

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 21st March 2023

Minutes of meeting held at Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: Sophie Palmer
1 member of the public
County Cllr Gareth Morgan
County Cllr Glyn Preston

Not present: Cllr P Abel

1. **Apologies:** None received
2. **Councillor Vacancy:** Cllr A Nolan has resigned from the council since the previous meeting. Clerk has spoken to PCC and they have agreed the notice of vacancy to put up which can be put up following the meeting and the deadline will be 3rd April. After this time PCC will confirm whether or not an election is required.
3. **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 8b
4. **Minutes** for meeting of 21st February 2023 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr I Bound and seconded by Cllr D Jones.
5. **Public Speaking** *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda*
No requests from anyone to address the council.

County Cllr G Preston provided the following updates:

Cllr Jake Berriman came to Llangurig and met with Cllr Glyn Preston. It was suggested to file for a section 215 notice, cease and desist letter to suggest that the disrepair of the Black Lion is affecting the aesthetics of the village. Cllr G Preston will go ahead with this. Cllr G Preston confirmed that as previously mentioned there is little else that can be done by Powys CC or TRA.

Sewage issues: As part of the Local Development Plan, LCC could request that any further developments in the village would require an updated sewage system.

It was suggested that Llangurig will probably meet criteria to go down to 20mph when the Welsh Government review the current 30mph limited trunk roads.

It may be worth asking Russell George MS to help with getting a site visit with highways and TRA. Clerk to make contact.

6. Highway Matters:

- a. **30mph & 50mph limit, Llangurig roundabout:** Items to be split as the 30mph area will be reviewed to decide if it should be changed to 20mph. The 50mph relates to signage off the roundabout which the Clerk will chase up with TRA.
- b. **Repositioning of bus stop:** This item relates to the site meeting requested.
- c. **Path between cemetery and village:** This item relates to the site meeting requested.
- d. **Collapsed surround for bins near Caewael:** Panels found to be rotten when PCC have been to fix. They have screwed a panel back on. PCC confirmed they will need replacing before winter.
- e. **Site meeting with TRA and highways:** Email response received from TRA suggested that a site meeting is put off until some of the issues raised can be dealt with. Cllrs are not happy with this suggestion as they would like to have a site meeting to meet with the relevant people in order to raise the issues as one big picture to be looked at as a whole. Clerk to respond to TRA to confirm.
- f. **Falling slates at Black Lion:** This item relates to the site meeting requested.
- g. **Unadopted road behind the Village Green:** Clerk has chased but not yet received a response as to what PCC might be able to do here. Clerk to chase for a response prior to the next meeting.
- h. **Car park barrier – height sign:** Sign not yet installed, Clerk to chase.
- i. **Blocked culvert at Lower Glyn Brochan:** Highways have checked this and say the pipe isn't blocked and water is flowing through it fine. Cllrs confirmed that it is the culvert that is blocked. What has been seen to be done previously is that a channel is

dug to allow the water to drain along the field on the opposite side of the road. The culvert is not being used and is blocked. Clerk to go back to highways on this one.

- j. **Flooding above Pencroeso:** Highways have been out to inspect and think a larger pipe may be needed. Further work to be completed here.
- k. **River cutting under the road; Bro Felin and Glyn Hafren:** Highways have said that the cattle grid at Bro Felyn needs clearing out with the jetter before any work can be done. A job has been logged for Glyn Hafren once they have the resources.

