

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 21st June 2022

Minutes of meeting held at Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr L Higgitt (Chairman), Cllr C Howells (Vice Chair), Cllr R Jones, Cllr A Nolan, Cllr R Williams, Cllr D Jones, Cllr H Pugh, Cllr P Abel (arrived 7.38pm)

Clerk: Sophie Palmer

1 member of the public

1. **Apologies:** Cllr I Bound, County Cllr Glyn Preston & County Cllr Gareth Pugh
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.
Cllr L Higgitt declared an interest in agenda item 8a.
3. **Minutes** for meeting of 17th May 2022 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr A Nolan and seconded by Cllr R Williams.
4. **Public Speaking** *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda*
One member of the public present as an observer
5. **Highway Matters:**
 - a. **Signage for Poultry Farm:** No update
 - b. **Broken drain on the C2075 near Llwynceilyn:** this should have been completed by now but Cllr L Higgitt said it is yet to be repaired. Clerk to chase up.
 - c. **Road crumbling away past chicken shed:** This has been completed. Clerk to remove from the agenda.
 - d. **30mph & 50mph limit, Llangurig roundabout:** No update
 - e. **Repositioning of bus stop:** No update
 - f. **Path between cemetery and village:** No update
 - g. **Roadway towards Penllyn:** No update
 - h. **Broken drain close to Black Lion:** No update
 - i. **Collapsed surround for bins near Caewaen:** No update
 - j. **Speeding cars – raised with PCC by County Cllr G Morgan:** This matter has been raised by Cllr G Morgan with PCC and is awaiting a response.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. **Home to School transport issue of local resident:** no update on the matter but the family has asked if they could use LCC minutes to show support from LCC as they have another hearing coming up. LCC minutes are public so Clerk referred them to the website for copies of all minutes and Cllrs agreed that they are happy for these to be used as part of the appeal.
 - b. **Defibrillators:** The new cabinet for the defib has been installed and a Thank you received from Colin to LCC for purchasing the cabinet for the community.
 - c. **Dog fouling signs:** No update
 - d. **Jubilee Celebration & suggested thank yous:** A local resident has painted the noticeboard in Llangurig which looks much better, Clerk to draft a thank you letter. An open letter to those who organised the Jubilee Celebrations was also suggested to thank those involved. Clerk to action.
 - e. **School Governors Representation:** Cllr G Morgan has asked about this and confirmed that the School Governing Body are happy to continue with an original suggestion that local Community Councils take turns in having a representative on the Governing Body. Clerk to confirm the details and timings.
 - f. **Website updates:** There are items on the website that need updating. Chair and Clerk to start working through these items. Clerk to action items such as new Cllr details etc.
7. **Ongoing (long term) Matters:**
 - a. **Village Green Boundary:** This has not progressed any further. New plans are to be drawn up. Chair Cllr L Higgitt to update again at the next meeting.
 - b. **Village Play Area:** Landowners are happy to sell the land to LCC. Cllrs discussed how to progress the project. The next step is for the landowners to have the land valued.
 - c. **Slates at Black Lion:** No further information to report, the situation is still the same.
 - d. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** County Cllr G Preston is looking into this. Clerk is also trying to get in touch with someone from the committee.

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. **Llangurig Community Centre:** LCC was previously given a 5 year period of free room hire for the Community Centre, this will end and fees will be introduced from October of this year. Cllrs to discuss whether a cheaper option should be considered. Clerk to add to the July agenda.
- b. **One Voice Wales:** Statutory guidance relating to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. There are documents and items to be discussed further and implemented. Clerk to action and add new items to agendas as required.
- c. **One Voice Wales:** Updated Good Councillors Guide. Information noted, no action.
- d. **Radnor Wildlife Trust:** Research Project, Survey for Town & Community Councils
- e. **Community Ownership Fund Team:** Expression of Interest information. Information noted, no action.
- f. **Local Places for Nature Funding:** information noted, no action.

9. Planning Matters:

- a. **Application Reference: 22/0778/FUL** Grid Reference: E:290999 N: 279848
Proposal: Change of use of part of rear ground floor of dwelling to a beauty salon Site Address: Maes Deri, Green Terrace, Llangurig, Llanidloes Powys

Cllrs discussed the above planning application and have no comments.
- b. **Application Reference: 22/0776/FUL** Grid Reference: E:290840 N: 280603 Proposal: Siting 4 no. Glamping Pods for holiday use, installation of sewage treatment plant, access roads, new access with highway improvements, provision of passing bay & all associated works (resubmission of 21/1902/FUL) Site Address: Maes Mawr , Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6SL

Cllrs discussed the above planning application and have no comments.
- c. **Application Reference: 21/1901/FUL.** Village Tearooms & Crafts Llangurig Llanidloes Powys SY18 6SG Change of use of building and land from mixed use: shop and vehicle sales area to mixed use: shop, cafe and vehicle sales area (retrospective)
Cllrs discussed the above planning application and have concerns over the access and sewerage. Clerk to collate the information to send on to Planning.

10. Finances:

- a. **Account balance** = £8,382.46
- b. **Internal annual audit:** The internal audit was completed and sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs discussed the audit information and agreed some alterations required. On this basis Cllrs present were in agreement to sign the accounts audit off. Clerk and Chair to action the changes and sign off the paperwork.
- c. **Account signatories:** There have been some difficulties organising additional signatories so this is not yet done. Clerk to continue to work on this prior to the next meeting.
- d. **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (June) = £249.60 - £49.80 (PAYE) = £199.80 (Net)

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (June) = £24.89

HMRC PAYE tax payable (June) = £49.80

Last months bills were unpaid due to an issue with one signatory logging into online banking so cheques will be drawn for last month and this month's bill payments.

Bills to be paid and cheques for last months bills were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr R Williams and seconded by Cllr C Howells.

11. Councillors Comments:

Chair Cllr L Higgitt: the annual report has been drafted and sent to all Cllrs. Cllrs were in agreement to publish the annual report on the website.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt: asked whether all Cllrs have completed their expenses forms following the election, not all have but will complete following the meeting.

Cllr R Jones: verges have been cut on the smaller roads but not on the main A44 and A470. Clerk stated that this is probably due to them being covered by different authorities (TRA and Powys CC Highways) but she will chase up with TRA about the main road verges.

12. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.52pm.

Signed:  Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)

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