

Llangurig Community Council
Remote Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 21st September 2021

Minutes of meeting held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 21st September 2021 at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr J Dore (Chairman), Cllr L Higgitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr R Williams, Cllr L Sephton, Cllr R Jones, Cllr I Bound, Cllr C Howells, Cllr P Abel (arrived 7.40pm).

Clerk: Sophie Palmer

1. Apologies: County Cllr Phyl Davies

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 6b.

3. Minutes for meeting of 20th July 2021 held via Zoom were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr R Williams and seconded by Cllr L Higgitt.

4. Councillor Co-option: Alison Nolan who was confirmed for co-option at the previous meeting was unable to attend due to having no internet available at the time of the meeting but intends to attend the October meeting.

5. Public Speaking *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda*
Local resident Jenni Hughes-Ellis has been appealing a decision from Powys County Council home to school transport not to provide free school transport for her son to Llanidloes primary school on the basis that Rhayader school is closer. Cllrs listened to Ms Hughes-Ellis and asked some questions. The decision was made to write to Powys County Council and copy relevant people to show support for Ms Hughes-Ellis. Clerk to action.

6. Highway Matters:

- a. **Sign to phone box for removal:** This is yet to be removed, Clerk will continue to chase up TRA for this to be done.
- b. **Signage for Poultry Farm:** County Cllr P Davies is chasing this up on behalf of LCC.
- c. **Drainage and broken drain on the C2075 near Llwynceilyn:** PCC confirmed that this will be dealt with before the winter sets in. Cllrs confirmed that PCC were working on it recently.
- d. **Road crumbling away past chicken shed:** PCC has emailed the Clerk to apologise that this is yet to be looked at due to lack of resources. Clerk to leave on the agenda and chase up until resolved.
- e. **Road up to Tynywrtr, Old Hall – repairs required:** PCC have confirmed that this work has been carried out.
- f. **30mph & 50mph limit, Llangurig roundabout:** Clerk to chase up TRA as there has been no update received as yet.
- g. **Repositioning of bus stop:** County Cllr P Davies is going to approach TRA regarding this.
- h. **Path between cemetery and village:** County Cllr P Davies is going to approach TRA regarding this.
- i. **Passing Place signage:** The Clerk requested signage for a passing place to have signage erected. PCC Highways has confirmed that passing places do not automatically have signage unless there is a problem with people misusing it. Cllrs are not aware of anyone misusing this passing place but report if this changes.
- j. **Planting at Llangurig roundabout:** TRA has told the Clerk that heather was not planted when LCC asked last time and instead wild flowers were planted. They have stated that it takes a while for these to establish and the roundabout has to be cut and maintained to encourage them.

7. Matters Arising:

a. **Village Green**

- i. **Fence:** This is finished and the invoice is due for payment. Clerk confirmed that the invoice received is for a lower amount than that precept originally so the cost is covered.
 - ii. **Trees:** these should be able to be felled soon, Clerk to check this with the tree surgeon.
 - iii. **Boundary issue:** there is no information still from the solicitors. Cllr I Bound confirmed that Curig Charity has previously passed paperwork to the solicitor. Clerk to contact the solicitor again to confirm this and ask where the paperwork is.
- b. **Village Play Area:** Clerk is chasing planning to get back to her about this and a possible site meeting if required. Cllrs discussed and confirmed to have a site meeting next Wednesday at the village car park to look at the site and agree the size and position for the play area.

