

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 C Howells (Vice Chair), Cllr D Jones, Cllr I Bound, Cllr P Abel, Cllr R Jones, Cllr A Emanuel.

Clerk: Sophie Palmer
County Cllr Glyn Preston
County Cllr Gareth Morgan
2 local residents

1. **Apologies:** Cllr H Pugh, Cllr R Williams
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 20th June 2023 were agreed and proposed as an accurate record by Cllr C Howells 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 to the Council in attendance.
5. **Highway Matters:**
 - a. **30mph limit through Llangurig:** Although nothing received officially from Welsh Government, LCC has been told that Llangurig will change from 30mph to 20mph. Cllrs happy for this item to be removed.
 - b. **50mph signage off Llangurig roundabout:** No update received on this, Clerk to continue to chase.
 - c. **Site meeting with TRA and highways:** No response received as yet from TRA following the site meeting.
 - i. Repositioning of bus stop: Cllr G Preston is waiting on a response from someone who is looking at moving the bus stop. He will forward the response on when received.
 - ii. Path between cemetery and village
County Cllr G Preston mentioned that he has received confirmation that the National Express will be reinstating the stop in Llangurig. There is no idea on when this will happen at this stage.
 - d. **Falling slates at Black Lion:** No updates as yet. Chair Cllr L Higgitt found a story relating to a property in North Wales which detailed the Council issuing owners of a derelict building with a notice to carry out works. County Cllr G Preston will forward this on to Peter Morris of planning for a response.
 - e. **Unadopted road behind the Village Green:** Highways have responded to the Clerk and asked for confirmation of the specific area referred to. Confirmed with Chair Cllr L Higgitt the details of this roadway. Clerk to confirm this for Highways and hope for a response prior to the
 - f. **Car park barrier – height sign:** Cllr D Jones confirmed that this has not yet been put up. Clerk to chase up again.
 - g. **Blocked culvert at Lower Glyn Brochan:** Highways has confirmed that works have been carried out here so there should be no further issues.
 - h. **Flooding above Pencroesau:** No updates received. The Clerk will continue to chase.
 - i. **River cutting under the road; Bro Felin and Glyn Hafren:** No updates received, Clerk will continue to chase.
6. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. **School Governors Representation:** Clerk has confirmed Cllr H Pugh's details for the Governors. LCC are waiting to hear now as there is more than one council interested so they need to decide between those interested.
 - b. **Drainage/Sewage issues in Llangurig:** Cllr H Pugh was not at the meeting in order to provide an update. No other updates received at this time. Clerk to chase up for results of the survey they were carrying out. Clerk to ask Cllr H Pugh for any updates on this matter.
 - c. **Village Meeting:** Cllrs discussed the idea of a Village Meeting at the previous meeting. Chair Cllr L Higgitt has put a short agenda together to keep the meeting succinct and to set the scene of what LCC does and can/cannot do for residents. Cllrs agreed that the meeting should be held after the next meeting which is 19th

September. Cllrs felt that a meeting held on Thursday 28th September at 6pm would be a good time to hold the meeting and aim to have a questionnaire regarding the play area ready by then if possible. Clerk to confirm if the meeting room is available and then put together a notice. Look into putting it in the County Times to promote and ensure that we get the details out to as many people as possible.

7. Ongoing (long term) Matters:

a. Village Green Boundary: Chair Cllr L Higgitt confirmed that there are no updates on this as yet and he will chase up.

b. Village Play Area

- i. Play equipment quotes:** more questions have come back about the play area which I have provided so still awaiting quotes.

We have a visitor coming at 7pm prior to the start of our meeting to fill us in on Lottery funding which could help with the play area. Cllrs agreed that this was a helpful meeting and Chair Cllr L Higgitt will keep in touch with Chris Baker about looking to put together a community questionnaire.

c. Community Wind Farm Fund: No further information received.

d. Bute Energy Wind Farm Development: Clerk has had some communication with Bute and will try and keep communication going and keep them in the loop with the play area plan.

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

a. Urdd: Montgomery Urdd parade. Information noted, no action.

b. Cllr D Jones: Overflowing bin in car park. This has hopefully been dealt with no. PCC came back to me to say that someone was off so one person was having to cover several areas including Llani and Mach. It was stated that it should be emptied weekly. It doesn't ever seem to be collected that frequently. Clerk to go back to PCC to state that it is not emptied this regularly.

c. Local resident: Issues with bus connections. Chair Cllr L Higgitt confirmed that this has been dealt with. There was an issue with buses missing connections and passengers having to wait for some time to continue their journey.

d. Powys CC: Powys Leisure Review. Everyone encouraged to complete this if possible. The Clerk has shared the link to the survey on Facebook.

e. Welsh Government: Procurement Bill Secondary Legislation. Information noted, no action.

f. One Voice Wales: Climate Change and Nature Action Guide for Councils. Information noted, no action.

9. Planning Matters: *None received at the time of posting the agenda.*

The Clerk confirmed that a planning application was received this afternoon. It was mentioned and was not seen as problematic or worth commenting on so an extraordinary meeting will not be required. LCC will not be able to comment as the deadline will have passed by the next meeting in September.

10. Finances:

a. Account balance = £8,448.33

b. Account review: Accounts and balance sheet were reviewed having been sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting. All Cllrs present agreed and approved the accounts information.

c. Internal Audit: Paperwork received from the auditor and scanned and sent through to Cllrs. To be approved by Council before sending to external audit. Cllrs discussed the audit and are happy to sign it off as approved. Clerk to request a couple of comments from the internal auditor relating to a couple of points in his report but will send the paperwork to the external auditor.

It was mentioned that the asset register needs to be reviewed. Clerk to distribute the current asset register to Cllrs prior to the next meeting.

d. Bills to be paid:

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

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

HMRC PAYE tax payable (July) = £54.80

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (August) = £274.00

Cllrs discussed bills to be paid which were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr C Howells and seconded by Cllr P Abel.

11. Councillors Comments:

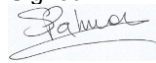
Cllr C Howells: The grass by the bus stop near the Black Lion has not been cut. Clerk to contact PCC about this.

Cllr D Jones: Residents have been complaining about the rubbish blowing around at Cae Waen as the bin surround has still not been repaired and is now causing an issue with rubbish blowing around. Clerk to contact PCC about the repairs/replacement of the bin surround.

12. Next Meeting: There is no August meeting so the next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 19th September at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Chair Cllr L Higitt thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed:

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

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)