

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 18th April 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 H Pugh, Cllr P Abel, Cllr D Jones, Cllr R Williams.

Clerk: Sophie Palmer
1 member of the public

Not present: County Cllr G Preston

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr Gareth Morgan, Cllr R Jones, Cllr I Bound.
2. **Councillor Vacancy:** PCC have confirmed that an election has not been requested so the Notice of Co-option can now be put up. Clerk to action this with a deadline the day before the May meeting in order to invite interested parties to the meeting and Cllrs can vote for a new member.
3. **Declarations of interest** *whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion.*
Cllr L Higgitt declared an interest in agenda items 9c, 9g, 12c
Cllr H Pugh declared an interest in agenda item 7c
4. **Minutes** for meeting of 21st March 2023 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr D Jones and seconded by Cllr R Williams.
5. **Public Speaking** *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda*
No requests to speak to the Council.
6. **Highway Matters:**
 - a) **30mph limit through Llangurig:** waiting for the trunk road review to confirm whether or not Llangurig 30mph limit will be changed to 20mph.
 - b) **50mph signage off Llangurig roundabout:** Clerk is chasing up TRA about this signage.
 - c) **Repositioning of bus stop:** this point ties in with site meeting requested.
 - d) **Path between cemetery and village:** this point ties in with site meeting requested.
 - e) **Collapsed surround for bins near Caewael:** to follow up again before winter months.
Remove from agenda until September.
 - f) **Site meeting with TRA and highways:** Following the last meeting the Clerk has reiterated that LCC Cllrs wish to push for a site meeting as they feel it is important to look at the big picture, as some issues may affect others and they need to be looked at as a larger scale project rather than smaller individual issues.
 - g) **Falling slates at Black Lion:** this point ties in with site meeting requested.
 - h) **Unadopted road behind the Village Green:** PCC are in discussion about this, awaiting and chasing for a final response.
 - i) **Car park barrier – height sign:** Clerk is chasing up as this is yet to be done.
 - j) **Blocked culvert at Lower Glyn Brochan:** no further updates following Cllrs comments at the last meeting which Clerk passed on to Highways.
 - k) **Flooding above Pencroeso:** waiting for further works to be confirmed by PCC.
 - l) **River cutting under the road; Bro Felin and Glyn Hafren:** Waiting on work to be done by Highways.
7. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **School Governors Representation:** Waiting for a space to become available for a Council representative.
 - b) **Website updates:** Cllrs agreed for this item to be removed as this is an ongoing item.
 - c) **Drainage/Sewage issues in Llangurig:** some more issues noted since the last meeting. These need to be reported at the time they occur/are noticed. Clerk to chase a response from the new area representative from Welsh Water.
 - d) **Finance and Governance Toolkit:** ongoing, Clerk and Chair Cllr L Higgitt to meet again to go through the document and confirm timings for items to be actioned.
 - e) **Long term issues spreadsheet:** Clerk to update with additional items for the Councils reference. Remove from the agenda unless there is something to discuss/an update.
 - f) **Biodiversity Report:** This will be redrafted for the May AGM.
8. **Ongoing (long term) Matters:**
 - a) **Village Green Boundary:** New boundary as agreed some time ago has been drawn, now waiting for this to be made official through Land Registry.
 - b) **Village Play Area:** Clerk to chase up meetings for quotations.

- c) **Community Wind Farm Fund:** Received email from Phyl Davies on 23rd March to say they were expecting to receive funds by the end of March and once that happens, they would be circulating the info to councils. Nothing further received as yet.

