

Llangurig Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 19th December 2023

Minutes of meeting held at Llangurig Community Centre on Tuesday 19th December 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: Sophie Palmer

Not present: County Cllr G Morgan, County Cllr G Preston

1. Apologies

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 21st November 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 present

5. Highway Matters:

- a. **50mph signage off Llangurig roundabout:** No reply, Clerk to chase
- b. **Site meeting with TRA and highways:** No reply, Clerk to chase
 - i. Repositioning of bus stop
 - ii. Path between cemetery and village
- c. **Falling slates at Black Lion:** No reply, Clerk to chase
- d. **Flooding above Pencroeso:** No update received, clerk to chase
- e. **River cutting under the road; Bro Felin and Glyn Hafren:** PCC has confirmed that a new crosser has been replaced. Item to be removed from the agenda.
- f. **Road from A44 up to Henfaes Uchaf in need of repair:** A job has been raised for minor repairs here by PCC. Item to be left on the agenda until repairs have been completed.
- g. **Trees overhanging near café:** These have been cut back just after the last meeting. Item to be removed.
- h. **20mph signage issues:** No reply, Clerk to chase.
- i. **Grit bin near pavement to café request:** No reply, Clerk to chase.
- j. **Bad bend on Llanidloes road – more signage requested:** No reply, Clerk to chase.
- k. **Blocked drain on back road to Rhayader:** Reported to PCC Highways, no response as yet regarding action taken. Clerk to chase.

6. Matters Arising:

- a. **Drainage/Sewage issues in Llangurig:** Cllr H Pugh confirmed that the works started at the time of the last meeting is yet to be completed.
- b. **Bin surrounds:** PCC has stated that this is not something that they do but admit that they have put them there originally. Clerk stated that they had promised to rectify the issue. Clerk to continue to follow this up.
- c. **Overflowing bins:** This continues to be an issue and Powys have basically said that they don't have the resources to sort it out.
- d. **Asset Register Review:** Items on the asset register currently are the bus shelter, benches x 2 on the Village Green and the Village Green itself. Cllrs agreed that the bus shelter should be removed from the asset register as it is PCC's responsibility. The amount for the Green needs to be reviewed. Clerk to also add the replacement costs for the 2 items remaining on the list. Clerk and Chair to discuss further.
- e. **Standing Orders for approval:** Clerk sent the SO's out prior to the meeting which Cllrs discussed. Cllrs agreed to adopt the SO. Clerk to publish.
- f. **Lights at steps:** I have told PCC that changing the light that is there will not help as there needs to be something at low level. PCC has confirmed that they cannot add any new lights. Cllr A Emanuel confirmed that they have removed the LED streetlight for an old orange one which has made the issue worse. Clerk to report this back to PCC and ask them to reinstall the LED streetlight and increase the wattage.
- g. **National Express, Llangurig stop:** The stop in Llangurig has been reinstated. Cllrs wondered whether this is a compulsory stop or if it has to be requested. Clerk to ask County Cllr G Preston if he is able to confirm.
- h. **Damaged post by the memorial:** Clerk has received no response to this from PCC. Clerk to chase up.

7. Ongoing (long term) Matters:

- a. **Village Green Boundary:** No progress as yet. Chair Cllr L Higgitt to chase this.
- b. **Village Play Area:** Clerk has been trying to chase up about the lottery funding that can be applied to. Clerk will chase this up after Christmas.
- c. **Community Wind Farm Fund:** LCC will apply for this for the play area in March. Clerk to put together a list of survey questions in order to circulate within the area as part of the funding applications. Clerk to contact Phyl Davies regarding applying for funding.

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

- a. **One Voice Wales:** Local Government Finance Bill Consultation. Information noted, would like to see OVW response to the Bill.
- b. **One Voice Wales:** Cost of Living Crisis Survey. Information noted, no action.
- c. **IRPW:** Cllr Remuneration Draft Report. The suggested remuneration is the same as previous year. Clerk to double check that payments can still be opted out of should Cllrs wish.

9. Planning Matters:

- a. **Application Reference: 23/1721/FUL** Grid Reference: E:285410 N: 278779
Proposal: Installation of an additional 3no. antennas, 4no. transmission dishes and ancillary radio apparatus on top of the existing lattice tower extending the overall height of the structure to 32 metres, installation of additional 2no. supporting equipment cabinets, 1no. meter, 1no. GPS module and ancillary ground-based apparatus and the relocation of the existing 2no. OLO antennas from the top of the existing structure at 22.5 metres, to the top of the extended structure at 32 metres Site Address: Ngw Mast, Llanidloes, Powys, SY18 6RS
Cllrs discussed the above planning application and have no comments.

10. Finances:

- a. **Account balance** = £9,462.02
- b. **Savings Account:** Paperwork has now been signed by 2 signatories so the Clerk will send this off in order to open the savings account.
- c. **Precept:** Precept discussion was held at the previous meeting and Cllrs agreed an amount in principle of £8,480.00. Cllrs discussed and agreed unanimously that this was the amount to request via the precept. Clerk to action the precept request.
- d. **Bills to be paid:**

Sophie Palmer (Clerk) salary (December) = £294.00 + £170.00 (backpay) = £464.00 - £92.80 = £371.20 (NET)

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

HMRC PAYE tax payable (December) = £92.80

The following invoice was received from Upper Bridge following an issue with the website failing. Cllrs discussed and agreed that they were not happy to pay this invoice as the website is not accessible. Until this is resolved this invoice will not be paid.

Upper Bridge Enterprises (New SSL cert for website and SSL annual fee) = £100.50 (Net = £83.75).

Cllr R Williams has been unable to get into the bank account to authorise payments etc. He will try again as the website has been updated recently. Chair Cllr L Higgitt suggested that a fourth signatory would be useful. Cllr A Emanuel confirmed that he is willing to be added as a signatory to the bank account. Clerk to action.

Bills to be paid were agreed and proposed for payment by Cllr C Howells and seconded by Cllr I Bound.

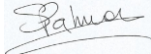
11. Councillors Comments:

Cllr R Williams: adding to agenda item 5j regarding the bad corner on the way to Llanidloes, there was a lorry that went off the road there recently. Cllr D Jones had taken pictures of this and sent them to the Clerk who passed them on to TRA but they are yet to respond. Clerk to chase this up.
Chair Cllr L Higgitt: asked whether anyone else attended the Bute Energy meeting. Cllr D Jones attended as well and Cllr P Abel attended in Carno and was told that they are able to compulsory purchase land for the wind farm works. They can compulsory purchase for the cabling but not for the farm it is understood. Lines will be underground in this area but move on to overground poles closer to Carno. The meeting related to the route of the power lines rather than the wind farm as a whole. Clerk to forward any new information as and when received, regarding the wind farm.

12. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Llangurig Community Council is to be held on Tuesday 16th January at 7.30pm at Llangurig Community Centre.

Chair Cllr L Higgitt thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Signed:

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

Sophie Palmer (Clerk & RFO)