

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 12th July 2022

Minutes of meeting held at Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 12th July 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, Cllr I Bound.

Clerk: Sophie Palmer

County Cllr Gareth Pugh

2 members of the public present

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr Gyn Preston
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 H Pugh declared an interest in agenda item 6e
Cllr D Jones declared an interest in agenda item 9b
Cllr L Higgitt declared an interest in the matter of the hall hire with the Community Centre discussed during agenda item 11
3. **Minutes** for meeting of 21st June 2022 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr H Pugh and seconded by Cllr C Howells.
4. **Public Speaking** *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda*
Members of the public were present but did not wish to address the council.
5. **Highway Matters:** List of long term issues updated and sent on with agenda.
 - a. **Signage for Poultry Farm:** Cllr G Preston is trying to find out about this to get the matter resolved.
 - b. **Broken drain on the C2075 near Llwynclwyn:** Still not fixed, Clerk to continue to chase this up.
 - c. **30mph & 50mph limit, Llangurig roundabout:** Welsh Government making a decision today regarding imposing 20mph in current 30mph areas. Request for 50mph signage still with TRA.
 - d. **Repositioning of bus stop:** Cllr G Preston is trying to get information from TRA on this matter.
 - e. **Path between cemetery and village:** Cllr G Preston is trying to get information from TRA on this matter.
 - f. **Roadway towards Penllyn:** Clerk is yet to receive a response on whether this is a Council maintained road.
 - g. **Broken drain close to Black Lion:** This is yet to be repaired. Clerk to chase this up.
 - h. **Collapsed surround for bins near Caewael:** Clerk has chased this matter up with the relevant PCC officer and is yet to receive a response. Continue to chase this matter up.
 - i. **Speeding cars – raised with PCC by County Cllr G Morgan:** Cllr G Morgan is yet to follow this up
 - j. **Request for a site meeting update:** Cllr L Higgitt suggested that Cllrs define what LCC wants out of the meeting. Put together a list of proposals.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. **Home to School transport issue of local resident:** Cllr G Morgan is involved with this issue and believes there may be a hearing fairly soon regarding this matter and hopes for a positive outcome.
 - b. **Dog fouling signs:** Clerk has chased this up again
 - c. **School Governors Representation:** Cllr G Morgan confirmed that as there is no current vacancy so a vacancy would need to arise. The next meeting is thought to be sometime in September and he will raise this then.
 - d. **Website updates:** This is ongoing, Clerk and Chair Cllr L Higgitt are working through updating items and pages on the website.
 - e. **Drainage/Sewage issues in Llangurig:** Cllrs to discuss this as an ongoing issue which has been raised as a concern. The sewerage currently available seems to be over capacity and some residents are concerned over increase in smells. The main issues are that the sewerage backs up regularly and the smell in the middle of the village is often very bad which is very unpleasant for local residents. Cllr H Pugh to forward the Clerk more details and information regarding the regularity and nature of the issue. County Cllr Gareth Pugh suggested writing to Welsh Water, Matt Perry (Powys CC) and Russell George MS to raise this concern and request a site meeting. Add the concern over planning permission from 1998 for 10 new properties

7. Ongoing (long term) Matters:

- a. **Village Green Boundary:** Waiting for the new plans to be drawn up, Cllr L Higgitt to chase this up.
- b. **Village Play Area:** Cllr R Jones confirmed that this process has been started but needs following up.
- c. **Slates at Black Lion:** Move to the Highway Matters to keep together with other such items. This matter has not progressed. A full update on this matter was provided for Cllr G Morgan's benefit. Clerk to forward the details of this issue to Cllr G Morgan to help follow up on this matter.
- d. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** The Clerk has been in contact with someone who is on the Committee for the wind farm fund. Clerk has sent on her contact details and asked to be kept in the loop of any updates regarding the fund. Clerk to ask who else is on the Committee and try and gain other contact details for other members. Chair Cllr L Higgitt suggested writing to the new wind farm owners in order to ask what is happening. Cllr G Morgan asked whether this has been raised with Russell George. Clerk to contact Russell George MS.

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. **Welsh Government:** Powys LDP Settlement Audit. Clerk to complete a draft and send to all Cllrs to agree the points to send on.

9. Planning Matters:

- a. **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: Land At Maes Mawr, Llangurig, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6SL
Cllrs discussed the above planning application at the previous meeting but Cllrs feel that the roadway requires some attention to make it more suitable for the increased traffic. One specific section where the roadway slips away towards the brook which is a concern as the road is currently in a state of disrepair now and will be made worse by the increase in vehicles. Clerk to forward these concerns to Powys CC Planning.
- b. **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)
Application has been approved by Planning but concerns over the Highway access to be discussed
Cllr D Jones raised the query as to why LCC supported the planning issue when it originally came up as a change of use. Clerk and Cllrs confirmed that there was no planning reason for objecting to it as LCC had made the query to Powys Planning regarding the change of use on the business to ensure it was operating correctly. Cllr D Jones raised the issue of competition with other businesses but it was explained that this would not be a matter for the Community Council to raise as the council cannot make preference of one business over another.

10. Finances:

- a. **Account balance:** £ 7,692.33
- b. **Internal annual audit:** The points raised at the previous meeting have been resolved. Audit paperwork has now been signed off and will be collated to send on to the external auditor.
- c. **Account signatories:** Clerk is yet to obtain the correct paperwork to add signatories to Unity Trust. Clerk to look into getting the paperwork organised and sent to the new signatories over the summer period.
- d. **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (July) = £249.60 - £50 (PAYE) = £199.60 (Net)

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (July) = £27.50

HMRC PAYE tax payable (July) = £50.00

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

HMRC PAYE tax payable (Aug) = £49.80

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

Chair Cllr L Higgitt: was approached by someone who raised an issue with the step up to the Village Green which has been rectified in the interim and the Council will receive an invoice to pay for this.

11. Councillors Comments:

Cllr R Williams: Resident at Tynwtra Farm, Old Hall, the roadway is collapsing into the river. Clerk to contact Highways.

Cllr R Jones: confirmed that the verges have now been cut.

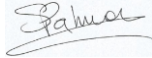
Cllr C Howells: verges on the old road have not been cut yet. Clerk to contact Highways.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt: There is an option to pay for meeting room hire in advance for the Community Centre in order to receive a discounted fee. Cllrs present were in agreement to do this. Cllr L Higgitt to action this with the Community Centre.

12. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 20th September due to no August meeting (unless it is deemed that an extraordinary meeting is required between July and September) at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)