

**Llangurig Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Minutes of meeting held at Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm.

**In attendance:** Cllr J Dore (Chairman), Cllr L Higgitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr I Bound, Cllr C Howells, Cllr R Jones, Cllr A Nolan, Cllr L Sephton, Cllr R Williams, Cllr P Abel  
**Clerk:** Sophie Palmer

1. **Apologies:** None received
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 8b.  
Cllr I Bound declared an interest in agenda item 9g.
3. **Minutes** for meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr C Howells and seconded by Cllr R Williams.
4. **Message of thanks from Chairman Cllr John Dore.** Chair Cllr J Dore thanked all Cllrs over the last 5 years for all their hard work and for working well together as a team.
5. **Public Speaking** *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda*  
Two members of the public were in attendance who have both put themselves forward for the upcoming election. They were asked if there were any matters they wished to speak about but confirmed that they were just present to observe the meeting.
6. **Highway Matters:**
  - a. **Signage for Poultry Farm:** Waiting on an update from County Cllr Phyl Davies, Clerk to chase.
  - b. **Broken drain on the C2075 near Llwynceilyn:** PCC has confirmed that this is scheduled to be done in the next calendar month.
  - c. **Road crumbling away past chicken shed:** This is scheduled to be done by the jet patcher but there is only one and covering a vast area, Llangurig is last on the list but it will be done.
  - d. **30mph & 50mph limit, Llangurig roundabout:** TRA are going to look into the 50mph limit. 30mph won't be looked at as there is a review and all current 30mph roads will be changed to 20mph. Clerk to ask about flashing signs.
  - e. **Repositioning of bus stop:** Waiting for funding to be available
  - f. **Path between cemetery and village:** Waiting for funding to be available.
  - g. **Water across fields near Minffordd:** Confirmed by Cllrs that this has been done today.
  - h. **Roadway towards Penllyn:** No specific update on this item, Clerk to chase.
  - i. **Broken drain close to Black Lion:** Clerk chased up the original response which confirmed that the broken drain would be fixed within a number of days which is now well overdue. Response received stated that they will chase it up with the utilities company.
  - j. **Collapsed surround for bins near Caewaen:** No response received following continued chasing. Clerk to continue to chase for a response.
7. **Matters Arising:**
  - a. **Home to School transport issue of local resident:** Local resident has been fighting the outcome and there has been confirmation from Powys that the difference between the two routes. The family will be applying soon for the next school year and will hope for a different outcome next time around.
  - b. **Defibrillators:** waiting for the defib cabinet to be delivered to John Lewis. There is also now a Wales Defib manager and funding available to cover the cost of defibrillators which the Clerk has passed on to John Lewis.
  - c. **Dog fouling signs:** Clerk has chased PCC about the different signs but has had no response yet. Chair Cllr J Dore has noticed a new sign which PCC may have put up at the entrance to the car park.
  - d. **Queen's Jubilee Celebrations:**
    - i. **Gazebo on Village Green:** Permission requested from the committee to place a gazebo on the Village Green for the celebrations. Cllr I Bound proposed to give permission and Cllr P Abel seconded. Clerk to confirm permission and clarify the requirements regarding insurance etc.
    - ii. **Plant a tree for the jubilee:** Information noted, no action.

- iii. **Flags:** A local resident has asked whether a jubilee flag will be put up for the jubilee weekend. Cllrs discussed and felt that the money would be best going to the committee towards the celebrations. Clerk to contact those who look after the flag pole and will ask whether they will put up the flag pole during the jubilee weekend. Suggest that the Union flag is put up if possible.
- iv. **Funding/donation request:** The Jubilee Committee has requested more funds towards the celebrations being organised. Cllrs discussed this in line with the above item. It has been confirmed that LCC will provide £150 to bring the total funds to the required amount. Clerk to find out from the committee how to pass the funds on to them.
- e. **Elections:** Clerk has received the list of those who put their nominations forward and there were 11 nominations for 9 seats so an election will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Those elected will then sign their declaration of acceptance of office at the first meeting after the election which will be the AGM.
- f. **Standing Orders – update:** One Voice Wales has confirmed that the NALC will be updating the model standing orders but this will still take a few months. In the mean time the Clerk will go through these with Cllr L Higgitt to see how they can be updated accordingly with some of the changes that have come in to place.
- g. **Clerks training:** Clerk has looked into the training which will become mandatory and ideally she will need to start with the initial ILCA training which is all online over 12 months. This would be £144 but would suggest splitting this with Caersws CC and there maybe bursaries available. This should therefore be £72 and the Clerk would ask if LCC would cover this cost. The main training is CILCA over a longer period of time and costs more which the Clerk would request to look to add into the precept for next year. Cllrs agreed to cover the cost for the training.
- h. **Rights of Way issues:** Clerk has sent all of the info sent to LCC on to PCC Rights of Way and have had a response confirming that the broken stile will be fixed as soon as possible and all issues sent through have been noted/logged. Clerk has asked for reports on any repairs etc done from this list if possible.

