

**Llangurig Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Minutes of meeting held at Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30pm.

**In attendance:** Cllr L Higgitt (Chairman), Cllr C Howells (Vice Chair), Cllr R Jones, Cllr R Williams, Cllr D Jones, Cllr H Pugh, Cllr I Bound.

Not present: Cllr P Abel

Clerk: Sophie Palmer, County Cllr Gyn Preston

1 member of the public present

**Council Meeting started with 1 minute silence for Queen Elizabeth II**

1. **Apologies:** Cllr A Nolan
2. **Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*  
Cllr L Higgitt declared an interest in agenda items 6.7 and 7a  
Cllr R Jones declared an interest in agenda item 7b
3. **Minutes** for meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr R Williams and seconded by Cllr C Howells
4. **Public Speaking** *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda*  
No members of the public wishing to speak
5. **Highway Matters:**
  - a. **Signage for Poultry Farm:** Cllr Glyn Preston has no update on this currently.
  - b. **Broken drain on the C2075 near Llwynceilyn:** Clerk stated that Highways have responded to this query as a blocked drain rather than a broken drain. Clerk to clarify that the drain is broken and still requires repair.
  - c. **30mph & 50mph limit, Llangurig roundabout:** 20mph limits through current 30mph have been approved although not necessarily on trunk roads as confirmed by Cllr Glyn Preston. This may be reviewed separately. No update regarding the 50mph from the roundabout, Clerk to chase this up with TRA.
  - d. **Repositioning of bus stop:** Cllr Glyn Preston has no update on this currently.
  - e. **Path between cemetery and village:** Cllr Glyn Preston has no update on this currently.
  - f. **Roadway towards Penllyn:** Clerk has chased up PCC about whether this road is council maintained but is yet to receive a response.
  - g. **Broken drain close to Black Lion:** Chasing for an update but is yet to receive a response. Clerk to continue to chase as this issue occurred in January and still just has bollards around it.
  - h. **Collapsed surround for bins near Caewaen:** Clerk is still chasing this up, no response received still. Clerk has copied in the portfolio holder in the last correspondence.
  - i. **Speeding cars – raised with PCC by County Cllr G Morgan:** Update from Cllr Gareth Morgan at the next meeting.
  - j. **Request for a site meeting update:** Cllrs discussed and agreed to request a meeting with TRA and PCC Highways to meet in Llangurig and once a meeting has been agreed Cllrs will collate the issues to raise.
6. **Matters Arising:**
  - 1) **Home to School transport issue of local resident:** This has now been resolved and the pupil can now use the bus free to school. Cllrs are very pleased that this has reached a positive outcome.
  - 2) **Dog fouling signs:** Clerk has received a reply that some of the newer signs are available. Clerk to confirm the problem areas which are the old road to Llanidloes and the car park and down to the bridge where people walk their dogs.
  - 3) **School Governors Representation:** Cllr Gareth Morgan waiting to her when the next Gov meeting will be and will raise this at that time.
  - 4) **Website updates:** Some items have now been updated on the website. Further updates to be made are to add more documents, Cllr contact details which are missing, County Cllr details, Cllr Vacancy showing. Clerk to action.
  - 5) **Drainage/Sewage issues in Llangurig:** Clerk has written to the portfolio holder for environment to raise the problems and concern over the sewerage in the village and

the current provision. Clerk received a response from Cllr Richard Church who will make some enquiries and seek advice of how to move this forward.

- 6) **Air Ambulance – possible move from Mid-Wales:** The possible move of the air ambulance has been in the news recently. Many people locally are concerned and against the possible move. Cllr H Pugh is aware of a possible petition against the move and will forward details to the Clerk.
- 7) **Community Centre hire charges:** The charges for meetings will increase to £10 per hour from his month. There is an option to pay in advance for a reduction in cost. Cllrs are happy to book in advance and to draw a cheque for this payment this evening.

