

**Llangurig Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Minutes of meeting held at Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30pm.

**In attendance:** Cllr L Higgitt (Chairman), Cllr C Howells (Vice-Chair), Cllr I Bound, Cllr R Jones, Cllr A Emanuel, Cllr R Williams, Cllr P Abel.

Clerk: Sophie Palmer  
County Cllr Glyn Preston

Not present:  
Cllr H Pugh  
County Cllr Gareth Morgan

1. **Apologies:** Cllr D Jones
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  
Chair Cllr L Higgitt declared an interest in agenda item 6j
3. **Minutes** for meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr R Williams 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 present
5. **Highway Matters:**
  - a. **50mph signage off Llangurig roundabout:** No updates, Clerk to chase for response
  - b. **Site meeting with TRA and highways:** Response received from TRA in relation to Laurie's notes from the meeting. Send to County Cllr G Preston.
    - i. Repositioning of bus stop
    - ii. Path between cemetery and village
  - c. **Falling slates at Black Lion:** No updates, Clerk to chase for response
  - d. **Car park barrier – height sign:** No sign put up yet, Clerk to chase.
  - e. **Flooding above Pencroeso:** No update received, Clerk to chase.
  - f. **River cutting under the road; Bro Felin and Glyn Hafren:** No update received, Clerk to chase.
  - g. **Road from A44 up to Henfaes Uchaf in need of repair:** No update received, Clerk to chase.
  - h. **Trees overhanging near café:** TRA has confirmed that these will be cut back.
  - i. **20mph signage issues:** The points raised at the previous meeting have been reported but no response received as yet. Clerk to chase and forward the email chain to County Cllr G Preston.
  - j. **'Quiet Lane' signs:** These were actually put up by a different dept at PCC as a trial. Clerk has been told LCC will be updated with any new info when received.
  - k. **Grit bin near pavement to café request:** This has been requested but no response received as yet.
6. **Matters Arising:**
  - a. **School Governors Representation:** Helen was not chosen this time as Council representative Governor. LCC will be contacted again in 4 years when the council governor place will be available again.
  - b. **Drainage/Sewage issues in Llangurig:** Cllr H Pugh not at the meeting and no details of any updates have been provided at present.
  - c. **Overflowing bin in car park:** PCC have responded to confirm that the person who usually empties these bins has been covering for other who have been off. Clerk has responded to say that this has happened frequently and could someone be available to cover so that all bins are emptied. County Cllr G Preston is aware of this issue.
  - d. **Asset Register Review:** Items to be added to the register for discussion at the precept discussion.
  - e. **Grass cutting by bus stop:** The Clerk has been told that this was missed due to the bank being wet and too slippery to stand on to trim. Clerk was told it would be done as soon as possible. Cllrs confirmed that it has been cut but would benefit from another cut before the winter.
  - f. **Rubbish blowing around at Cae Waen and Cwm Belan:** PCC will look for a local contractor to build new bin surrounds. Cllrs made a suggestion of someone locally

who might be able to do this. Chair Cllr L Higgitt to send the contact details to the Clerk to send on to PCC.

- g. Defibrillators maintenance:** New pads have been bought by Colin which Cllrs have agreed to cover the cost of and are included in the bills to be paid (£82.56).
- h. Village Meeting:** Unfortunately, no members of the public attended. All Cllrs, apart from Cllr D Jones who had given his apologies, were in attendance at the published time. Cllrs agreed that it will be worth organising another Village meeting in March/April.
- i. New policies to approve:** Clerk sent the amended policies to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs unanimously in favour to publish the Equalities and Social Media policies. Clerk to action.
- j. Village Green mower service:** Cllrs agreed in principal at the last meeting to cover the cost of the mower service. The cost has now been confirmed as £120.95. Cllrs all in agreement to cover this amount and add to this months bills to be paid.
- k. Request for benches:** Chair Cllr L Higgitt has been in touch with Llanidloes Cllr who made the request for more information. Cllrs discussed and suggested that as the suggested site is nearer to Llanidloes than Llangurig that an agreement of both councils sharing the cost would be preferable. Chair Cllr L Higgitt to make contact and ask for a response to this suggestion.

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

- a. Village Green Boundary:** No update. Chair Cllr L Higgitt to follow up on getting the drawings done.
- b. Village Play Area:** Clerk to make contact with Chris Baker of the Big Lottery Fund to ask whether an application can be made on the basis of the information and costs that LCC have.
- c. Community Wind Farm Fund:** This is now open for applications. Clerk to try and put forward applications for defibrillator cabinet and the land purchase for the play area if possible. This may depend on the information required for the application.

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

- a. One Voice Wales:** D-DAY 80 - 6TH June 2024. Information noted, no action.
- b. Resident:** Request to use Village Green for a bouncy castle. This request was made between meetings. Clerk discussed with Chair Cllr L Higgitt and confirmed that as usual the Green can be used but the insurance for the bouncy castle etc must be covered by those hiring it. Council insurance will not cover it. This was confirmed along with permission. Clerk suggested having written terms of using the green for such purposes which can be sent to those making a request.
- c. Welsh Government:** Traffic orders on trunk roads. Information noted, no action.
- d. Zero Hour.uk:** Request to support the Climate and Ecology Bill. Information noted, no action.
- e. Powys CC:** Local Democracy Week. Information noted, no action.
- f. Local Resident:** Request for better lighting at the steps near to Maesyllan, just further on from the bus stop and the rubbish bin at the same location overflowing. The street light doesn't light the steps. Could a similar light at the steps to the village green be installed? Clerk to contact PCC to request this.
- g. Police engagement event:** No one interested in attending.

#### 9. Planning Matters:

- a. Application Reference: 23/1400/FUL** Grid Reference: E:292953 N: 283149  
Proposal: replacement agricultural storage building Site Address: Glynbrochan Isaf Glyn-Brochan, Llanidloes, SY18 6PL  
Cllrs discussed the above application and have no comments.
- b. Application Reference: 23/1349/HH** Grid Reference: E:293627 N: 280960 Proposal:  
Two storey side extension to existing dwelling and demolition of existing single storey side extension Site Address: Coed Cochyn Bach, Llangurig, Llanidloes, SY18 6QH  
10. Cllrs discussed the above application and have no comments.

**11. S137 donation Requests for consideration:** The next round of applications will be in February. Clerk to publish information for local groups on how to apply as no applications have been received as yet.

#### 12. Finances:

- a. Account balance =** £10,426.51
- b. Savings Accounts:** Unity Trust offers a savings account with 2.75% interest rate. Cllrs discussed and although the rate of interest isn't as good as other providers, it will be easier to use Unity Trust. Cllrs present were in unanimous agreement to set up this savings account. Clerk to action.

**c. Upcoming precept setting:** Precept discussion will take place during the November meeting. Clerk to send all relevant information to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Precept discussion can continue and conclude at the December meeting if required.

**d. Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (October) = £287.70 - £57.40 (PAYE) = £230.30 (Net)

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) expenses (October) = £56.39 (Incl Poppy wreath)

HMRC PAYE tax payable (October) = £57.40

Colin Davies – Defibrillator pads x 2 = £82.56

Laurie Higgitt – Mower service (Village Green mower) = £120.95

Cllrs agreed the above bills which were proposed for payment by Cllr C Howells and seconded by Cllr P Abel.

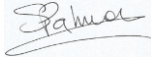
**13. Councillors Comments:**

Cllr R Williams: asked whether the request for more chevrons on the bad corner on the Llanidloes road has been reported. Clerk confirmed that it has been reported but no response received. Clerk to chase up and ensure this is on the agenda.

**14. Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Signed:



Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)

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