

## LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

1. Present: Cllrs. C. Atkins (Chair), A. Evans, J. Jones, R. Jeremy and County Cllr. Carys Jones .
2. Apologies: T. Griffiths, R. Morgans, A. Freeman and A-L. Morgans.
3. Minutes of Last Meeting: approved by J. Jones and seconded by R. Jeremy.
4. Matters Arising:

2744. Footpath 25/09. Clerk has received a further e mail from Jason Lawday of CCC stating that there were now gates across the path and, therefore, the matter is to be addressed along with DPPA.

2749. Bus Bay - tarmac still awaited.

2747. PCSO outside school - matter progressing.

2752. Response to Angela Burns AM. The Clerk reported that a further response had been received from Angela Burns' office reporting on her meeting with Leslie Griffiths AM, Minister of Environment, to discuss slurring and the impact on water pollution etc. New legislation is due to come into force in 2020 which will impose further checks on those spreading slurry at times when it shouldn't be discharged, and those found guilty will be prosecuted. There is to be further responsibility on the NRW to investigate pollution. Members expressed concerns regarding the NRW's capability to undertake the proposed new legislation and also why should these changes have to wait until 2020.

He gathered responses from members and will reply to Ms Burns regarding the present situation quoting complaints re. slurry being spread during heavy rains and mess on roads.

2756. Lletyrneuadd Road. Complaints has been received re. the state of the road with flooding and mud. The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mr Ian Thomas, Head of Street Scene. Mr Thomas made arrangements to bring a JCB to the road to clear the road surface, clear the drains as best as possible and to have the road mechanically swept. It was reported at the meeting that this had been done and as far as Colomendy farm.

Christmas Tree. It was firstly resolved to express the gratitude of the Council to Cllr. Haydn Williams who organised and decorated the tree every year.

There were, however, several complaints from residents regarding the tree being not green enough etc. and it was resolved that more money should be spent in future in order to get a tree of better quality.

It was reported that Mr D. Burton of Dol-y-Derwen had donated £30 towards the tree this year and the Clerk was asked to write him a letter of thanks.

Llangain Sign. The sign has now been repaired.

#### 5. Correspondence.

2757. Standing Orders. The Clerk investigated the existing Standing Orders for the Council and found them to be inadequate and out of date. He, therefore, consulted One Voice Wales for assistance and they forwarded Model Standing Orders which had been compiled by NALC and which have been adopted by all Welsh Councils. It was, therefore, resolved to adopt this model for use by Llangain Community Council.

2758. IRPW – Payments to Community Councillors. The members discussed the options and resolved to only make reasonable payments in lieu of expenses to any member on receipt of a claim or by approval by the Council, such payments to be borne by the budget.

AGE Cymru. Free Home energy Check Service. Inspections are available to older people to ensure good draught protection and lowering costs of heat. Noted.

#### 6. Planning Applications.

2753. Development of 36 houses on Land South of Dol-y-Dderwen.

Due to level of absences at the meeting and members who had interests in, and had prior involvement in this development, a quorum of other members could not be formed.

It was resolved to ask the Clerk to organise a planning subcommittee made up of members with no prior involvement to meet as soon as possible to formulate a response to the planning application.

#### 7. Precept/Financial Matters and Approval of Payments

2759. Budget for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

The Clerk circulated draft budgets as follows :-

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| a. | Budget of £9729  | 34.00 | -144 out of reserves.                |
| b. | Budget of £9783  | 34.50 | nil i.e. to cover expected spending. |
| c. | Budget of £10123 | 35.37 | +250 to create more spending.        |

The Clerk reported existing reserves of at least £7781 in March 2019 (a draft because the actual cost of Footway energy/maintenance charges is not known until February) and that the current Community Rate for Band D is £32.93.

**After discussion, it was resolved that the precept for 2019/20 be £9783, thus a community rate of £34.50. The Clerk was asked to request a precept of that amount from the County Council by the due date.**

2760. Approval of Payments.

Cymru Christmas Trees 60.00

H. Williams 28.80

I.Griffiths 324.98 Clerk's salary and expenses - November

I.Griffiths 315.05 Clerk's salary and expenses - December

SLCC 89.00 Membership

8. County Councillor's Report. See attached below.

9. New or Any Other Business.

Hall Committee re. Kiosk. No response.