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

- a. **Village Green Boundary:** Cllr L Higgitt confirmed that we are still waiting for the new boundaries to be drawn up. Chair Cllr L Higgitt to chase up and find someone else if need be.
- b. **Village Play Area:** Cllr R Jones and his brother to confirm the valuation of the area of land. Cllr R Jones has a letter he will pass on to the Clerk.
- c. **Slates at Black Lion:** No updates on this issue.
- d. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** Clerk contacted one of the Committee member who said that they have no information regarding the fund. Clerk also emailed Phyl Davies who has said that the fund should be accessible imminently and details will be provided soon.

#### 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. **Trainline:** Request to add a link onto our website. Cllrs agreed that this could be added to the website. Clerk to action.
- b. **Focus Newtown Enterprise hub:** possible visit to give more info regarding what they offer. Cllrs would like more information about what they do and what they offer first.
- c. **Powys CC:** Welsh Government Energy Service – Community Energy Grants. Cllr Gareth Morgan sent this information on and may have more details on it.
- d. **Welsh Government:** A Fairer Council Tax Consultation. Information noted, no action.
- e. **Powys CC:** Local Development Plan. There is no information to discuss or comment on at this stage but it will be important to keep on top of any information that is provided and ensure to discuss fully and make comments.
- f. **Bute Energy:** Contact regarding public events and a meeting with LCC regarding the two new energy parks. Bute Energy will be coming to meet with LCC on 3<sup>rd</sup> October prior to the public events being held in Llanidloes and Llangurig.

#### 9. Planning Matters:

- a) **Application Reference: 22/1148/FUL** Grid Reference: E:292920 N: 277776  
Proposal: Erection and operation of a temporary meteorological mast for a period of three years Site Address: Site 2.5km South-east Of Llangurig To The West Of Rhiwlas Hill, Llangurig , Powys, Application Reference: 21/1901/FUL.
- b) **Application Reference: 22/1147/FUL** Grid Reference: E:289896 N: 282543  
Proposal: Erection and operation of a temporary meteorological mast for a period of three years Site Address: Land Adjacent To Banc Du, Llangurig, Llanidloes, Powys

Cllrs discussed the above two planning applications which both relate to the new energy parks being proposed in the area. Cllrs feel that they are unable to comment on the above applications until they know more about the proposals as a whole. Clerk to ask whether more time can be given to comment.

#### 10. Finances:

- a. **Account balance:** = £9,565.43
- b. **Account signatories:** Clerk has paperwork for signing to add new signatories. Cllr L Higgitt's paperwork completed. Cllr H Pugh's paperwork to be done at the next meeting if possible.
- c. **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (Sept) = £249.60 - £50 (PAYE) = £199.60 (Net)  
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Sept) = £35.40  
HMRC PAYE tax payable (Sept) = £50.00  
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Aug) = £15.60  
Business Services at CAS Ltd (Council insurance 2022/23) = £180.88  
Clifford Jones (work to fix Village Green Step) = £60.78  
Llangurig Community Centre (hall hire) = £112.00

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

**11. Councillors Comments:**

The person that cuts the grass at the Church is struggling and it is understood that this has been done on an ad hoc basis. Chair Cllr L Higgitt will see if he can find someone who can help.

**Cllr H Pugh:** some members of the community are looking to do a small firework display and wondered whether LCC would be able to contribute. Clerk to get accounts info together for the October meeting to see what finances might be available and Cllr H Pugh to provide more details of who is organising the event and how it will be properly insured etc.

**Cllr C Howells:** the hedge on the left side of the old road is very overgrown and when people are parked alongside it is difficult to pass. Cllr I Bound knows who to speak to regarding this.

**Cllr I Bound:** can the poppy wreath be purchased by LCC as usual. Cllrs were all in agreement. Clerk to action.

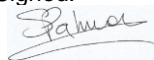
**Cllr I Bound:** The unadopted road behind the Green is very rough. Would PCC consider resurfacing it? Clerk to ask Highways.

**County Cllr Glyn Preston:** is chasing the National Express stop in Llangurig to be reinstated.

**12. Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)