

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 17th May 2018.

1. Present : Cllrs. C. Atkins (Chair), A. Freeman, A. Evans, H. Williams, R. Jeremy, T. Griffiths, J. Jones and R. Morgans. Also present was County Cllr. C. Jones.
2. Apologies : Cllr. A-L. Morgans.
3. Minutes of March meeting. Proposed correct by Cllr. A. Freeman and seconded by Cllr. R. Morgans.
4. Matters Arising.

2707. Defibrillator. Some complaints have been received from red lights flashing inside the case in some circumstances. Noted.

2723. Coed Cadw. It was noted that the fence was wrongly assembled. Clerk to contact Chris Matts of Woodland Trust.

Independent Review Panel re. possible payments to Councillors. Resolved to visit the issue again in January when 2019/20 precept is decided upon.

2741. Donations. The Clerk reported that most of the recipients had sent letters of thanks. He also pointed out that some cheques from last year were still unrepresented and, therefore, out of date. Clerk to investigate further and report back to Council.

2742. Noticeboards. Cllr. Williams reported that the refurbishment was still ongoing and nearly finished. Mr Woodbridge had submitted a claim for expenses incurred. It was resolved to pay an amount of £125 + materials to cover time spent. Councillors have noted the improvements in the appearance of the boards which will now, hopefully, make them last for the next few years.

2743. Highways. The following issues were reported by Councillors :-

- a. Bad road surface in one spot on Lletyrneuadd Road.
- b. Loose chippings by Coedmor Avenue.
- c. Bad visibility at the Church Road junction - strimming needed.
- d. There were major concerns on the Wauncorgam junction to Heol Smyrna. The road level is falling away towards the hedge on the lower side thus creating a dangerous camber which could cause an accident.

The Clerk was asked to report these issues to the County Council.

2744. Footpath 25/9. Cllr. Jones reported that no work has been done to repair the damaged footpath. The Clerk reported that Mr Jason Lawday had contacted him to say that he had asked the appropriate department to undertake the repairs.

5. Correspondence.

The Clerk read out the letter received by Angela Burns, AM from the Welsh Government regarding straw based farming. Contents noted.

The Clerk magazine.

Clerks and Council Direct magazine.

Hywel Dda Health Board, questionnaire.

GDPR. The proposals to amend the current Data Protection legislation is currently in the House of Lords for approval. The Council resolved to adopt the new proposals. As far as Llangain Community Council is concerned, the Clerk reported that he couldn't see how it is affected in that personal records are not held apart from the names and details of members and officers which are public knowledge anyway. The Clerk and Cllr. Williams will discuss the matter with Mr Jamie King who hosts our website.

Merchant Navy Day. A certificate has been presented to the Council for commemorating the day which will now be put on the noticeboards.

6. Planning Matters.

2747. W/37098. Ty Carreg, Pilroath extension. No objection.

Cllr. Anne Evans reported that the Llangain Action group had met re. the Wernolau development but also regarding a rumour that a building at Penyclun to be replaced with a large slurry pool, thus resulting in increased traffic through Heol Smyrna and down Church Road. Clerk to ask Planning Department for any further information.

7. Finance/ Approval of Payments.

2748. Annual Accounts. The Clerk reported that the accounts and governance statements have been audited by LHP, the internal auditors with no corrections or comments. The Notice giving the rights of residents to inspect the accounts has been placed on the noticeboards.

The accounts show cash in hand of £7610 which is a reduction from the previous year reflecting the Council's decision in January 2017, to keep the Community rate with out any cost of living increase over the previous year and to use its reserves to fund projects, such as the purchase and fitting of a village defibrillator and also decisions such as the number and values of donations made.

The Council approved the annual accounts summary and the Chair signed the accounts.

2749. Governance 2017.

The Clerk reported the procedures and arrangements for adequate governance entered on the annual summary which were approved by the auditor and which are in accordance with Council policies and risk managements process. **This was approved by the Council and the Clerk was asked to forward the necessary documentation to the external auditor by the due date.**

2750. Approval of Payments.

LHP 144.00. Audit Fee.

I. Griffiths 626.38. Sal / Exp x 2 + 20.00 Chair's Allowance.

Carms. C. C. 202.18. Election expenditure.

B. Woodbridge 202.00. Refurb. of noticeboards.

Income received 3140.

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

Bus Bay. The Clerk reported that a previous application had been made re. this issue. The Council decided at that time that as they made an annual contribution towards the running of the Memorial Hall and paid rent for each meeting held, they would not take over responsibility for the turning area and it was suggested that they apply to the County Council's transport department for financial assistance. In the following January, however, the Council increased the annual donation by £100 to be used specifically for the repainting of the area. Noted.

9. New or Any other Business.

Cllr. Jeremy reported that the Llansteffan branch of the War Memorials Committee was wound up with the monies left in the accounts, £111.37p donated to the Llangain Memorial Hall Committee. Noted.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

LLANGAIN HALL

As requested by the Hall Committee, I met Ian Thomas on Monday, 19th February to view the damage to the hall forecourt and yellow box markings caused by the service bus. As the hall forecourt is not County property, there is nothing to be done. The only option would be to stop the bus turning up from the crossroads, as there is nowhere else to turn around. I stated that stopping the bus was not an option.

LIGHTING

A request has been made to improve the street lighting near Pwntan on the B4312 in order to attempt to slow traffic. CCC could not fund lighting in this location. We await news on the CCC Road Safety Grant, which would address this matter.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Carmarthenshire County Council has commenced the preparation of a Revised (Replacement) LDP. The Candidate Site period closes at 2pm on the 29th May 2018. Please see www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/planning/local-development-plan-2018-2033

It has been a particularly quiet month in County Hall as we run up to the CCC AGM. I have requested that I stand down from the Audit Scrutiny Committee to allow more time for ward work. I will remain on the Planning Committee, The Policy & Resources Committee and the Welsh Language Members' Advisory Panel.

As we come to the end of my first year as your local member, I thank you for your support and co-operation and look forward to continuing our strong relationship over the coming term. Thank you.