

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 18th July 2023

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

In attendance: Cllr L Higgitt (Chairman), Cllr D Jones, Cllr I Bound, Cllr R Jones, Cllr A Emanuel, Cllr R Williams, Cllr H Pugh.

Clerk: Sophie Palmer
1 local resident

Not present:
Cllr P Abel
County Cllr Glyn Preston
County Cllr Gareth Morgan

1. **Apologies:** Cllr C Howells
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 7b
3. **Minutes** for meeting of 18th July 2023 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr D Jones and seconded by Cllr A Emanuel.
4. **Public Speaking** *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda*
No one wishing to speak
5. **Highway Matters:**
 - a. **50mph signage off Llangurig roundabout:** No updates received, Clerk to chase up with TRA
 - b. **Site meeting with TRA and highways:** No response received as yet from TRA following the site meeting.
 - i. **Repositioning of bus stop:** No further information received as yet, Clerk to ask County Cllr G Preston if he has received a response yet from the person he was in contact with.
 - ii. **Path between cemetery and village:** No update.
 - c. **Falling slates at Black Lion:** Clerk to contact TRA to find out whether any progress has been made.
 - d. **Unadopted road behind the Village Green:** Powys CC has responded to confirm that PCC will not pay for any repairs here. Cllrs confirmed that from 6 Tan y Groes are private so residents will need to come together to pay each for their own frontages. Cllrs stated that 1-6 were council properties so this part of the roadway should be maintained by PCC.
 - e. **Car park barrier – height sign.** Not yet put up, Clerk to chase this up again.
 - f. **Flooding above Pencroeso:** No update from Highways, Clerk to chase again.
 - g. **River cutting under the road; Bro Felin and Glyn Hafren:** No update from Highways, Clerk to chase again.
 - h. **Road from A44 up to Henfaes Uchaf in need of repair:** No update from Highways, Clerk to chase again..
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. **School Governors Representation:** Clerk received communication asking for Cllr H Pugh's details which were passed on. Cllr H Pugh has received an email which she will respond to.
 - b. **Drainage/Sewage issues in Llangurig:** Cllr H Pugh has received contact stating that the works to sort out the drains at her property are still to go ahead but nothing has been done as yet. There is a concern that when the new properties which are being built are occupied, the issues will be exacerbated.
 - a. **Overflowing bin in car park:** This issue has been reported and Clerk will chase for a response as LCC has been told this bin is emptied weekly but this is often not the case.
 - c. **Asset Register Review:** Asset register sent to Cllrs prior to meeting. Some items need to be added to the asset register including all noticeboards, fence on Village Green. Clerk to update and check exactly what info should be detailed.
 - d. **Grass cutting by bus stop:** No reply received from PCC, Clerk to chase up.
 - e. **Rubbish blowing around at Cae Waen:** Waiting for PCC to respond, this is due to the broken bin surround which PCC confirmed they would repair before the weather got worse. Clerk to chase.

- f. **Defibrillators maintenance:** Defibrillators require new pads which LCC Cllrs have previously confirmed they will cover the cost of. Chair Cllr L Higgitt also confirmed that the defib in Cwm Belan requires a new cabinet as the old one is becoming hard to open. Clerk to put a funding request into the Wind Farm Fund to request the amount to cover this.
- g. **Village Meeting:** LCC's first Village meeting will take place on 28th September at 6pm, the poster has been put online and on noticeboards. Cllrs to all attend if possible.
- h. **New policies to approve:** Equalities policy, social media policy and Standing Orders have been drafted / updated and sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Some alterations to be made. Clerk and Chair Cllr L Higgitt to go through these and redraft for the next meeting. 2 points raised from the updated Standing Orders were the requirement for meetings to be accessible remotely and Cllr Code of Conduct training. Clerk to look into how people can listen to and speak at meetings remotely and bring details to the next meeting. Clerk to also send the upcoming dates of the Code of Conduct training to Cllrs who are yet to complete it and book on as soon as possible.

7. Ongoing (long term) Matters:

- a. **Village Green Boundary:** No updates as yet. Still waiting on agreement of a plan. Chair Cllr L Higgitt to follow up with solicitor.
- b. **Village Play Area:** Clerk has received an unofficial quotation for a number of play items, wet pour, ground covering and all other costs involved with preparation, installation and post installation checks. The total is over £74,000. Clerk is waiting on another quotation but will use the received as a starting point to look into funding streams available. Clerk suggested the cost of the land may be requested from the Wind Farm Fund. Clerk to look into the options.
- c. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** Information now received regarding application to the Wind Farm Fund. Clerk to put in an application for funds for a new defib cabinet for Cwm Belan and look into whether a second application can be made for the cost of the land for the play area.