7. Matters Arising:

- a. **Dog fouling signs:** Clerk confirmed that there are new signs down towards the car park and Cllr D Jones confirmed that some have now been put up down the old road. This item can now be removed.
- b. **School Governors Representation:** Waiting for a position to become vacant.
- c. **Website updates:** This is ongoing
- d. **Drainage/Sewage issues in Llangurig:** Details of how to report issues was passed on to all Cllrs. It is important that issues are reported every time and as soon as possible when they occur.
- e. **Air Ambulance – possible move from Mid-Wales:** air ambulance will remain until 2026. Item to be removed from the agenda.
- f. **Finance and Governance Toolkit:** Ongoing
- g. **Long term issues spreadsheet:** Clerk has updated with dates first raised. Cllr D Jones stated that not all items are in the spreadsheet. Clerk confirmed that this originally covered items that were raised with PCC / TRA etc that were not being resolved rather than items that are being actioned by LCC. Clerk confirmed that these items can also be added in. Clerk to action and send to all Cllrs.
- h. **Defib maintenance costs:** Cllr L Higgitt confirmed that the costs involved for keeping the defibs maintained is around £134 every three years. All Cllrs present were happy for LCC to cover these costs to ensure the maintenance and working order of the local defibs.
- i. **Biodiversity Report:** Clerk sent the current report on to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. Chair Cllr L Higgitt pointed out a section that should be filled in. Clerk to action and update where necessary in order for the report to be approved for the next year.

8. Ongoing (long term) Matters:

- a. **Village Green Boundary:** Cllr L Higgitt has received a drawing showing the new boundaries. The plan is now with solicitors to file with the Land Registry.
- b. **Village Play Area:** No further information as yet.
- c. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** Clerk has contacted Phyl Davies to ask for an update as the last communication in November 2022 stated that information would be imminent but nothing has been received. The Clerk is yet to receive a response.

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

- a. **One Voice Wales:** Consultation on New Registration Rules for all bird keepers in UK. Information noted, no action.
- b. **Wales NHS:** Public consultation event dates for location of new planned and urgent care hospital. Information noted, no action.
- c. **One Voice Wales:** 2023-24 Membership LCC membership is due to be renewed for the coming year (£143). Cllrs agreed to continue membership.
- d. **SLCC:** Clerks membership. Clerks membership is due for renewal (£56.70). Cllrs agreed to cover Clerk's Membership which is shared with the Clerks other council.
- e. **Powys CC:** Planning Policy Wales: Net benefit for biodiversity and ecosystems' resilience. Information noted, no action.
- f. **One Voice Wales:** Training Needs Survey. Clerk to complete the survey on behalf of the council.
- g. **IRPW:** Conclusion of Report, costs for Cllrs. The costs suggested in the report have gone ahead although it states that Cllrs can opt out in writing. Clerk to remind Cllrs that they will be required to opt out otherwise cheques will be drawn for the payments to be made to them.
- h. **Heritage Hub:** Laura Ashley Heritage Hub. Information noted, no action.

10. Planning Matters: *No applications received*

11. **S137 donations:** Clerk has drafted two versions of a form for groups/organisations to fill in to request funding for projects etc. Cllrs discussed the forms and agreed the form with boxes to be used. Cllrs also agreed to have 2 times of the year to accept applications Clerk to send out to everyone to be passed on to anyone interested in applying.

12. Finances:

- a. **Account balance** = £9,686.33
- b. **Account signatories:** There are currently 3 signatories, will see how it goes as to whether a fourth signatory is required.
- c. **Bills to be paid:**

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

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

HMRC PAYE tax payable (Mar) = £54.80

SLCC Clerks Membership = £56.70

One Voice Wales Membership = £143.00

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

13. Councillors Comments:

Cllr R Williams: Has received a query about how to order new recycling bins. It was confirmed that these can be ordered via the Powys CC website.

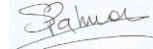
Chair Cllr L Higgitt: The Community Centre would like to request £150 for food for the Coronation celebrations. Clerk to forward the grant funding application form. Cllr H Pugh stated that she was also hoping to request some funds to help with Coronation celebrations. Clerk to forward a form to Cllr H Pugh also.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt: The Community Centre hall hire can be booked and paid for 6 months at a time or the full year in advance. Cllr I Bound proposed for it to be done for a full year in advance and all Cllrs present were in agreement.

- 14. Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.49pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)

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