

A meeting of the Llangurig Community Council was held on 12 January 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Church House. Councillors present were J Lewis (chair), I Bound, M Bound, C C Davies, L Higgitt, B Jones, P Jones, P Windsor and R Williams.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Jones
2. Declarations of Interest – there were no declarations of interest.
3. Minutes of Meeting of 27 November 2014 were accepted, signed and dated as a true record. Proposed by Cllr L Higgitt and seconded by Cllr B Jones.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

- a) Letter of thanks for recent donation from Powys Citizens Advice Bureau was read.
- b) Village Green – letter from Adrian Foulkes was read, confirming that only the land which is being transferred will be registered. If Llangurig Community Council wish to register the remaining, then a separate application will be required. The fee for the registration on a voluntary basis is calculated by value. If the land is worth up to £80,000 the fee would be £30, if up to £100,000 - £60 and if up to £200,000 - £140. It was proposed by Cllr P Jones and seconded by Cllr I Bound to accept advice given.
- c) Llangurig Car Park and Picnic Area – letter dated 10 December 2014 send to David Micah Powys County Council – no response received to date.
- d) Llangurig street lights – faulty lights reported and should be fixed within the next ten days.

#### **5. Planning Applications**

- a) Restoration of hydro power scheme (80 kw) including the installation of Archimedes screw in place of a water wheel at Felindre Mill, Felindre, Llanidloes – Full Planning Permission Granted.
- b) **P/2014/1102** Bryn Blaen Wind Farm – Construct and operate 6 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 100m and maximum hub height of 59m together with ancillary development comprising substation, control building, new and upgraded access points and tracks, new alternative recreation track, hard standing and temporary compound and associated works at Blaen y Glyn Llangurig Llanidloes. The following reasons for refusal were recorded. Clerk to write to Powys Planning.
  - 1 Visual impact on local communities and surrounding area.
  2. Turbines in close proximity to properties causing noise pollution and disturbance.
  3. Can be seen from many areas of the market town of Llanidloes
  4. Turbines will have a serious effect on wildlife and cause disruption of public footpaths.
  5. The access track from the A44 is going to put a scar on the landscape; also it is located on a bend which will be dangerous for the fast moving traffic when heavy lorries and plant are being moved.
- c) **P/2014/1152** Installation of a wind turbine (48.01m to blade tip and 30.52m to hub height) including formation of hard standing and installation of equipment cabinet (grid ref 287065 281620) at land at Ty Mawr Pantmawr Llanidloes. It was recommended that Llangurig Community Council reject the request due to the visual impact effect.

- d) **P/2014/1240** – Erection of an anemometer mast 80m in height for a temporary 3 year period at land at Pen Bwlch-y-Groes Llangurig Llanidloes. Refusal of this application has already been voted on by Llangurig Community Council. This would mean another application for wind turbines in this area at a later date, increasing the size of the adjoining wind farm. Therefore planning application was refused.

## **6. Correspondence**

a) Mynydd y Gwynt Wind Farm (Our Ref: 10030026) – Correspondence from Philip Asquith (Examining Authority) The Planning Inspectorate (Ref:EN010020) was read and is detailed below –

- Letter dated 27 November 2014 re Examination timetable and procedure
- Letter dated 6 January 2015 re Accompanied Site Inspection
- Letter dated 7 January 2014 re Request for further information

b) Letter from Powys County Council – Llangurig Community Council Precept 2015/2016 – it was proposed by Cllr C C Davies and seconded by Cllr M Bound that the request should remain the same as in previous years, i.e. £3,000. Clerk to submit.

c) HSBC Community Account as at 15 December 2014 £2290.11 and Business Money Manager Account as at 27 December 2014 £6,206.95

d) E-mail from Andrew Deptford re Defibrillators was read. Cllr L Higgitt stated that it was hoped that one would be purchased when the Community Centre is up and running.

e) E-mail from Older People in Wales – Ageing Well in Wales – for information.

f) Agenda and Minutes Montgomeryshire Area Committee – for information.

g) Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2015 – for information.

**7. Financial Assistance** – there were no requests for financial assistance.

**8. Payment of Bills** – there were no bills for payment.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 February 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Church House.

## **10. Highway Matters**

- Request for a 'No through road' sign by Ebenezer Chapel Llangurig – raised by Cllr P Jones.
- CEFN road sign required at bottom of road by Rhinbrongelly – Clerk to contact Chris Lloyd Powys Highways Newtown with request. Cllr G Jones to follow up.
- Cllr R Williams requests that BT is informed of the dangerous state of the phone box in Llangurig and request that it be removed.
- Can the litter on the Llanidloes by-pass and Llangurig be removed? Clerk to contact Powys Highways.
- Removal of old rubbish near the green bin Celwyn Pencroesy Road Llangurig – this has not been taken away since before new collection started. Clerk to contact Powys Highways.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.56 p.m.