

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 17th January 2023

Minutes of meeting held at Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: Sophie Palmer
1 member of the public
County Cllr Gareth Morgan
Not present: County Cllr Glyn Preston

1. **Apologies:** Cllr H Pugh, Cllr R Jones, Cllr P Abel, Cllr A Nolan
2. **Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*
No declarations of interest were made
3. **Minutes** for meeting of 20th December 2022 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr D Jones and seconded by Cllr R Williams.
4. **Public Speaking** *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda*
No one members of the public requested to speak
5. **Highway Matters:**
 - a. **Signage for Poultry Farm:** Cllr Glyn Preston was going to look into this. Cllr D Jones confirmed that he has spoken with the owner of the poultry farm who stated that he has never been approached with this request. He said that he will put a sign up.
 - b. **30mph & 50mph limit, Llangurig roundabout:** No update from TRA on the matter of the 50mph signage.
 - c. **Repositioning of bus stop:** Cllr Glyn Preston was going to look into this and it is on the list for the site meeting with TRA & Highways
 - d. **Path between cemetery and village:** Cllr Glyn Preston was going to look into this and it is on the list for the site meeting with TRA & Highways.
 - e. **Collapsed surround for bins near Caewaen:** No update from Powys CC as to when this is due to be repaired.
 - f. **Site meeting with TRA and highways:** Still waiting on a date from TRA. Clerk to chase for a date as soon as possible.
 - g. **Falling slates at Black Lion:** Clerk is still chasing a response as to whether a meeting with the owner went ahead and if so what the outcome was.
 - h. **Unadopted road behind the Village Green:** Clerk is chasing a response from PCC regarding what they are able to do to repair the roadway.
 - i. **Car park barrier – height sign:** Sign ordered, waiting for PCC to install. Clerk to chase this.
 - j. **Blocked culvert at Lower Glyn Brochan:** No update on when this will be unblocked
 - k. **Broken drain outside Black Lion:** Same drain cover is broken again. It has been reported. No info regarding when it will be repaired at this time. Clerk to chase to ensure it does not take as long as last time to repair.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. **Dog fouling signs:** Signs have been put up on road down towards the car park. The Clerk has asked for more to be put up down the old road to Llanidloes. This will be left on the agenda until there are signs located where requested.
 - b. **School Governors Representation:** County Cllr G Morgan confirmed that there is currently a Llanidloes Town Cllr in position as a Governor for Llanidloes Primary and High Schools. This position expires in August this year it is believed so there should be an opportunity after this time to register LCC's interest to have a Cllr on the Governing Body.
 - c. **Website updates:** Further updates to be made, this is ongoing.
 - d. **Drainage/Sewage issues in Llangurig:** Clerk is waiting for a call back from an Environmental Health Officer.
 - e. **Air Ambulance – possible move from Mid-Wales:** Consultation is due next month so will discuss after this time.
 - f. **Council Training Plan:** A training plan has been put together by Chair Cllr L Higgitt and the Clerk and sent on to Cllrs before the meeting. Cllrs unanimously agreed to adopt the plan and review it annually at the AGM.

- g. **Finance and Governance Toolkit:** Clerk and Chair Cllr L Higgitt to meet to go through the Finance and Governance Toolkit and the Standing Orders in order to get them approved by the AGM.
- h. **Recording attendance:** Cllrs discussed and agreed for the Clerk to arrange to list annually the number of meetings each Cllr has attended over the year rather than listing the attendees at each meeting as this information is recorded on the minutes.

7. Ongoing (long term) Matters:

- a. **Village Green Boundary:** Chair Cllr L Higgitt stated that he is yet to find someone to draw up the boundary lines.
- b. **Village Play Area:** Clerk is in contact with some play equipment providers to get some rough estimated quotes to LCC to give an idea of costs. Further research and community engagement will be needed to make final decisions on type of equipment etc later on.
- c. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** There is still no information about the fund despite LCC being assured several times that it is going to be available imminently.

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

- a. **One Voice Wales:** Upcoming training dates. Following the discussion on the Training Plan, the current training dates will be resent out to all Cllrs along with a list of the training in the plan for this financial year.

9. Planning Matters: *No applications received prior to the meeting*

10. Finances:

- a. **Account balance** = £10,444.49
- b. **Account signatories:** Chair Cllr L Higgitt has been set up as a signatory, he just needs his username and can then login online. Cllr C Howells and Cllr R Williams have had problems logging in to Unity Trust. Clerk to contact Unity to look into and reset their login details if required.
- c. **Precept setting – review:** The precept is yet to be requested so it was reviewed in light of receipt of the election cost. The cost of the training required cancelled out the lower election cost so the amount of £8,500 was agreed as still relevant. Clerk to make the precept request to Powys CC.
- d. **Bills to be paid:**

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

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Jan) = £26.11

HMRC PAYE tax payable (Jan) = £54.80

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

11. Councillors Comments:

Cllr D Jones: someone has reported rats in the unit which holds peoples waste bin bags. Cllr D Jones suggested that the large lidded bins on wheels such as the ones used in Cwm Belan may be better. Clerk to report to PCC.

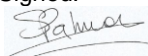
Cllr R Williams: Water issues at the top of the hill, above Pencroesau Villa. The drains are blocked so the water is running down the road and was like sheet ice when the temperature dropped. There is also another drain that the water completely misses and runs down the road. Clerk to report to Highways.

Cllr R Williams: There are still traffic lights on the road towards Rhayader and the road is closed still due to an area of flooding. Clerk to ask TRA how much longer these will be in place as the only route to Rhayader currently is via Tylwch which is treacherous in the colder icy weather.

12. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)