotely following a rise in Covid-19 cases locally. It was felt that this was the best way to run the meeting to make it accessible to as many people as possible.

In attendance: Cllr J Dore (Chairman), Cllr L Higgitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr R Williams, Cllr L Sephton, Cllr R Jones, Cllr I Bound, Cllr A Nolan.

Clerk: Sophie Palmer

Local resident W Wigley

1. **Apologies:** Cllr C Howells, Cllr P Abel.
2. **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 7b as he owns the land
3. **Minutes** for meeting of 21st September 2021 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr I Bound.
4. **Councillor Co-option:** Alison Nolan was in attendance and was officially welcomed and co-opted onto the council.
5. **Public Speaking** *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda*
Local resident Wendy Wigley joined the meeting in order to apologise for the mess in the middle of the village where a vehicle has hit her wall. Cllr R Williams state that he thought it must be a large vehicle to have done the damage. Wendy confirmed that she does not know who did the damage but has someone lined up to fix it. Cllrs thanked her for attending the meeting.
6. **Highway Matters:**
 - a. **Sign to phone box for removal:** Clerk is still chasing for this to be done.
 - b. **Signage for Poultry Farm:** Waiting for an update from County Cllr Phyl Davies
 - c. **Broken drain on the C2075 near Llwyncelyn:** Clerk is chasing an update from PCC on this
 - d. **Road crumbling away past chicken shed:** This was delayed due to lack of resources. The Clerk has asked PCC to provide a timescale on when this will be done
 - e. **30mph & 50mph limit, Llangurig roundabout:** Clerk has requested an update on this from TRA and whether this has been looked into yet but not yet received a response.
 - f. **Repositioning of bus stop:** Waiting for an update from County Cllr Phyl Davies
 - g. **Path between cemetery and village:** Waiting for an update from County Cllr Phyl Davies

Cllrs also raised a new issue which is near to Minffordd, issues with blocked drains resulting in water running off the roads onto the fields here. Clerk to raise this with PCC.

7. Matters Arising:

- a. **Village Green:**
 - i. **Boundary:** Curig Charity have been in contact with solicitors and things are hopefully moving forward.
 - ii. **Trees:** the tree surgeon has been in contact to confirm they are waiting for all the leaves to be off the trees and will then be able to fell the trees on the Village Green
- b. **Village Play Area:** Some members of the Council and the Clerk met at the site of the play area and agreed the ideal site/size of the play area along with a 'plan B' should the preferred option not be possible. Cllrs agreed that the next step would be to contact Mr Stirk and Mr Hughes who have fishing and shooting rights over the area of land in question. Clerk to action.
- c. **Slates at Black Lion:** No updates on this item currently. Clerk to chase TRA regarding the issue of safety and the issue of the obstructed pavement due to the barriers over a prolonged period of time.
- d. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** No further updates or information received. Cllrs agree to leave the item on the agenda until full details are received.
- e. **Bin removed from Village Green:** This has not yet been replaced. Clerk to chase PCC.

- f. **Bank Account transfer:** Transfer from HSBC to Unity Trust is ongoing.
- g. **Collapsed surround for bins near Caewaen:** Clerk is chasing PCC to find out whether this has been looked at yet.
- h. **Flagpole for Village Green:** Flagpole options were sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting to discuss further. Cllrs agreed to consider precepting the amount of £213.60 for a flagpole, Clerk to look into installation costs and look into planning process to apply if planning is required.
- i. **Home to School transport issue of local resident:** Letter written in support of the resident following the last meeting. A response from Cllr Aled Davies has been received and sent on to all Cllrs stating that the difference in distances was more than 0.2 miles and that transport is not being refused but free transport is due to cost implications and the fact that an alternative school is closer to the property. Clerk to respond to state that the information that LCC has is that there is only a 0.2 mile difference when footpaths are taken into account which are allowed to be taken into account. Cllrs would also like to point out that there is no additional cost as there is a bus already passing the property to the family in question.

8. 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 CHC:** Report – Access to Dentists during Covid-19 Pandemic. Information noted, no action.
- b. **IRPW:** Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report Consultation - February 2022. Information noted, no action
- c. **Welsh Government:** Publication of new Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15 and Flood Map for Planning. Information noted, no action
- d. **Resident originally from Llangurig:** Query regarding maintenance of Dernel Cemetery. The same query came up a few years ago and Clerk got in touch with the Montgomeryshire Presbytery who organised for someone to cut the grass and maintain the graveyard. This has since stopped as the person who was doing it can longer do it. They have asked if Cllrs know of someone locally who might be able to do this. Cllrs do not know of anyone specifically other than local businesses that carry out this type of work. Clerk to go back to Church in Wales to confirm.
- e. **Local resident:** has sent details of damage done to property in Llangurig. This item was dealt with during agenda item 5.
- f. **One Voice Wales:** Consultation on Updating Earnings Thresholds for Council Tax Recovery. Clerk to add this to the November agenda.
- g. **One Voice Wales:** Pilot of Community and Town Councils Self-Evaluation Toolkit – Expression of Interest. Information noted, no action

9. Planning:

- a. **Application Reference: 21/1687/HH** Grid Reference: E:294809 N: 281701 Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of new extension to existing dwelling. Site Address: 3 Jubilee Terrace, Cwmbelan, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6RQ
Cllrs discussed the above planning application and have no objections.
- b. **Application Reference: 21/1688/CAC** Grid Reference: E:294809 N: 281701 Proposal: Extension to existing dwelling Site Address: 3 Jubilee Terrace, Cwmbelan, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6RQ
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10. Finances:

- a. **Account balance** = £9,806.29
- b. **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (Oct) = £249.60 - £49.80 (PAYE) = £199.80 (net pay)
 Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Oct) = £15.60
 HMRC PAYE tax payable (Oct) = £49.80

Payments to be made were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr L Sephton and seconded by Cllr I Bound.

11. Councillors Comments:

Chair Cllr J Dore: asked the Clerk whether the cheque for D Trow was sent to the correct address, Clerk to check this.

Cllr R Williams: welcome to Alison to the Council.

Cllr L Higgitt: there items outside Old School House which may cause an obstruction. Clerk to contact Highways. *Following the meeting it was confirmed that this area had started to be tidied up.*

Clerk: Do Cllrs agree to Clerk purchasing a poppy wreath as usual. Cllrs agreed to go ahead with this.

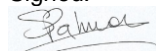
Cllr R Jones: asked whether the Clerk has written to the person who owns the horses as was raised in the previous meeting. Clerk confirmed that this has not been done so will action directly.

Clerk: Do Cllrs wish to meet face to face or remotely next month. Cllrs agreed to aim to hold the meeting face to face but to maybe move to being held remotely if necessary.

Clerk confirmed that she will look into options of microphones and speakers in order to be able to hold hybrid meetings.

12. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.
Chair Cllr John Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed:

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

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)