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

- a. **Powys CC:** Powys roads winter service review agreed by cabinet. Information noted, no action.
- b. **20's Plenty.Org:** Newsletter. Information noted, no action.
- c. **Llangurig Community Centre:** Request for use of Village Green for a gazebo in case needed for Jubilee celebrations. Cllrs present were in unanimous agreement to give permission for this under the usual agreement that the Hall Committee insures the gazebo and the green is left as it is found.
- d. **Local Resident:** Request for use of Village Green for a gazebo for funeral. This item came up last minute following the last meeting but needed to be decided prior to this meeting. This was done and all Cllrs were happy to allow the use of the Green for a gazebo on the usual agreement regarding insurance etc.
- e. **Local resident:** Village Meetings, soil dumping locally, National Express pick up point. Local resident had suggested that LCC should arrange a village meeting for local residents to be able to attend. Some Cllrs felt this would be a good idea and others didn't. This may be raised again in future.
There was also a query about whether soil was being dumped legally, Cllrs confirmed that those involved were reputable people who would give no reason to assume the proper licenses etc were not in place. No further action.
The National Express is still not stopping to collect/drop off passengers in Llangurig. County Cllr Glyn Preston had mentioned this previously and National Express had given some indication that this may change. Clerk to ask County Cllr G Preston if he has had any further information from National Express.
- f. **Powys CC:** Corporate and Strategic Equality Plan published. Information noted, no action.
- g. **Llangurig Community Centre:** Request for funding towards Coronation Celebrations. Llangurig Community Centre completed a funding request for £150 for the food for the Coronation Celebrations that they are organising. Cllrs agreed to the request as funds and agreed for a cheque to be drawn at this meeting.
- h. **One Voice Wales:** White paper on Electoral Reform. Information noted, no action.
- i. **Local residents:** Request for children in community to plant a tree on Village Green or somewhere in Llangurig area. Cllrs were in unanimous agreement that a tree can be placed on the Green. Clerk to check positioning with the person who cuts the grass.
- j. **Hywel Dda:** Engagement regarding new planned and urgent care hospital. Information noted, no action.

10. **Planning Matters:**

- a. **Application Reference: 23/0424/HH** Grid Reference: E:291260 N: 280391 Proposal: Rear two storey extension with glazed link corridor. Site Address: Ffynnon Las, Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6SH
Cllrs discussed the above application and confirmed that they have no objections

11. **S137 donation Requests:** This was dealt with at agenda item 9g.

12. **Finances:**

- a. **Account balance** = £9,299.79
- b. **Account and budget review – 2022/23** Accounts info sent to Cllrs prior to meeting. Accounts will be discussed at the AGM next month. Cllrs noted that the budget is roughly where it should be.
- c. **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (Apr) = £274.00 - £54.80 (PAYE)= £219.20 (Net)
Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Apr) = £24.89
HMRC PAYE tax payable (Apr) = £54.80
Upper Bridge Enterprises (annual website cost) = £203.30
Llangurig Community Centre (Coronation funding) = £150.00
Llangurig Community Centre (Hall hire costs) = £176.00

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

13. **Councillors Comments:**

Cllr P Abel: there is a large communal bin which has turned into a duping ground as people have left black bin bags full of rubbish which PCC will not take as it has not been put in the purple bags. The rubbish ends up all over the road due to rats and foxes. Clerk to contact Powys CC to ask whether they will clear the rubbish.

Cllr H Pugh: Mentioned that in St Harmon they have signs up which are very effective for getting people to slow down when driving through the village. Clerk to price up signs and add to the next agenda for discussion. Cllr H Pugh to find out from people in St Harmon costs etc.

Cllr D Jones: One of the streetlights has it's casing open, and the wires are showing. Clerk to report to street lighting.

Cllr L Higgitt: Reminder regarding the payments to Cllrs. Clerk to email all Cllrs with details of the payments available which will be set up for payment unless they opt out in writing to the Clerk.

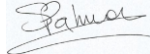
Cllr L Higgitt: The training plan will be cut down but as a starting point all Cllrs need to complete the Code of Conduct training if not yet completed.

Cllr L Higgitt: local resident made some comments regarding the councils' election process. The resident was at the meeting and confirmed that he withdraws the comments made.

14. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 16th May at 7pm for the AGM followed by the Ordinary meeting to start at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9pm.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sophie Palmer', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)