

**Llangurig Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Minutes of meeting held at Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 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, Cllr H Pugh, Cllr R Jones, Cllr A Emanuel

Clerk: Sophie Palmer

**1. Apologies:** County Cllr Gareth Morgan and County Cllr Glyn Preston

Adrian Emanuel signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Clerk signed as a witness. Adrian was welcomed officially as a Councillor.

**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** for meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr C Howells and Cllr P Abel. The minutes of the AGM of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were also agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr C Howells and seconded by Cllr P Abel.

**4. Public Speaking** *15 minutes allocated for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda*  
No members of the public were present

**5. Congratulations to County Cllr Gareth Morgan:** County Cllr Gareth Morgan has been in the County Times celebrating 50 years as a County Councillor.

**6. Highway Matters:**

- a. **30mph limit through Llangurig:** LCC has been told that Llangurig will be a 20mph area but this is yet to be confirmed officially.
- b. **50mph signage off Llangurig roundabout:** No update from TRA on this, Clerk to chase
- c. **Repositioning of bus stop:** Discussed during site visit
- d. **Path between cemetery and village:** Discussed during site visit
- e. **Site meeting with TRA and highways:** A meeting was finally arranged and was well attended by all Cllrs plus PCC Highways office and Andrew Jones of TRA. No answers were given at the time. Clerk has chased TRA regarding the comments made during this meeting but received no response as yet.
- f. **Falling slates at Black Lion:** Discussed during site visit
- g. **Unadopted road behind the Village Green:** Clerk has been chasing for an answer on this but still no update received.
- h. **Car park barrier – height sign:** 'This is yet to be put up, Clerk to chase up again
- i. **Blocked culvert at Lower Glyn Brochan:** No confirmation of this being done, Clerk to chase up again.
- j. **Flooding above Pencroesau:** No confirmation of this being done, Clerk to chase up again.
- k. **River cutting under the road; Bro Felin and Glyn Hafren:** No confirmation of this being done, Clerk to chase up again.

**7. Matters Arising:**

- a. **School Governors Representation:** Info passed on to Governors but Cllr H Pugh is yet to receive anything. Clerk to chase for a response.
- b. **Drainage/Sewage issues in Llangurig:** Cllr H Pugh has a meeting with someone from Welsh Water 1 to 2 weeks ago and they confirmed that they were going to try something different and monitor it. Clerk to try and contact Welsh Water to ask for the result of the drain survey that they said they were going to complete.
- c. **Council Insurance:** Council insurance should have been discussed last month but was missed so Clerk contacted the Chair Cllr L Higgitt to discuss during the month and confirmed to go with Zurich for the year 2023/24 at a cost of £241.00. Cllrs discussed the details and happy to proceed and make the payment to Zurich this month.
- d. **New / updated policies:** Equalities Policy, Social Media Policy, Training Plan, Standing Orders and Biodiversity Plan. Standing Orders require updating following receipt of a new model standing orders from One Voice Wales. Documents to be forwarded to all Cllrs prior to the next meeting.

- e. **Flowers for Village Green; contribution:** This was mentioned at the previous meeting. Cllrs agreed unanimously that LCC should contribute the £30 requested. Clerk to add to this months bills to be paid.
- f. **Tree and plaque on the Village Green:** A tree was to be planted and was agreed some time ago but it fell through, Cllrs happy for the Community Centre to plant a tree and add a plaque for the coronation. An ornamental willow was suggested by Cllrs.
- g. **Annual Report:** Chair Cllr L Higgitt has completed the annual report and forward to all prior to the meeting. Cllrs happy for this to be published.

#### 8. Ongoing (long term) Matters:

- a. **Village Green Boundary:** Chair Cllr L Higgitt confirmed that another drawing is required. He will contact solicitor to try and get this moving forward.
- b. Village Play Area
  - i. **Play equipment quotes:** Clerk is still waiting for the quotes to be sent through, will continue to chase these up.
  - ii. **Big Lottery:** Funding information. Chair Cllr L Higgitt has met with someone from Lottery regarding possible funding. Chair Cllr L Higgitt to ask if he can attend a meeting to provide some information.
- c. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** Still no updates on this. Clerk to chase Phyl Davies again for an update.
- d. **Bute Energy Wind Farm Development:** Two people from Bute Energy came to meeting with Cllrs immediately prior to the council meeting. They are from the team who will be organising the community fund and confirmed that they are able to get involved with community projects straight away and although there is no confirmation of how the fund will work once it is up and running but various possibilities were mentioned. Bute will keep in touch with the Clerk and provide details of the different areas they wish to focus on and Clerk to let them know of any projects LCC would like assistance with or any other local groups/organisations. There are still a lot of questions regarding how the fund will work etc as this is yet to be agreed and confirmed by Bute but LCC to keep the channels of communication open and utilise any help they are able to provide especially with the play area project.

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

- a. **Powys CC:** Rights of Way Closure. Information noted, no action.
- b. **Local Resident:** Wind Monitor Mast Query. Email received from local resident. Cllr D Jones confirmed that he has checked this out and it is a telegraph pole and not a mast.
- c. **Powys CC:** Consultation on the Local Housing Market Assessment for Powys. Information noted, no action.
- d. **PAVO:** Newtown Funding Fair, 29.06.2023. Information noted, no action.
- e. **One Voice Wales:** Assets Collaboration Programme. Information noted, no action.
- f. **Local Resident:** National Express; Llangurig stop reinstatement. Email received from local resident asking about this. County Cllr G Preston had previously been in touch with National Express about the stop in Llangurig. Clerk to ask whether he can enquire again about this.
- g. **One Voice Wales:** Wales Connectivity Survey. Information noted. Clerk to add the information to Facebook.

#### 10. Planning Matters:

- a. **Application Reference: 23/0744/FUL** Grid Reference: E:289303 N: 280411  
Proposal: Proposed sheep handling Building Site Address: Aberbidno, Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6RT  
Cllrs discussed the above planning application and have no objections.

#### 11. Finances:

- a. **Account balance** = £9,049.17
- b. **Internal Audit Update:** Awaiting the completed internal audit, Clerk to chase up and potentially arrange a virtual meeting for Cllrs to approve the audit prior to the deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- c. **Cllr Remuneration:** Clerk has put together details of the remuneration available to all Cllrs. Cllrs must opt out if they do not wish to accept any remuneration.
- d. **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (June) = £274.00 - £54.80 (PAYE) = £219.20 (Net)

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

HMRC PAYE tax payable (June) = £54.80

Zurich (Council Insurance 2023/24) = £241.00

Llangurig Post Office (Village Green Flowers) = £30.00

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

**12. Councillors Comments:**

**Cllr D Jones:** Recycling has not been emptied this week. Clerk to contact Powys CC to ask about this and ensure it is collected soon.

**Cllr A Emanuel:** There were a lot of inconsistencies in the wind farm report from Cllr Jamie Jones (Llandrindod Wells Town Council) with some stretching of the truth.

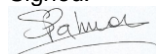
**Chair Cllr L Higgitt:** Broadway Broadband who were pushing for endorsement to get community broadband set up have now gone bust.

Cllrs contact details need to be on the website, all confirmed they are happy with this. Clerk to ensure this information is up to date on the website.

**13. Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)