

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 16th April 2024

Minutes of meeting held at Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr L Higgitt (Chairman), Cllr C Howells (Vice Chair), Cllr R Jones, Cllr R Williams, Cllr A Emanuel, Cllr D Jones.

Not present: County Cllr G Morgan, County Cllr G Preston

1. **Apologies:** Cllr I Bound, Cllr H Pugh, Cllr P Abel, Sophie Palmer (Clerk)
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 8b.
3. **Minutes** of meeting of 19th March 2024 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr D Jones and seconded by Cllr C Howells.
4. **Public Speaking** *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda*
No one present
5. **Clerk:** Resignation. Clerk has handed her resignation in to finish at the end of April. Discussion was held on possible candidates for the Clerk role. An interim solution could be an exiting Clerk who may be able to assist until a permanent Clerk can be employed. Adverts are on noticeboards, Facebook and Powys CC website. The deadline is currently 30th April 2024.
6. **Highway Matters:**
 - a. **50mph signage off Llangurig roundabout:** Still chasing a response from TRA
 - b. **Site meeting with TRA and highways:** Still chasing a response from TRA
 - i. Repositioning of bus stop
 - ii. Path between cemetery and village
 - c. **Falling slates at Black Lion:** Still chasing a response from TRA
 - d. **Flooding above Pencroeso:** Clerk is yet to receive a response from Highways after they said they would relook at this. Clerk will chase again prior to the meeting to push for a response.
 - e. **20mph signage issues:** Still chasing a response from TRA
 - f. **Grit bin near pavement to café request:** Still chasing a response from TRA
 - g. **Bad bend on Llanidloes road – more signage requested:** Still chasing a response from TRA.
Chair Cllr L Higgitt suggested that the TRA issues are compressed into one line in this section and report information as and when there is an update. Cllrs agreed this for future agendas.
 - h. **Roadway blocked near Old School:** Clerk has written to the owner to request removal of the obstructions. Cllrs agreed that should there not be a response by the next meeting, this matter will be escalated to Powys CC.
 - i. **Damage to road edges on back road to Llanidloes:** Reported to Highways. The complainant wishes to remain anonymous which presents some difficulty in escalating it further.
 - j. **Back road to Dernol:** After agenda was posted Cllr D Jones reported that the back road to Dernol is very narrow in places. Clerk has reported this to Highways who have confirmed they will be inspecting this road over the next couple of weeks.
7. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. **Drainage/Sewage issues in Llangurig:** Helen / Shane to keep a record of any occasions when they have to call out for their drains to be pumped out and when there are issues of odours etc. Cllr R Jones emphasised the importance of continuing to report during drier weather so that any issues cannot be blamed on current wet weather conditions.
 - b. **Bin surrounds:** No update on this currently. Chair Cllr L Higgitt suggested that he might approach County Cllr G Preston about setting up a meeting with Powys CC to try and get some traction on long term issues such as this.
 - c. **Asset Register Review:** No update
 - d. **Damaged posts by war memorial:** No update
 - e. **External Audit Completion:** No update
 - f. **Website issues:** Waiting for a basic site to be available from Upper Bridge. The last communication stated that a basic site would be available this week (WC 15.04.2024). Clerk to chase up.

8. Ongoing (long term) Matters:

- a. **Village Green Boundary:** No update
- b. **Village Play Area:** Waiting to find out about funding, see agenda item 8c.
- c. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** Chair Cllr L Higgitt confirmed that he and the Clerk have had a meeting with Phyl Davies regarding the funding application made for the play area. The initial signs following this meeting are positive and the intention is for a 2 step process. 1. Purchase the land and obtain planning permission and 2. Conduct a survey for equipment requirements and purchase accordingly. Due to the Clerk leaving, Chair Cllr L Higgitt has requested that Cllrs now take on progressing this project with one team to look at the legal and financial side and a second team to deal with the equipment requirements and purchasing. This was agreed by those present and names of volunteers to be supplied by the next meeting.

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

- a. **One Voice Wales:** Membership for 2024/25 (£152) Cllrs discussed and agreed to continue membership with One Voice Wales for the coming year. Clerk to action.
- b. **Llest Y Gwynt Wind Farm Community Liaison Group:** Cllr A Emanuel and Cllr R Jones attended the recent meeting and provided information for Cllrs. There is little information about community funding or landowner engagement at this stage. A public consultation will be starting in June 2024 until August 2024.
- c. **Powys CC:** Notice of Emergency Closure of Footpath 101, Llangurig. Information noted, no action.
- d. **Llandrindod Wells Town Council:** Referendum on windfarms and pylons in Powys. No comments from LCC at this time.
- e. **Air Ambulance Review:** Latest information. Information noted, no action.
- f. **One Voice Wales:** Pre-Election Period Timetable of Actions Useful info for Cllrs to be aware of and keep on record to refer to as and when needed. Information noted, no action.
- g. **Council Insurance:** Due for renewal on 1st June 2024. Clerk will send out request for quotes to renew the insurance. Cllrs requested to check whether future play area insurance will be included.
- h. **Local Resident:** Concerns of website data and lack of website available. Clerk has responded to confirm that this is in hand currently.
- i. **One Voice Wales:** Focus Group for youth representatives of Community and Town Councils. Information noted, no action.
- j. **One Voice Wales:** Annual Timetable of Actions Useful info for Cllrs to be aware of and keep on record to refer to as and when needed. Information noted, no action.

10. Planning Matters: No planning applications received.

11. Finances:

- a. **Account balances:**
Current Account = £10,007.06
Savings Account = £0
- b. **Savings Account:** This is now set up, Clerk and Cllr L Higgitt to confirm the reserve amount to transfer from the current account into the savings account.

c. Bills to be paid:

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (April) = £249.60 - £49.80 (PAYE) = £199.80 [net]
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (April) = £10.00
HMRC PAYE tax payable (April) = £49.80
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) Survey Monkey subscription = £75.00
One Voice Wales Membership (2024/25) = £152

Invoice for the hire of the hall for Council Meetings has been received from Llangurig Community Centre for the next 12 months in the sum of £176 which will be on May's Agenda for discussion.

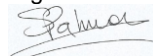
Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr C Howells and seconded by Cllr D Jones.

12. Councillors Comments:

No comments

13. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 21st May at 7pm for the AGM followed by the ordinary meeting starting at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)