Heol Smyrna - From Cwmnantyreira towards Bryntywi.

- Water coming out of Ystradwalter field and goes down to Cwrthir.  
Clerk to write to CCC.

Footpath 25/11. Correspondence has been received from CCC stating that an application to divert the footpath was still outstanding on their records. The Clerk was asked to respond that nobody now uses this path and the file should be closed.

## LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Planning Sub-Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019.

Present : Cllrs. A. Freeman (Chair), A. Evans, R. Morgans and A-L. Morgans.

Matters for Discussion.

1. Planning Application W/2753. Development for 36 houses south of Dol-y-Dderwen. It was noted that the Council have already responded to ASBRI as part of the Pre Application Consultation showing their concern regarding the inconvenience and possible dangers of extra traffic entering and exiting through the present Dol-y-Dderwen estate, meeting the already busy School Road and onto the Smyrna Crossroads.

It was suggested that an alternative arrangement could be an entrance and exit by means of Church Road but with improvements to that unclassified road, particularly at its junction with the main road.

After some discussion, it was resolved to respond to the Planning application repeating the same concerns as expressed above and the Clerk was asked to contact the County Council as needed.

2. Local Development Plan 2018-2033.

As the closing date for responses to the County Council is prior to the next Community Council meeting, the Planning Sub-Committee was asked to formulate a response to the Candidate Sites identified within the Community of Llangain.

There were two candidate sites within the community :-

a. SR/091/001. Potential Residential Development on land between Cwrthir bend and Green Castle corner at Waunllongau on the B4312.

The committee discussed development at that location and wished to express their concerns regarding its junction to the main road at a dangerous stretch which has bends on both sides and a very fast piece of its length. Also, it was thought that a residential development at that location would potentially spoil a very beautiful location. It was resolved to respond to the County Council and ask to include those responses in the LDP.

b. SR/091/002. Extension of Planning application south of Dol-y-Dderwen.

This was discussed with concerns for a further extension of a development already in the stages of planning application. Again, the same concerns were discussed in terms of the entrance and exit to such a development. It was resolved to respond to the County Council expressing the concern.

**It should be noted that to make definite decisions regarding potential development on the two candidate sites is difficult and the matters will have to be considered by the Community Council when the actual planning application are made at a later date.**

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

### BUDGET SEMINARS

A series of CCC 2019-20 budget seminars have been held where we, as local members, have had the opportunity to assess the impact of "savings" in all areas of council services, and contribute to the budget proposals. Cuts/efficiencies of £9.8m are required next year (total of £28m over next three years). The Council Tax proposed increase is 4.89% (some councils are proposing 10%+). Further details available by request.

### REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

The consultation period closed on 26th November. The Commission proposes to combine the communities of Llangain, Llangynog and Llansteffan & Llanybri with the town of St. Clears to form an electoral ward with 4,195 electors which, if represented by two councillors, would result in a representation that is 10% above the proposed county average. (Llansteffan ward is currently 12% below). I have responded expressing a strong objection on several grounds, mostly based on diverse demographics.

### REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-33

The consultation period on Candidate Sites ends on February 8th. Candidate sites can be viewed on <https://carmarthenshire.jdi-consult.net/ldp/readdoc.php?docid=3 docid=3>

CCC's Preferred Strategy, which will provide the strategic framework for the more detailed policies, proposals and development allocation in the Deposit Plan, can be viewed on

<https://carmarthenshire.jdi-consult.net/ldp/readdoc.php?docid=6>

It is essential that we spread the word to as many people as possible, urging everyone to respond via the links above.

### INDUSTRIAL FARMING

A Task Force meeting will be held before the February Community Council meeting after which I will report on all progress during 2018.

### YSGOL LLANGAIN

Congratulations to pupils and staff on a fabulous Christmas Concert!

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