#### 8. Ongoing (long term) Matters:

- a. **Village Green:**
  - a) **Boundary:** Cllr L Higgitt has been chasing Dilwyn's solicitors regarding moving the boundary changes forward.
  - b) **Top soil for the Green:** Cllr C Howells has provided the soil for the green and levelled it out. Colin Davies and Len Grew both came to help with this. Clerk to send thanks.
  - c) **Boundary line with Powys CC:** This has been confirmed, PCC cut the small strip at the top of the Green. A map has been sent by PCC which the Clerk has sent to all Cllrs for their information.
- b. **Village Play Area:** The solicitor has suggested that the best way forward would be for LCC to take the land over for the play area.
- c. **Slates at Black Lion:** Russell George SM has replied to my email sent to TRA which I copied him into saying that he will speak to some colleagues about this. No response from TRA as yet.
- d. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** No further information received. The last update received confirmed that the Fund should be open for applications some time in May.

#### 9. 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. **One Voice Wales:** Nature and Us survey. Information noted, no action.
- b. **One Voice Wales:** Corporate Joint Committee Regulations. Information noted, no action.
- c. **One Voice Wales:** Remote Woking Strategy. Information noted, no action.
- d. **Local resident:** Thank you to LCC for defib cabinet purchase. Thank you noted by Cllrs.
- e. **Planning permission query:** Cllr J Dore has commented on this as an individual separate to the Council.
- f. **Powys CC:** Election of Cllrs to the Community Sub-Committee of the Powys Standards Committee.
- g. **Local resident:** Proposed use of Dernal Lane for timber extraction. Local resident Jenni Hughes-Ellis has forwarded a letter regarding this issue and has asked for support of the Council regarding the questions she has about the proposal. Cllrs discussed this at length and agreed for the Clerk to write to the company who are proposing this in agreement with the concerns of the residents and request a response. This was proposed by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr R Williams, Clerk to action.

- h. **Green Lane Association:** Information regarding green lane-ing. Information noted, no action.
- i. **Silviculture:** Woodland creation. Information noted, no action.

**10. Planning:** *No planning applications received*

**11. Finances:**

- a. **Account balance:** = £6,565.80
- b. **Accounts and Budget Review:** Clerk sent the end of year accounts to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs present were all happy and in agreement with the accounts and budget.
- c. **Internal annual audit:** The person who has completed the audit for the last few years is unable to complete it this year for various reasons. Clerk has suggested contacting the internal auditor used by Caersws CC. There will be a charge between £50-£100. Cllrs present agreed. Clerk to contact the auditor to request his services for this years accounts and audit. It was suggested to send a formal thank you to Clare Bound for carrying out the audit for as long as she has at no cost to LCC.

**d. Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (Apr) = £279.40 - £55.80 (PAYE) = £223.60 (Net)  
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) Backdated pay for salary scale increase = £50.16  
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Apr) = £24.89  
HMRC PAYE tax payable (Apr) = £55.80  
Upper Bridge Enterprises = £203.30  
SLCC Membership = £44.82

Bills to be paid were agreed by Cllrs and proposed for payment by Cllr C Howells and seconded by Cllr A Nolan.

**12. Councillors Comments:**

Cllr L Higgitt passed on a letter regarding the Lluest Y Gwynt wind farm.

**13. Next Meeting:** The next ordinary meeting and AGM of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm at Llangurig Community Centre or remotely via Zoom depending on which is deemed most appropriate nearer the time.

Cllr J Dore thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.13pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)