

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 15th September 2016

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

The Chair welcomed Cllr Freeman back after her illness and wished her the best of health in the future

3. Minutes of Last Meeting:-Approved by Cllr Anne Evans and seconded by Cllr J.Jones
4. Matters Arising

2672 Church Closure. Cllr Jones reported that the church will be put up for sale. Dr Peris Williams has apparently contacted the Church Commissioners regarding members concerns and was told that it was not their responsibility.

2692 Speeding through the village.A site meeting is being arranged with John McEvoy CCC with a view to ask for a re siting of the traffic strip away from the crossroads.Cllrs Jeremy and Jones nominated to attend.

It was suggested that an application be made for a 20mph limit by the school. Cllr Williams and County Cllr D.B.Davies to bring up at the Governors meeting.

Cwrtmalle Planning application-app. No. W/33729 still in the consultation stage.

2694. Code of Conduct/ Declarations of Interest. The Clerk reported that he had now received all Declarations of Interest forms from Councillors. He reminded Councillors that it is now their responsibility to update the declarations as necessary and also if items on the agenda in a monthly meeting came up which may involve those interests then they have to again declare an interest when these matters are discussed.

2697.Dylan Woods. Councillors expressed concern again regarding activities at this location. Cllr Jones stated that he had visited the site and was given an explanation in that it was ,that day, being used to train directors etc in theatre and film work. They also run courses for people with special needs , with organisations such as MENCAP.-noted.

2698. Bus Shelter. It was reported that it had been cleaned by the County Council. The Clerk reported that the Council dept had stated that there was no longer a budget for regular cleaning apart from an annual clean but because of the condition of this bus shelter they would clean it this once in between the normal practice. It was resolved that having regard to that, the Community Council would undertake any cleaning deemed necessary on a need basis.

2699.Church Rd. A meeting was convened with Mr John McEvoy, CCC to discuss damage to hedges and the Church wall with falling stones etc. Mr Mc Evoy suggested that he contacted Mr Kevin Davies for an explanation as to where the roadway was deemed to begin and end

and where the landowner's was. The report received was unclear and the meeting will be reconvened. Cllr John Jones reported that the Council has now put up danger signs at the location as requested.

5. Correspondence

Carmarthen Bar Navigation Committee-agenda for meeting on 19th September

SLCC- The Clerk magazine

Hywel Dda Health Board- Lets Talk Health posters

Boundary Commission-review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales- initial proposals.

Welsh Gov Natural resources -News letter

HMTC-

Mergers of Local Justice Areas in Wales

OVC –Public appointments in Wales

Older People Wales –report

Welsh Audit Office –Consultation on Fee Rates and scales 2017/18 (audit)

6. 2700 Planning Applications- W/34368 .The Clerk reported that Cwrwmalle have given prior notification for the approval of a road between Cwrwmalle and Heol Smyrna .The Council decided that the proposal is not classed as permitted development within the agricultural rules and therefore a full planning application has to be made.-noted.

The Clerk again contacted that planning officer to complain that again this application was reported in the Llansteffan parish but not Llangynog or Llangain where most of Cwrwmalle's land/farms are located.

7. Finance/Approval of Payments

2701. Annual Return. The Clerk reported that the annual return has been approved by the external Auditors, Grant Thornton UK.LLP as an unqualified Audit report. A Notice of Conclusion of Audit now has to be placed on the noticeboards before 30th September.

A remittance for payment will be forwarded in accordance with the Fee Scheme 2016/17 for £231.00.

They did however offer two comments which should be reported to Council but did not affect the audit- viz obtaining an Engagement letter from the Internal Auditor which outlines the tasks they undertake-Clerk to contact LHP Auditors, and also the non submission of the bank statements up to 31st March 2016.- Clerk to contact Grant Thornton. The Audit Report was approved and the Clerk asked to place Conclusion of Audit notices on the noticeboards.

2702. Approval of Payments.

The following were approved

D.I.Griffiths £503 .54 Clerks Sal/exp –July and August

8. County Cllr's Report

Cllr Davies reported that both Llansteffan and Llangynog have appointed new Clerks. He also reported that there had been some instances of cockle poaching and the beds will be closed until April.

9. New or Any Other Business

Cllr Williams reported that there has been some problems with the street lighting on Smyrna crossroads and has contacted the County Council. Also light no. 401/16040 by no 52. Dolydderwen.

It was reported that the potholes at Derw Hill and other patches on Heol Smyrna and also the layby behind Penycoed have still not been addressed- Clerk to contact CCC.

It was noted that June Williams, Ex Mayor and County Councillor and many other public involvement has sadly passed away.

It was reported that Mr Terry James has applied to have the postbox on his property (Old Shop) moved from his entrance as he now intends to re -develop the house.

2703. Milestones Heritage Project. Cllr Haydn Williams reminded the Council that he has been investigating the possibility of re- instating within the community the milestones and has been making enquiries whether a grant would be available for such a project.He had discovered that such a grant may indeed be available and asked the Council for permission to go ahead with further enquiries. It was suggested that he and the Clerk took further actions to pursue the matter. The Council resolved that Cllr Williams and the Clerk undertook to complete application forms and a final decision would be considered when further information regarding the level of grant funding is known.