

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 16th May 2023

Minutes of meeting held at Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr L Higgitt (Chairman), Cllr C Howells (Vice Chair), Cllr D Jones, Cllr R Jones, Cllr I Bound, Cllr P Abel (arrived 7.33pm)

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr R Williams, Cllr H Pugh
2. **Councillor Vacancy:** The Clerk confirmed that 2 residents (Jenni Hughes-Ellis and Adrian Emanuel) have confirmed their interest in joining the council and were invited to the meeting. Unfortunately, one of them was unable to attend but sent some information through regarding why she would like to join the council which was forwarded onto Cllrs prior to the meeting. The other person is present at the meeting and spoke briefly to the council about his background and what he feels he can bring to the council.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt confirmed the LCC voting procedure which involves a secret ballot.

Cllr P Abel arrived at this point and Chair Cllr L Higgitt went through the process again for his benefit and confirmed the residents who had put themselves forward which Cllrs received information about before the meeting.

Cllrs all noted down the name of the person they wished to vote for and passed them to the Clerk who checked them all and confirmed that Cllrs unanimously voted for Adrian Emanuel who was congratulated. Clerk confirmed that Adrian will need to sign the declaration of acceptance of office at the start of the June meeting and will from that point be a Cllr. Clerk to forward relevant documentation and information to Adrian and also contact Jenni to confirm that she was not successful but would encourage her to apply again in future should another vacancy arise.

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 18th April 2023 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr D Jones and seconded by Cllr C Howells.
5. **Public Speaking** *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda.*
No requests from members of the public to speak.
6. **Highway Matters:**
 - a. **30mph limit through Llangurig:** Waiting on Welsh Gov review to whether it will be changed to 20mph.
 - b. **50mph signage off Llangurig roundabout:** to be raised at site meeting.
 - c. **Repositioning of bus stop:** to be raised at site meeting.
 - d. **Path between cemetery and village:** to be raised at site meeting.
 - e. **Site meeting with TRA and highways:** Requested to meet with TRA at 2pm on Friday 19th May to discuss matters outstanding as shown on the agenda.
 - f. **Falling slates at Black Lion:** to be raised at site meeting. County Cllr Glyn Preston confirmed that he has sent an objection under section 215 but is yet to receive a response
 - g. **Unadopted road behind the Village Green:** Clerk is still chasing PCC on this matter.
 - h. **Car park barrier – height sign:** This is yet to be put up, Clerk to chase up.
 - i. **Blocked culvert at Lower Glyn Brochan:** No works have been completed here as yet. Clerk to chase this up.
 - j. **Flooding above Pencroeso:** No update on this. Clerk to chase.
 - k. **River cutting under the road; Bro Felin and Glyn Hafren:** No update on this. Clerk to chase.
7. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. **School Governors Representation:** This was covered during the AGM. Clerk to confirm Cllr H Pugh as a nomination to be a council representative on the Llanidloes Federation Governing Body.

b. **Drainage/Sewage issues in Llangurig:** Cllr D Jones confirmed that he believes Cllr H Pugh is due to have a meeting with Welsh Water regarding the issues here. The Clerk confirmed that she contacted the Environment Officer at Powys CC and asked whether the fact that there is a skip taking excess from the plant and that the sewerage at the neighbouring property is switched off to stop it backing up is a massive environment issue. It was confirmed that no complaints have been made so Clerk stated that reports/complaint should be made whenever there are issues with odour or sewerage backing up etc in order for a pattern and paper trail of issues to be logged with Powys CC as well as Welsh Water as this will help LCC be able to push for someone more to be done if there are still issues.

8. Ongoing (long term) Matters:

a. **Village Green Boundary:** The changes to the boundary are with the solicitor and in the process to get it updated with Land Registry.

b. **Village Play Area:** Quotes being sent through. Clerk to start looking at funding to include the cost of purchasing the land.

c. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** No information received.

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

a. **Powys CC:** Powys roads winter service review public engagement. County Cllr Glyn Preston asked if anyone is interested in joining a focus group to help to gain more engagement in this review.

10. Planning Matters:

a. **Resident:** Objection to the Nant Mithil / Pylon Project in Wales
This is well outside the Llangurig area, Cllrs do not have any comments to make at this time.

11. S137 donation Requests for consideration None received, next round of funding requests will be September 2023.

12. Finances:

a. **Account balance** = £9,388.41

b. **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (May) = £301.40 - £60.20 (PAYE) = £241.20 (Net)

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

HMRC PAYE tax payable (May) = £60.20

Bills to be paid were agreed and approved for payment by Cllr C Howells and seconded by Cllr P Abel.

13. Councillors Comments:


Chair Cllr L Higgitt: mentioned that Colin would like to plant more flowers at the green and asked whether LCC would be willing and able to contribute to these costs. Cllrs were in unanimous agreement. Clerk to add to the next agenda.

County Cllr Gareth Morgan: gave his apologies for the meeting in June as he will be away.

14. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 20th June at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt thanked everyone for attending and close the meeting at 8.10pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)