

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th October 2016.

1. Present: Cllrs. T. Griffiths (Chair), J. Jones, R. Jeremy, H. Williams, A. Evans, C. Atkins, R. Morgans. Also present was County Cllr. D.B.Davies.
2. Apologies : A-L. Morgans and A. Freeman.

As Cllr. A-L. Morgans could not attend, Cllr T. Griffiths (Vice Chair) took the Chair.

At the commencement of the meeting the Chair and Councillors stood for a minute's silence to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1966 Aberfan disaster.

Before the main business of the meeting commenced the Chair allowed Mr Hales of Alltynap Road to address the meeting regarding his concerns regarding Cwrtmalle farm. Cllr. Griffiths, on behalf of the Council outlined the actions that had been taken by Llangain Community Council regarding the state of the roads and concerns regarding larger farms.

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

They were proposed correct by Cllr. H. Williams and seconded by Cllr. J. Jones

4. Matters Arising.

2672. Church Closure. It was reported that a valuation of the Church premises has been sent to the Church Authorities with apparently 6 potential buyers.

2692. Speeding in the Village. A site meeting regarding the re-siting of the traffic strip with Carms C. C. has been arranged for Monday 24th October – Cllrs. J. Jones and R. Jeremy to attend.

The 20mph limit near the school discussed is to be reported to the School Governors by Cllr. Williams and County Cllr. D. Davies and their views reported back to the Community Council.

2699 Church Road. A further meeting with County Council Officers has been arranged for Monday 24th October.

2703. Milestones – grant process ongoing.

5. Correspondence.

Statement from Welsh Government-re Update of Local Government Reform.

CCC - Carmarthenshire Sports Awards - no nominations.

CCC - BT Proposals for removing payphones or purchase for £1.00 regarding phone number 01267 241 364. This is situated in lower Llangain and is in a derelict state. The Council has previously asked BT to either repair or remove this kiosk on the grounds of public safety. It was decided that no action be taken. Further, regarding the Kiosk at Smyrna Crossroads - suggestions were invited for future use.

OVW - Community Energy Wales Update.

OVW - National Infrastructure Commission for Wales.

OVW - Report on their National Conference - references by Cabinet Secretary for his plans to update the duties and options for Community Councils in the future. Noted and further information awaited.

OVW - Welsh Government- Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of devolved Taxes Bill.

Planning Aid Wales update.

OVW - Welsh Language and Communications Committee report.

OVW - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report.

Mid & West Wales Fire Service – Have your say.

Welsh Treasury News.

One Voice Wales Annual Report.

Barclays Bank - reduction in Interest rates.

SLCC renewal - approved.

6. Planning Applications.

2704. Application no. W/33729 - calf shed at Cwrtmalle has been withdrawn.

Brechfa Forest Electricity Connection (Environment Impact Assessment Regulations).
Application approved by Planning Inspectorate.

7. Finance/Approval of Payments.

2705. The following payments were approved :-

SLCC £77.00

I Griffiths £296.77

8. County Councillor's Report.

Cllr. Davies reported the following :-

1. There will be no reduction in the County Council budget from 2017/18.
2. 27 rubbish lorries have been purchased which are bigger and with several compartments.
3. As a result of the kerosene leak near Nantycaws, fish have been killed in the River Pibwr with farmers advised to keep their animals away from the river.

9. New or Any Other Business.

2706. Cllr. Williams reported that Mr Mervyn Jones, Brynhawddgar was 95 years old last year and suggested that in accordance with past practice, this should be noted with a visit and a gift from the Community Council. Approved. Cllr. Williams and the Chair to organise.

Cllr. Jeremy reported that a letter from the ambulance service was awaited regarding a possible defibrillator for the village.

It was also noted that much more use was being made of the recreation park and playing area. Apparently a number of new volunteers are now on the committee. It was suggested that further consideration be given to the organisation in February when donations are decided.

Remembrance Sunday 13th November. Due to the unavailability of the Chair, the Vice Chair – Cllr. Terry Griffiths was asked to attend at Llangain.

Pothole behind Smyrna Chapel – clerk to contact Sion Lewis, CCC.