

## LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017

1. Present : Cllrs. T. Griffiths (Chair), C. Atkins, H. Williams, R. Jeremy, A. Evans, R. Morgans, A-L Morgans, J. Jones. Also present was County Cllr. Carys Jones.

2. Apologies : Cllr. A. Freeman (illness).

a. At this point the Chair welcomed the newly elected County Councillor and wished her well in her term of office.

b. Cllr A-L. Morgans, on behalf of the Community Council expressed their sympathies with the Chair and family on the death of his father in law and Cllr. Griffiths thanked the Council for their kind gesture.

c. Local Government Elections 2017. The Clerk confirmed that there had been no election at Llangain with all seats filled. He issued the necessary declaration which were duly completed by members. The new Community Council takes office with effect from the fourth day after the 4<sup>th</sup> May.

3. Minutes of the last meetings including the special April elections,

Proposed correct by Cllr. A. Evans and seconded by Cllr. H. Williams.

4. Matters Arising.

2707. Defibrillator. It was suggested by Cllr. Jeremy that a member of the Ambulance service be invited to a subsequent meeting to explain further and discuss options. Agreed.

2715. Highways. Cllr. Jeremy and Cllr. Jones together with the Clerk on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

HGV Sign. The Heavy vehicles sign was discussed which will be placed on the Council's projects list.

Traffic Strips. John agreed that two strips would be placed on Heol Smyrna or nearby to measure volume and speed of traffic.

Heol Smyrna. The Clerk gave Mr McEvoy a copy of a list of concerns re. the road surface etc. relating to Heol Smyrna and surrounding areas.

Mr McEvoy promised to send the Clerk information re. the traffic strips previously placed on the main road. The Clerk read out the results to the meeting.

LOC 58 (before Smyrna Crossroads) :

Mean Speeds – Eastwards = 41.9mph

- Westwards = 41.2mph

- Two way = 41.6mph

LOC 59 (below Penycoed / Church Road junction)

Mean Speeds – Eastwards = 44.00mph

- Westwards = 49.00mph

- Two Way = 47.00mph

It was noted that that the mean readings at both locations were over 40mph and it was decided to report the findings to DPPA when the current PCSO is identified.

2719. Alltynap Traffic Arrangements etc. The Clerk confirmed that after the meeting with Angela Burns AM, and the subsequent meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, he had delivered a report and map locations of possible safe routes for the transportation of feeds, slurry and silage from Cwrtmalle farm to the constituency offices in Tenby on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

County Councillor Carys Jones commented that she was well aware of the difficulties being faced by Llangain residents. She has met with Cllr. Gareth John who now represents the Alltynap area and have discussed the various traffic issues etc. They hope to meet with Mr Richards, Cwrtmalle to express the concerns and perhaps discuss options with him.

Cllr. Evans stated that the farmer needs to be constantly persuaded by cooperation.

2723. Dylan Woods. Following continuing concerns, the Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Bowman, Living Pictures to report the complaints and discuss a possible site meeting to be informed of developments.

5. Correspondence.

Sports and Recreational Committee - letter of thanks for donation, the money going to fund new toddler swings. Also, there are social events to be held during the summer holidays to raise funds. Noted and approved.

CCC. Letter from Returning Officer confirming the results of the Election process.

SLCC- The Clerk - Magazine

Clerks and Council Direct - Magazine

WAG - New copy of The Good Councillor's Guide - the Clerk informed Councillors that this is a very good simple guide for Councillors. This is a library copy which he will keep but will send an online copy to all Councillors. Noted.

One Voice Wales – Bulletin

2725. One Voice Wales Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community Councils. This is meant to deal with local disputes and complaints against Councillors. The Clerk recommended that this document and process within be adopted as the Council's policy. Agreed.

6. Planning Applications.

W/35462. New farm entrance at Brynderi - no objection. It should be noted that Cllr. T. Griffiths declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision.

7. Finance / Approval of Payments.

2726. Annual Accounts Summary. The Clerk presented the accounts summary for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. The relevant information was that after all business was conducted for the year, the Council has cash in hand of £8,567 which is £230 more than the previous year, the increase being largely due to the reduced charges for maintenance/energy due to the County Council. As mentioned previously, the actual figure is not known until February of each year which makes end of year accuracy difficult to achieve.

He also reported that the accounts have been audited by LHP auditors, the Council's internal Auditors with no corrections or comments and the notice giving residents the right to inspect the accounts had been placed on the noticeboards as required.

**The Council approved the annual accounts summary.**

2727. Governance 2016/17.

The Clerk again reported the procedures and arrangements for governance entered on the annual summary which were approved by the auditor and which are in accordance with Council policies and risk management process. **This was again approved by the Council. The Chair signed the necessary document and the Clerk asked to forward all the required information to the external Auditor by the due date.**

2728. Approval of Payments.

The following payments were approved.

Pantydderwen	47.25	guest meals
D.I.Griffiths	593.54	Clerks salary/Expenses x2
LHP accountants	144.00	Audit fee
H.Williams	55.32	Xmas light bulbs
H.Williams	3.45	bench padlock
D.I.Griffiths	8.99	O/S Map

D.I.Griffiths 47.99 printer cartridges

AON Insurance 283.13 Insurance renewal

A-L.Morgans 73.29 Chair's allowance - flowers/gift

#### 8. County Councillor's Report.

Cllr. Jones thanked the Council for their congratulations and good wishes and promised to assist and support the Community Council whenever possible.

#### 9. New or Any Other Business.

Cllr. Jeremy reported that one Neighbourhood Watch sign on the main road had gone missing. Clerk is to report the matter to DPPA and find out who the PCSO for the area now is because there has been no contact between the DPPA and the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for a long time.

Also, there is a car obstructing the entrance to Dol-y-Dderwen again. Clerk to report to DPPA. It was reported that due to hedgerow growth, visibility is impaired for traffic coming from Church Road and the Clerk is to report the issue to the County Council.

Also, it was reported that a large rut has appeared on the side of the main road near Penycoed bends. Clerk to report to CCC.

Cllr. Williams reported the following :-

Benches have been refurbished - the bench by Troon and the crossroads and the bench by Belmont in the process of and also, the Best Kept Village sign. The bench by Belmont is being refurbished by Mr Alun Evans, Bwthyn y Felin. The Clerk noted that approval for the work had been given in previous meetings.

Cllr. Morgans reported that the Kiosk will be painted soon.