

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 15th February 2022

Minutes of meeting held at Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: Sophie Palmer

1. **Apologies:** Cllr A Nolan, Cllr L Sephton, Cllr R Williams, County Cllr P 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 18th January 2022 were proposed and agreed as an accurate record by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr C Howells.
4. **Public Speaking** *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda*
Dafydd Wyn Morgan: update regarding the Cambrian Mountains Initiative. Prior to the meeting the Clerk clarified that the meeting was face to face so detailed information regarding the Cambrian Mountains Initiative was forwarded to share with Cllrs and Cllrs agreed they will have a look and then will request more info or attendance at a future meeting if they feel necessary.
5. **Highway Matters:**
 - a. **Signage for Poultry Farm:** No further updates currently.
 - b. **Broken drain on the C2075 near Llwynceilyn:** Further info was provided along with pictures to highways to confirm that the drain was broken and not just in need of unblocking. No response received as yet but Clerk will chase up again before the next meeting.
 - c. **Road crumbling away past chicken shed:** No update from Highways since the last meeting when they confirmed this was delayed due to lack of resources.
 - d. **30mph & 50mph limit, Llangurig roundabout:** No updates received on this, Clerk to chase up TRA.
 - e. **Repositioning of bus stop:** Cllr P Davies previously confirmed that this will be looked at once there is money available for such a scheme, leave on the agenda to ensure it is followed up.
 - f. **Path between cemetery and village:** Cllr P Davies previously confirmed that this will be looked at once there is money available for such a scheme, leave on the agenda to ensure it is followed up.
 - g. **Water across fields near Minfordd:** Highways confirmed they visited the site but did not speak to the landowner/resident but that they would schedule in for the drains to be unblocked. Cllrs confirmed that part of the issue is that the roadway is higher on one side than the other so the water flows across due to this. Clerk also has pictures which will be sent on to Highways.
 - h. **Roadway towards Penllyn:** No update as yet.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. **Village Green**
 - i. **Boundary:** Cllr L Higgitt has been in contact with Dilwyns (Solicitor) regarding the boundary issue. They have been in contact with Milwyn's so hopefully things will get moving very soon.
 - ii. **Boundary line with Powys CC:** Waiting for Powys CC to confirm the boundary line along the top of the green.
 - iii. **Top soil for the Green:** LCC has been asked to fill in the holes/dips etc from when the trees were removed on the green and seed with grass seed. Cllr C Howells mentioned that he might have some soil available. Cllrs suggested doing this during August to give the seeds a chance. This will be discussed again nearer the time.
 - b. **Village Play Area:** Cllr P Davies has been in contact following speaking to Powys CC and suggested meeting with Cllr R Jones and the Clerk at the site of the play area to confirm the site etc and get an application put in. Cllrs are happy to do this. Clerk to arrange meeting with Cllr R Jones and Cllr P Davies.
 - c. **Slates at Black Lion:** No new information/updates. TRA has said that they will look into whether any more can be done. Cllrs confirmed their concerns over safety as the bollards have been seen blown into the road during heavy winds despite being weighed down.
 - d. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** Cllr Phyl Davies has confirmed that the fund should hopefully be open for applications from Easter.
 - e. **Collapsed surround for bins near Caewaeln:** Nothing done as yet, Clerk still chasing for an update.

- f. **Home to School transport issue of local resident:** Resident has confirmed that PCC are still not allowing free transport for her son although they have agreed that there is only a 62 metre difference in the routes. Cllrs wish to leave this item on the agenda until resolved.
- g. **Defibrillators:** Request for funding for a new cabinet for the defibrillator in Llangurig has been made, this will be discussed during agenda item 9c.
- h. **The Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021 and the Local Elections (Communities) (Wales) Rules 2021:** Cllr L Higgitt and Clerk to look into details of this consultation and report back to Council.
- i. **Eligible Community Councils (General Power of Competence) (Qualifications of Clerks) (Wales) Regulations 2021:** Cllr L Higgitt and Clerk to look into details of this consultation and report back to Council.
- j. **Cambrian Mountains Initiative:** We have received detailed information which will be sent to all Cllrs for their information.
- k. **Jubilee Flag:** Cllrs discussed but did not think a specific Jubilee flag was required.
- l. **Dog fouling signs:** Clerk to ask PCC for the newer signs seen in other areas.
- m. **Powys CC engagement meeting; Clerks report.** Clerk confirmed that she attended the latest meeting. No specific items raised relevant to LCC.

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. **Welsh Government:** The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils, Consultation. Information noted, no action.
- b. **The Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021 and the Local Elections (Communities) (Wales) Rules 2021:** Discussed at agenda item 6h.
- c. **Eligible Community Councils (General Power of Competence) (Qualifications of Clerks) (Wales) Regulations 2021:** Discussed at agenda item 6i.
- d. **Local Residents:** Request for funds to help with funding flower display on Village Green. To be discussed in agenda item 9c.
- e. **Powys CC:** Riverine SACs and Phosphorous Update Feb 2022 for Community and Town Councils. Information noted, no action.
- f. **Welsh Government:** Community Food strategy survey. Information noted, no action.
- g. **Bronwin & Abbey:** Glastir Woodland Creation Scheme at Sweet Lamb. Cllrs discussed this and agreed they had no objections.

Further correspondence received since agenda was posted, agreed for discussion:

- h. **Local resident:** Details of a PCC consultation on catchment areas was shared by this resident which may affect local people. Cllrs agreed this should be shared. Clerk to action. Resident also mentioned details of a surgery being run by Phyl Davies 9th February that local residents may wish to attend.
- i. **New Llanidloes Choir:** Request for funding. Item discussed during agenda item 9c.
- j. **Local Resident:** Request for LCC to arrange a meeting for local residents to get together to discuss organising an event to celebrate the Queens' Platinum Jubilee. Cllrs discussed and are happy for the Clerk to confirm the details of a meeting with the resident and help promote the meeting. Request that the resident chairs the meeting.

8. Planning: *No planning applications received.*

9. Finances:

- a. **Account balance =** £5,305.45

b. Bills to be paid:

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (Jan) = £249.60 - £78.92 (PAYE) = £170.68 (net pay)
 Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Jan) = £37.74
 HMRC PAYE tax payable (Jan) = £78.92

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

c. S137 Donations/Funding Requests

Cllrs discussed the requests for funding made and confirmed the following donations under the S137 rules:

- £60 towards the cost of flowers for the Village Green during the Spring
- £40 towards the Jubilee Celebrations
- £100 to the Wales Air Ambulance

Cllrs also discussed at length the request to help with the cost of a new defibrillator cabinet. Cllr I Bound proposed for LCC to cover the full cost of the defib cabinet, this was seconded by Cllr C Howells. Cllrs all in agreement for LCC to cover the cost for the cabinet. Clerk to make contact to confirm and arrange this.

10. Councillors Comments:

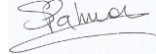
Cllr P Abel: The back road from the path above the vets, the old road to Cwm Belan should be 30mph at the Cwm Belan end of the road. Lots of people run and walk this route. Clerk to look into and contact Highways.

Cllr L Higgitt: What election information is available? Clerk confirmed that she will be attending a Clerks briefing later this week which will be run by Powys CC Elections Dept. Clerk will confirm information for Cllrs as and when received.

11. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre or remotely via Zoom depending on which is deemed most appropriate nearer the time.

Chair Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sophie Palmer', written in black ink on a white background.

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)