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

- a. **Cllr D Jones:** New signs put up (Quiet lane): Signs were put up but PCC Highways state that it was not them, and have taken one down. Clerk to confirm to Highways that others are present along the old road to Rhayader.
- b. **Local Resident:** Footpath/bridleway access issues: Email forwarded from someone who found footpaths closed. They have received a response from PCC. They are aware of the issues and financial constraints mean they have to prioritise any hazards or dangerous areas.
- c. **One Voice Wales:** Motions for 2023 AGM: Information noted, no actions.
- d. **One Voice Wales:** Response to Wales Ombudsman's Equality Plan: Information noted, no actions.
- e. **Boundary Commission for Wales:** Questionnaire. Clerk to respond on behalf of the LCC. No issues raised with the process.
- f. **Hywel Dda:** New hospital site consultation: Information noted, no actions.
- g. **One Voice Wales:** New substation and overhead lines proposal: Information noted, no actions.
- h. **One Voice Wales & SLCC:** Joint event, Clerk would like to attend this online event which would cost LCC £30 as the full cost would be shared with the Clerks other council. Cllrs present in agreement to cover this cost.
- i. **Local resident:** bins in Cwm Belan. Rubbish is blowing around due to broken bin surround. Clerk to contact PCC.
- j. **Audit Wales:** Consultation on fee scales for 2024. Information noted, no actions.

9. Planning Matters:

The following applications deadlines passed prior to the meeting so no comments have been made:

- a. **Application Reference: 23/1165/LBC** Grid Reference: E:288191 N: 282883
Proposal: Listed building consent for removal of existing roof slates and recover with dark grey profile metal sheet (revised proposal to 23/0509/LBC) Site Address: Blaen Bythigion, Pantmawr, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6PP
- b. **Application Reference: 23/0906/HH** Grid Reference: E:288930 N: 279499
Proposal: Installation of a new septic tank and soakaway Site Address: Maes Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6RS,
- c. **Application Reference: 23/0862/FUL** Grid Reference: E:285410 N: 278779
Proposal: Proposed 7.5 metre Mast Extension from 22.5 to 30.0m, Installation of 3 no. Antennas 28.0m AGL, Installation of 2 no. 0.3m Dishes 28.0m AGL, Installation of 1 no. PSC Cabinet & 1 no. CTIL Metre Cabinet and Associated Ancillary Upgrades Site Address: Telecommunications Mast Site, Llangurig, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6RS

10. S137 donation Requests for consideration: No requests made

11. Finances:

- a. **Account balance** = £10,672.64
- b. Internal Audit: *This should have been removed from agenda*
- c. **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (September) = £287.70 - £112.40 (PAYE) = £175.30 (Net)

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

HMRC PAYE tax payable (September) = £57.60

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (August) = £14.99

HMRC PAYE tax payable (August) = £54.80

Cllrs discussed the bills to be paid which were proposed for payment by Cllr A Emanuel and seconded by Cllr R Jones.

12. Councillors Comments:

Clerk: a letter has been received from a Cllr from Llanidloes Without Community Council requesting benches on the route from the vets in Llanidloes and along the back road towards Cwm Belan. Cllrs suggested that the section from the vet to the Cwm Belan back road is not within Llangurig wards. Cllr L Higgitt to get in touch to discuss further and confirm the details of the request.

Cllr D Jones: apologies for the Village meeting and the next Council meeting.

Cllr R Williams: 20mph changes. The new signs have been put up much closer to the Village from the roundabout than the 30mph signs were. Also from Aberystwyth vehicles go from a 50mph straight to 20mph, should it not be a gradual decrease? There are also no signs approaching the roundabout to slow vehicles down. Clerk to raise this with TRA.

Cllr R Williams: There is a bend on the road from the roundabout heading towards Llanidloes (one of the first corners after the straight off the roundabout) where the camber is wrong and it is tight so drivers are often caught out and come off the road. It is suggested that black and white chevron signs are required here in both directions to prevent this from happening. Clerk to contact TRA to request this.

Cllr R Jones: There are overgrown trees obstructing the pavement between Trefechan and the café on the main road through Llangurig forcing people to walk around them into the road and making the path inaccessible to mobility scooters. Clerk to ask TRA about having them cut back.

Cllr H Pugh: Would it be possible to have a grit bin near the path for the winter? Clerk to request from TRA/Highways.

Cllr I Bound: Reminder for a poppy wreath to be purchased and send to local resident as previously. Clerk to action.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt: reported that the mower used to cut the Village Green grass needs to be serviced. This mower is only used for the green. Cllrs happy to cover the cost of the service, to be confirmed officially at the next meeting.

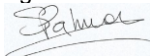
Chair Cllr L Higgitt: Suggested that as interest rates have increased maybe a savings account would be worth considering. Cllrs present agreed. Clerk to look into what Unity Trust offer prior to the next meeting.

13. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 17th October at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Cllrs were also reminded of the upcoming Village Meeting on 28th September at 6pm at the Community Centre.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)