

Llangurig Community Council
Remote Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 15th June 2021

Minutes of meeting held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: Sophie Palmer

County Councillor: Cllr Phyl Davies

1. **Apologies:** Cllr R Jones, Cllr L Sephton
2. **Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*
3. **Minutes** for meeting of 18th May 2021 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr R Williams.
4. **Councillor Vacancy:** The notice confirming that a vacancy has arisen was put up and the deadline is Tuesday 22nd June. After this date Powys CC will confirm whether a bi-election is required and if not, the Clerk will put up a notice of co-option which will invite those interested in joining the council to come forward and ask to be considered for co-option.
5. **Highway Matters:**
 - a) **Sign to phone box for removal:** sign has still not been removed, Clerk will continue to chase this up to be done.
 - b) **Layby on A470 between Llanidloes and Llangurig:** PCC has confirmed that a litter pick will be done at the layby. Clerk to chase the request for signage here.
 - c) **Signage for Poultry Farm:** Cllr Phyl Davies will chase this up as it was confirmed that signage is a requirement.
 - d) **Drainage on the C2075 near Llwyncelyn:** Clerk has chased highways and confirmed that it is still an issue, they will have a look.
 - e) **Blocked drain on Bluebell junction:** Clerk is unsure whether this is still an issue, will ask the resident who reported it again to confirm if still a problem.
 - f) **Road crumbling away past chicken shed:** Clerk is chasing for an update
 - g) **Road up to Tynyrwtr, Old Hall – repairs required:** Clerk is chasing for an update
 - h) **30mph limit, Llangurig roundabout:** Clerk is chasing for an update
 - i) **50mph limit off Llangurig roundabout in all directions:** Clerk is chasing for an update
 - j) **Noisy drain** on main road through Llangurig. Clerk to contact TRA again to try and obtain contact details for Severn Trent whose responsibility the drain is.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Village Green;**
 - i. **Fence:** this has been started, still some fencing left to install
 - ii. **Trees to be felled;** cannot be done until birds have stopped nesting, Clerk to check with tree surgeon when this might be.
 - iii. **Boundary issue:** solicitors have been in contact and the next step required confirmed. Clerk to chase prior to next meeting if nothing received.
 - b) **Village Play Area:** Clerk is chasing for advice regarding planning etc
 - c) **Slates at Black Lion:** The Clerk has spoken to someone from building control who has confirmed that he is in contact with the Black Lion and is able to ensure that the building is made safe if any slates/tiles look loose at any time when he visits. Building Control cannot insist on specific works to be carried out. Clerk to keep in contact to stay updated.
 - d) **Community Wind Farm Fund:** The account is now up and running and information should be sent to the Community Council soon.
 - e) **Dog fouling in Llangurig:** Clerk has been in contact with PCC and requested more dog fouling signs which PCC will look into putting up. LCC may wish to look into getting their own signage.
 - f) **Bin removed from Village Green:** This has still not been replaced but PCC have confirmed again that a new bin is due to be put here.
 - g) **Bank Account change for consideration:** Cllrs discussed changing the bank account following a Safe Guarding review from HSBC which has created an issue for other councils and some Cllrs have confirmed that they do not wish to provide the personal details that HSBC is asking for in order for the account to remain in use. A number of Cllrs were happy to change to a Unity Trust account which are used by a number of Community Councils. Cllr L Higgitt requested more details of accounts that are available which do not carry a monthly charge in order to make a decision. Clerk confirmed that she feels there is time to do this and will find out details of accounts available for the next meeting in order for Cllrs to make a decision.
 - h) **Collapsed surround for bins near Caewen:** this has been reported to PCC by the Clerk.

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:** Update regarding the boundary changes. The proposed changes will be implemented prior to the elections next year. Information noted, no action.
- b) **Local resident:** Further damage to Blue Bell Inn. More damage has been done to the Bluebell by a lorry. Clerk has contacted TRA and highways to request their feedback and whether they are looking at further options to prevent this. The Clerk has not received a response as yet. Clerk to chase up prior to the next meeting. Cllr P Davies has requested a site visit with TRA and Highways.
- c) **Llandrindod Wells Town Council:** Report from Dental Provision survey. Information noted, no action.
- d) **Welsh Government:** Response regarding follow up on speed limit change on A44. TRA has confirmed that there is constant monitoring of the speed limits etc. They have also confirmed that they will forward the comments provided relating to the issues on this road.
- e) **Children's Commissioner for Wales:** Info of Summer of Fun scheme. Clerk has shared the information.

8. Planning:

- a) **Planning stopped along River Wye:** Cllr P Davies confirmed that this situation should improve as a calculator is being put in place in order to assess each application so small applications should hopefully not be affected.

9. Finances:

- a) **Account balance** = £9,654.37
- b) **End of year accounts:** The end of year accounts and audit paperwork are with the internal auditor, Clare Bound, they should be completed soon and the Council may need
- c) **Bills to be paid:**
 - Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (June) = £249.60 - £49.80 (PAYE) = £199.80 (net pay)
 - Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (June) = £31.60
 - HMRC PAYE tax payable (June) = £49.80

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

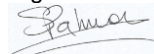
10. Councillors Comments:

- a) **Cllr J Dore:** in relation to the bank account, the £72 fee for a Unity Trust account should be offset against the Clerks wages in relation to dealing with an account that requires more time.
- b) **Clerk:** read out an email from Cllr J Dore stating comments raised by local residents, some of which are already on the agenda and any other matters will be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

11. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 7.30pm

Chair Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.33pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)