

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 21st November 2023

Minutes of meeting held at Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: Sophie Palmer
County Cllr Gareth Morgan
1 local resident

1. **Apologies:** Cllr C Howells, Cllr R Williams, County Cllr G Preston
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
3. **Minutes** for meeting of 17th October 2023 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr A Emanuel 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 wishing to speak.
5. **Highway Matters:**
 - a. **Signage off Llangurig roundabout:** no update received
 - b. **Site meeting with TRA and highways:** no update received
 - i. Repositioning of bus stop
 - ii. Path between cemetery and village
 - c. **Falling slates at Black Lion:** no update received
 - d. **Car park barrier – height sign:** This has been put up now so item can be removed from the agenda.
 - e. **River cutting under the road; Bro Felin and Glyn Hafren:** no update received
 - f. **Road from A44 up to Henfaes Uchaf in need of repair.** no update received
 - g. **Trees overhanging near café:** no update received
 - h. **20mph signage issues:** no update received
 - i. **Grit bin near pavement to café request:** no update received
 - j. **Chevrons on the Llanidloes road:** No response received, Clerk is continuing to chase up.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. **School Governors Representation:** This item can be removed as was closed off at the previous meeting and we await the next available time for a new Community Councillor to join the Governors in 4 years time.
 - b. **Drainage/Sewage issues in Llangurig:** Cllr H Pugh confirmed that works have started at her property to install a new chamber but the concern is that this still will not be enough considering that 8 new properties are being built which are being connected to the same sewerage plant.
 - c. **Overflowing bins:** Clerk has requested reassurance that there will be no further issues of overflowing bins but has not received a response. Clerk to continue to chase this.
 - d. **Asset Register Review:** Nothing done to update this as yet. Clerk and Chair Cllr L Higgitt to meet to go through this and get the list updated and passed on to Cllrs for discussion/agreement.
 - e. **Grass cutting by bus stop:** The grass was cut here again as requested, the grass has stopped growing now so this item can be removed.
 - f. **Rubbish blowing around at Cae Waen and Cwm Belan:** PCC has confirmed that there were not enough bins so they have suggested that this should have resolved the issue. The Clerk has passed details on for someone locally who may be able to help with the work to repair/replace the bin surrounds. Clerk to chase this up to ensure something is being done to move things forward.
 - g. **Request for benches:** Chair Cllr L Higgitt has been back in contact with Cllr from Llanidloes Without regarding this matter. The bench was in Llangurig area and a suggestion was made that costs could be split. This matter doesn't seem to be able to be moved forward so can be removed from the agenda for now.
 - h. **Lights at steps near Maesyllan:** PCC Lighting Dept has come back to the Clerk to confirm that the wattage of the streetlight can be increased. Cllrs confirmed that this will not help the steps as they will still be in shadow. Clerk to confirm this and ask if something different can be done so that the steps are safe to use in the dark.

- i. **Posts around memorial damaged:** This has been reported but no response received yet. Clerk to chase this up with Highways.
- j. **Amended Standing Orders for approval:** Clerk did not send out to Cllrs. These will be sent out so that they can be approved by the Council and published on the website.

7. Ongoing (long term) Matters:

- a. **Village Green Boundary:** Chair Cllr L Higgitt will look into moving this forward.
- b. **Village Play Area:** Clerk has spoken to Chris Baker from the Lottery who is looking into what funding pot would be the best fit for LCC to access funding for the play area however he has also suggested that LCC also apply for other funding streams such as the wind farm as it may be quicker. Clerk put together an application to the wind farm fund but missed the deadline so it was not accepted.
Some community engagement needs to take place regarding the play area as this will form part of the funding applications. And strengthen the case that there is a real need for a play area in Llangurig.
Ideally a committee will be set up to move this project forward which may or may not include members of the local community.
- c. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** This is now available to apply. Clerk sent applications for play area land and defib cabinet but missed the deadline. The next opportunity is in March to apply and further information can be gathered before this time.

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

- a. **One Voice Wales:** Clerks new National pay agreement. Details of the pay agreement which is from April 2023 but has only just been received has been sent out with details of the difference in hourly pay for the Clerk. Cllrs agreed the increase as LCC has agreed to follow the suggested rate of pay set by NALC.
- b. **Local resident:** excessive speeds through Llangurig: A local resident emailed the Clerk and Chair Cllr L Higgitt stating that there are excessive speeds from vehicles going through Llangurig and if there is an accident the Cllrs may be personally liable. It was also suggested that a Speed Watch group is required. Cllrs discussed and agreed that there would be no liability on individual Cllrs should there be an accident due to speeding by motorists. Speed Watch is something carried out by groups of volunteers willing to go through training and carry out speed checks. This is not something LCC is in a position to create although if any residents are interested in doing this, the Clerk can put them in contact with the correct people.
- c. **Green Gen Cymru:** Launch of Rhiwlas Green Energy Network Consultation. Information noted, no action.
- d. **Powys CC:** Powys-Wide Day Opportunities Engagement. Information noted, Cllrs to attend if they wish to contribute.
- e. **Member of the public relocating to Llangurig looking for advice:** Someone relocating to the area emailed asking about school transport. The Clerk responded to confirm the details of the relevant department at Powys CC to contact. They were very grateful and very much looking forward to moving to the area.

9. Planning Matters:

- a. **Application Reference: 23/1546/HH** Grid Reference: E:288555 N: 281229 Proposal: refurbishment to existing house and upgrading of existing side extension Site Address: Glanbidno Isaf, Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6SW
Cllrs discussed the above application and have no comments.

10. Finances:

- a. **Account balance** = £9,865.96
- b. **Savings Account:** Paperwork brought to the meeting to be signed by two signatories to set up the new savings account. Only one signatory available so the paperwork was left with Chair Cllr L Higgitt to get a second signature and bring to the next meeting.
- c. **Precept calculations:** Accounts information and previous precept information sent out to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs went through the figures and agreed an amount of £8,480.00 to be requested from Powys CC. Clerk to action.
- d. **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (Nov) = £301.40 (PAYE account in credit so no payment to be made)

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (Nov) = £34.79

HMRC PAYE tax payable (Nov) = £60.40 due but PAYE account is in credit so no payment needs to be made this time.

Llangurig Community Centre (Village Meeting, hall hire) = £10.00

Cllrs agreed the bills to be paid which were proposed for payment by Cllr P Abel and seconded by Cllr I Bound.

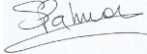
11. Councillors Comments:

Cllr I Bound: There is a blocked drain on the road just past his property. The drain under the road overflows when the river is high. Clerk to report this to Highways.

12. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

Signed:

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

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)