

**Llangurig Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

Minutes of meeting held at Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm.

**In attendance:** Cllr L Higgitt (Chairman), Cllr D Jones, Cllr I Bound, Cllr R Jones, Cllr P Abel.

Clerk: Sophie Palmer  
2 members of the public  
County Cllr Gareth Morgan  
County Cllr Glyn Preston

Not present: Cllr A Nolan

1. **Apologies:** Cllr C Howells (Vice Chair), Cllr H Pugh, Cllr R Williams.
2. **Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*
3. **Minutes** for meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr I Bound and seconded by Cllr P Abel
4. **Public Speaking** *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda*  
No members of the public present requested to speak to the council.
5. **Highway Matters:**
  - a. **Signage for Poultry Farm:** there is a sign up now so this item can be removed from the agenda.
  - b. **30mph & 50mph limit, Llangurig roundabout:** No new updates.
  - c. **Repositioning of bus stop:** No new updates.
  - d. **Path between cemetery and village:** No new updates.
  - e. **Collapsed surround for bins near Caewael:** No new updates.
  - f. **Site meeting with TRA and highways: Highways are chasing up TRA for a date**
  - g. **Falling slates at Black Lion:** No new updates. County Cllr G Preston confirmed that he will be meeting with someone who deals with building and planning for PCC who may be able to help.
  - h. **Unadopted road behind the Village Green:** No new updates.
  - i. **Car park barrier – height sign:** No new updates.
  - j. **Blocked culvert at Lower Glyn Brochan:** Highways will be out over the next 2 weeks and will investigate and unblock where needed.
  - k. **Broken drain outside Black Lion:** Clerk has received confirmation that this has been done.
  - l. **Flooding above Pencroeso Villa:** Highways will be out over the next 2 weeks and will investigate and unblock where needed.
6. **Matters Arising:**
  - a. **Dog fouling signs:** Waiting for signs to be added down the old road to Llani, Clerk to chase this up.
  - b. **School Governors Representation:** Waiting for the time when a different Council can be considered for representation.
  - c. **Website updates:** This is still ongoing and relates to the Finance and Governance toolkit as well which was discussed at agenda item 6f.
  - d. **Drainage/Sewage issues in Llangurig:** Clerk has spoken to Environmental Health and Welsh Water. The person Cllr H Pugh spoke to no longer looks after the Llangurig area. Suggested that the Clerk contact the Welsh Water Customer Helpline to ask whether odour loggers have been put in place as this will ensure that the odours are logged regularly to ensure the odour levels do not go above what is acceptable. Odour loggers were not available previously but should be in place now. The Clerk has also been given a link which will be sent out to everyone which should be used any time there are odours which are thought to be above an accepted level. These reports should come from those experiencing it at the time it is happening.
  - e. **Air Ambulance – possible move from Mid-Wales:** Awaiting more information to be sent out regarding this matter.
  - f. **Finance and Governance Toolkit:** Chair Cllr L Higgitt and the Clerk met to go through this document and have made notes regarding what actions are needed. This is ongoing.
  - g. **The future of Llanidloes Leisure Centre and wider possible closures:** A meeting was held in Llanidloes on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr L Higgitt and Cllr R Williams attended the meeting. It seemed to go well in terms of local people coming forward

and making their feelings clear that the leisure centre should under no circumstances close either just the pool or the whole centre. County Cllr G Morgan confirmed that it was made clear that they will have a fight on their hands should they look to restrict the facilities. County Cllr G Preston confirmed that it was stated that the centre will be safe for the next financial year. There is also an even more pressing need for the Bryn Blaen wind farm fund as that could potentially be a much-needed funding stream for such benefits for the community.

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

- a. **Village Green Boundary:** Chair Cllr L Higgitt spoke to the person who was originally going to draw the plans and he is going to look at it again.
- b. **Village Play Area:** Clerk is waiting on quotes to come through for play equipment.
- c. **Community Bryn Blaen Wind Farm Fund:** Mentioned previously in the meeting. The fund would be very beneficial to help causes such as the issues faced by the leisure centre. The information of the trustees is available on the Charity Commission website since October 2022 but there has still been no contact regarding how the fund can be accessed.

**8. Correspondence:** *All correspondence has been distributed to Cllrs and shared online as necessary.*

- a. **One Voice Wales:** Consultation on the Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill. Information noted, no action.
- a. **One Voice Wales:** Ministerial Review of Play Report. Information noted, no action.
- b. **One Voice Wales:** Public Access Defibrillator Census. Chair Cllr L Higgitt completed the information for this following speaking to Colin who looks after the defibrillators locally. Cllrs discussed the defibrillators and Chair Cllr L Higgitt explained that new pads and batteries are required roughly every 3 years for an estimated cost of around £135. Cllrs agreed that LCC should cover these costs.
- c. **Powys CC:** Bill for election (May 2022). Powys CC has invoiced LCC for the amount of £1,735.34. This is covered in agenda item 11c.
- d. **Police:** Llanidloes Section Virtual KINS meeting. PCSO's from Llanidloes arranged a meeting for local groups, organisations and councils recently. It was mainly a chat and catch up about issues across the areas they look after but they are looking to try and do one every couple of months to keep in touch with those locally who can help report areas of concern and for the police to report back directly on what they are doing and can do. Clerk will forward any further dates received for these meetings which are to be held on Teams.

**9. Planning Matters:** *Applications not on the original agenda as they were only received the day before the meeting:*

- a. **Application Reference: 23/0199/FUL** Grid Reference: E:294648 N: 281262  
Proposal: Proposed construction of a horse riding menage and all associated works  
Site Address: Gwern Tyddyn , Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6QB  
Cllrs discussed the above application and have no objections.
- b. **Electricity Act 1989: Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009. Reference: 23/0288/ELE** Grid Ref: E: 290807 N: 284168  
Proposal: Application made under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989: Overhead Lines (Exemption)(England and Wales) Regulation 2009 in relation to replacement of an existing overhead line to the south of the existing overhead line Site Address: Bron Felin, Old Hall, Llanidloes Powys SY18 6PW  
Cllrs discussed the above application and have no objections.

**10. S137 donations:**

Requests received for financial assistance:

- a. Marie Curie
- b. Hope House
- c. MacMillan Cancer Support
- d. Cruse Bereavement

Cllrs discussed the above and decided to implement a form for grant funding requests which any local groups based within the ward of Llangurig can apply. This would ensure that groups that the council may not currently be aware of are not missed out and a case can be put forward for specific use of funds. Clerk to draft a form and email to Cllrs.

**11. Finances:**

- a. **Account balance** = £10,037.63
- b. **Account signatories:** Chair Cllr L Higgitt has been added as a signatory. Cllr R Williams unable to login currently so will need to request for his logins to be changed.
- c. **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (Feb) = £274.00 - £54.80 (PAYE)= £219.20 (Net)

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Feb) = £25.50

HMRC PAYE tax payable (Feb) = £54.80  
Powys County Council (2022 Election cost) = £1,735.34

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

**12. Councillors Comments:**

**Cllr D Jones:** Raised the issue of how long some items have been on the agenda without any action. Some items have been on since 2019. Cllr D Jones thinks more pressure should be put on PCC / Welsh Government etc.

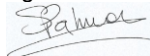
**County Cllr G Preston:** Last week Welsh Government published its road schemes. The duelling projects have been scrapped which is good news for the area as this was seen to be a waste of funds.

**Chair Cllr L Higgitt:** reminded Cllrs that everyone has outstanding training to attend before the end of March. Let Clerk know what dates they would like to book and she will get them booked in.

**13. Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.42pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)

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