- c. **Slates at Black Lion:** No further information received. It had been suggested to contact Built Heritage but as the building does not belong to LCC, it would be for the owners to make these enquiries.
 - d. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** The account is open and is being finalised regarding legality and to ensure that it is protected and secure for the correct term etc. This should all be done in time for the new year and Cllr P Davies will ensure that LCC is given all relevant info.
 - e. **Bin removed from Village Green:** PCC has a new bin but not yet the resources to install it at the Village Green. Clerk to leave on the agenda and chase up until installed.
 - f. **Bank Account transfer:** Currently in the process of being set up.
 - g. **Collapsed surround for bins near Caewaen:** PCC have confirmed that they are looking into this. Clerk to chase this up and keep on the agenda until it's done.
 - h. **Fountain at Village Green:** It was suggested previously that the fountain at the village green might be connected again to provide water for passers-by, cyclists, walkers etc. The Clerk was asked to contact Colin and Mary at the Post Office as they decorate the fountain with flowers through the year and a nativity at Christmas. The Clerk spoke to Mary prior to the meeting who was unsure about the idea as it would affect their business and they would also like to continue decorating the fountain as they do now. Cllrs discussed and agreed that the process of getting the fountain up and running again could be complex and there are likely to be various regulations to follow. It was therefore decided not to follow this up any further.
 - i. **Flagpole for Village Green:** Clerk has looked into the different possibilities that Cllrs would need to make a decision about. Clerk will compile and send out a list of the different available options prior to the next meeting.
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. **Welsh Government:** Briefing Note regarding multi location meetings. Clerk confirmed that the Council must make all meetings as accessible as possible for all who wish to attend whether that be face to face or remotely. It was decided to meet at the hall for the next meeting as it is now open again and available for bookings. Clerk to book the hall for the October meeting.
 - b. **Welsh Government:** Draft Local Elections Rules. Information noted, no action.
 - c. **OVW and Keep Wales Tidy:** Keep Wales Tidy webinar. Clerk was unable to attend the webinar but a recorded version should be available.
 - d. **One Voice Wales:** Consultation on Taxes for second Homes and self-catering accommodation. Information noted, no action.
 - e. **One Voice Wales:** Consultation response to IRPW Remuneration for Town & Community Councils Review. Information noted, no action.
 - f. **Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill:** Cllrs discussed but did not feel it was something that LCC should support.
 - g. **Repair Café Wales:** Would you like a Repair Café in your community? Cllrs agreed that there are no suitable places within the community for this.
 - h. **One Voice Wales:** Shaping Wales' Future consultation. Information noted, no action.

The below was not on the agenda when posted as the information was not received in time.

- i. **Meeting regarding Llest y Gwynt Wind Farm:** Chair Cllr J Dore has received an invitation to attend the next engagement meeting with the wind farm developers.

9. Planning:

- a. **Application Reference: 21/1574/VAR** Grid Reference: E:294197 N: 283841
Proposal: Discharge of planning obligation attached to outline planning approval M/2005/0331(restriction of occupancy and size) Site Address: Oakleigh, Felindre, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6PH
Cllrs discussed the above application and agreed that they have no objections to the proposal.
- b. **Application Ref: 21/1646/TRE** Grid Ref: E: 290780 N: 279910 Proposal: Felling of 5 trees; a Sycamore, Irish Yew, Ash (x2) and a Rowan Location: St Curig's Church, Llangurig, Llanidloes Powys SY18 6SG
Cllrs discussed the above application and agreed that they have no objections to the proposal.
- c. **Application Ref: 21/1119/FUL** Grid Ref: E: 287125 N: 281864 Proposal: Conversion and extension in height of attached outbuildings to form a two storey extension to existing dwelling Location: Cefn Cownen, Pantmawr, Llanidloes Powys SY18 6SX
Cllrs discussed the above application and agreed that they have no objections to the proposal.

10. Finances:

a. Account balance = £10,054.54

b. Bills to be paid:

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (Sept) = £249.60 - £49.80 (PAYE) = £199.80 (net pay)

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Aug & Sept) = £35.50

HMRC PAYE tax payable (Sept) = £49.80

Beech Tree Services (Fence installation at Village Green) = £1,200.00

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

10. Councillors Comments:

Cllr L Higgitt has been asked by a local resident whether a gate could be erected at the bottom of the steps for the Village Green so that there is no gap in the fence. Cllr discussed and agreed that having a gate opening out onto the pavement will cause a hazard and if the gate is not closed properly could create more of a problem. A gate onto the pavement would also cause a hindrance and obstruction to anyone using a wheelchair or pushchair/pram. Cllrs agreed unanimously not to install a gate.

Cllr R Williams: There are some ponies kept at a field near to the car park and it has been reported that the person who is keeping the ponies there has been putting manure over the fence onto the grass verge. Clerk to try to contact this person to speak about this.

11. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Chair Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.07pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)