

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th January 2017.

1. Present : Cllrs. T. Griffiths (Chair), H. Williams, R. Jeremy, A. Evans, A. Freeman, C. Atkins, J. Jones. Also present was County Cllr. D.B. Davies.
2. Apologies : Cllrs. R. and A-L. Morgans
3. Minutes of Last Meeting. Proposed correct by A. Freeman and seconded by C. Atkins.
4. Matters Arising.
2692 & 2699. Highway matters.
Church Road Speeding. 20mph speed limit (see November minutes) - matters progressing.
2706. Mr Mervyn Jones's birthday – matter progressing.
2707. Defibrillator. The Clerk reported that he had received several offers and advice from various organisations. He and Cllr. Jeremy are to discuss options and report back.
5. Correspondence.
2708. Local Government Elections - information received from Carmarthenshire County Council. Further information will be made available for candidates as soon as possible and also processes to be followed after the election. Noted.
Menter - new project to reduce fuel poverty in communities - 'Local Energy Action'.
CCC - Pared Dewi Sant on February 25th from Carmarthen Park at 11.am.
Battle's Over : A Nation's Tribute - 11th November 2018. Information re. lit beacons etc.
SLCC - The Clerk magazine
6. Planning Applications.
2709. Lletyrneuadd Farm - tool shed / sheep poly-tunnel. No objection.
2710. Creigiau Bach. Additional log cabin for disabled use. No objection but application since rejected by the County Council.
2711. Coed Dylan. Proposal for change of use of land to educational garden to provide educational training for young people with learning difficulties and other groups. This includes compost toilet, poly-tunnel and path to Woodland Trust car park. After previous consultations with members, the Clerk had sent a response to the County Council outlining concerns regarding increase in traffic, the entrance being on a dangerous corner and lack of visibility for oncoming traffic.
7. Finance / Approval of Payments.
2712. (a) Approval of Payments. The following were approved:-
SLCC - 11.00 underpayment of subscription (see October minutes. Cheque no. 101495).
WAO - 231.00 audit fee.
I.Griffiths - 593.54 Clerks salary/ expenses x 2.
I.Griffiths - 90.00 underpayment of Sept '16 salary.
Llwyndu farm - 84.00 Xmas Tree.
2713. (b) Income – precept of £3023.23 received from CCC.

2714. (c) Budget 2017/18.

The Clerk presented draft budget proposals for 2017/18 as follows :-

- a. estimated essential spending 9420 = 33.43 pa community rate (band D).
- b. to achieve £250 add. income 9620 = 34.32 do
- c. to achieve £500 add. income 9920 = 35.21 do

Note : the County Council's tax base for 2017/18 is £281.71. (£3.55 per £k).

The Clerk informed members that the current rate is £32.36 p.a. and also an estimated surplus of £8263 in hand as at 31/03/17.

Having regard for the amount of surplus from previous years, it was resolved to adopt the lowest figure of £9420 (£33.43 community rate) i.e. an additional community tax of only £1.10 pa, with any other additional spending resolved to be met from those reserves.

The Clerk was asked to apply to the County Council for a precept of £9420 to cover the Council's needs for the forthcoming financial year.

8. County Councillor's Report.

Cllr. Davies reported that two new dog wardens had been appointed in response to dog fouling concerns.

9. New or Any Other Business.

2715. Damage / nuisance to Road Users.

(a) Complaints were received on behalf of residents of Heol Smyrna, particularly regarding the state of the roadway and ditches on that road. At present three Cwrtmalle slurry tankers were using the road all day from 7.00am at intervals of approx. 10 minutes causing traffic problems and leaving behind them a trail of damage and general nuisance. The County Council had been to clean and open ditches etc. but had not returned frequently enough to keep up with the damage and the mess. Complainants remarked that their rates were calculated for properties on a quiet country lane and now between the persistent farm traffic and domestic traffic using the road as a diversion around the busy Johnstown school traffic, this description no longer fits. Members echoed the concerns and it was resolved that the Clerk again contacts the County Council to request site visits.

(b) Lletyrneuadd Road. Similar concerns were expressed in that location which could be covered by the same site visit. It was noted, however, that this location was frequently reported to Highways and cleaned periodically and also Cllr. Jones reported that Mr Wyn Evans, Lletyrneuadd farm had bought a brush behind his tractor to try to keep the road clear.

(c) Church Road. It was reported that a lorry had become stuck on the church corner and left a mess behind it. The Clerk has reported this to the County Council. It was suggested to ask the County Council whether a sign indicating 'Road Unsuitable For HGVs' could be placed on the entrance to Church Road - to be discussed at the site visit.