

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 15th November 2018.

1. Present : Cllr C. Atkins, A. Freeman, R. Morgans, J. Jones, R. Jeremy, A-L. Morgans, T. Griffiths and County Cllr. C. Jones.

2. Apologies : Cllrs. A. Evans and H. Williams.

3. Minutes of October Meeting: Proposed correct by Cllr. A. Freeman and seconded by Cllr. T. Griffiths.

4. Matters Arising.

2744. Footpath 25/09. No progress. Clerk to contact the Council again.

2747. PCSO outside school. In progress.

2749. Bus Bay. Still awaiting tarmac repairs.

2752. Response to Angela Burn's letter - to mention heavy slurry traffic with slurry being pumped in heavy rain with mud on Heol Smyrna.

2753. Planning application to build 36 houses on land south of Dolydderwen. Application now made to the County Council. Community Council now awaiting the normal consultation stages.

5. Correspondence.

Carmarthenshire County Council. Have your say - Housing in Rural Carmarthenshire survey - very important to complete.

2754. BHIB Insurance. As previously reported, BHIB have taken over responsibility for Community Council Insurance from the previous firm and have apologised for not informing Llangain Community Council of terms and renewal and have offered Insurance to cover the same conditions for the reduced premium of **£254.54**. It was decided to accept these terms.

6. Planning Applications.

W/37950. No observations.

W/37746. Derwen Deg. Granted.

W/37725. Two Houses on Vicarage field. Refused.

7. Approval of Payments / Finance.

I. Griffiths 310 Clerk's salary / expenses

BHIB 254.54 Insurance Renewal

2755. Budget Update and Forecast.

The Clerk circulated Councillors a document showing a budget update to November and also draft forecast up to 31ST March 2019 as follows :-

Budget set January 2018 = 9420

Reserves as at March 2018 = 8567

Overspend to date = 786 includes election charges / noticeboards & benches refurbishment.

Estimate Reserves - March 2019 7781

Note. This assumes an overspend of £325 for donations in February 2019.

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

9. New or Any Other Business.

Christmas Tree. The Council decided to finance a Christmas Tree as usual this year and asked the Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Williams re. its establishment and decoration.

Leaves and mud on Green Castle corner. Clerk to contact CCC.

It was reported that Mr Richards, Cwrtmalle is to meet with the new owners of Llangain Church regarding the damage to the Church wall.

It was noted that the blue Llangain sign on the Carmarthen side is still not fixed. Clerk to contact CCC.

In conclusion, the Chair wished the Clerk and members, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

RURAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

All homes in Llangain will have received a Rural Household Survey pack by post. It is imperative that we all complete and return the survey in order that CCC may forward-plan for the actual needs needs of the area.

CHOICE LETTINGS/CANFOD CARTREF

Council-owned properties available for rent will soon be published on a Lettings page. Prospective tenants will be able to look for suitable properties - very much like an estate agent service. The criteria will remain the same, so it is important that interested parties register and receive an assessment - as before.

NATIONAL GRID

The work on National Grid steel replacement has been completed on the overhead power line between Swansea and Pembroke. They are currently completing works on restoring footpaths, fields and access points, and this work should be completed by the end of December.

SIGNAGE – HEAVY VEHICLES

A road sign discouraging heavy vehicles is/has finally been installed near Werncorgam Fawr to stop Sat Nav / Heavy vehicles using the road past Wern Ddu to Llangynog.

INDUSTRIAL FARMING

Two BBC documentaries (*Y Byd ar Bedwar / Wales This Week*) have been transmitted this week, highlighting the issues with slurry throughout Wales, the county and in this parish. Lesley Griffiths AM (Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs) and NRW were held accountable for lack of legislation and enforcement. I (and others!) will be maintaining the pressure to increase the number of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones and to all reported incidents investigated.

SPORTS INITIATIVE

I recently met with Daniel Ramsey, who is initiating a project for sport and wellbeing in Llangain. He is establishing a committee of local representatives and would welcome the support of the Community Council.