

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 17th November 2017.

1. Present : Cllrs. A-M. Morgans (Chair), R. Jeremy, H. Williams, T. Griffiths, J. Jones, A. Evans, C. Atkins and A. Freeman.

2. Apologies : Cllr. R. Morgans and County Cllr. D.B. Davies.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting : Proposed correct by R. Jeremy and seconded by C. Atkins.

4. Matters Arising.

2672. Church Closure - nothing further to report.

2692 and 2699. Highways Matters.

A meeting was held on 24th October with the Clerk, Cllrs. J. Jones and R. Jeremy of Llangain C.C. and Messrs. J. McEvoy and Sion Lewis of C.C.C. at which various highways issues were discussed viz :-

1. Speeding through the village. It was agreed that two automatic traffic counters will be placed on the B4312 - one near Cartref / Haulfryn and one beyond the Church Road / Penycoed junction (see attached map).

2. Church Road. Damage to hedge and Church wall. It was decided that the hedge did not form part of the highway and, therefore, any damage is the responsibility of the land owner. However, after further representations from the community council, it was agreed that a formal request be made for a steel type crash barrier to be placed on the hedge concerned. This request will now be logged on the County Council's infrastructure improvement programme (see attached plan).

3. Application for a 20mph speed limit on the approaches to the school. There is a programme to further this provision throughout the county and presumably Llangain is on this list. However, before approaching the county council further, this needs to have been discussed with the school Governors, a report from whom will be forthcoming shortly.

2706. Mr Mervyn Jones - matter to be progressed.

2707. Defibrillator - further inquiries progressing.

4. Correspondence.

NHS – Wales. Defibrillators – Cllr. Jeremy to report further.

LDBCW - Electoral Review : Policy and Practice.

OVW – Code of Conduct training.

Carmarthen Bar Navigation Committee - notice of meeting.

CCC - Community and Town Council Forum - notice of meeting.

OVW – News Bulletin.

OVW – Ageing Well Walking survey for neighbourhoods.

OVW - Partnership Day 26th January 2017. Wales Remembers 1914-1918 - invitation to meeting.

Welsh Assembly Government. Welsh Language Strategy - website information.

SLCC - Training programme.

SLCC - The Clerk magazine.

WAG - Update on Local Government reform - new ideas on Inter Authority working.

CCC – Carmarthenshire Sports Awards - no nominations.

CCC - BT plans to remove kiosks. Lower Llangain - no response decided.

Community Energy Wales – newsletter.

Clerks and Councils Direct magazine.

OVW – National Infrastructure Wales - consultation website information.

OVW – response to Local Government Reorganisation Wales.

WAG – Land Transaction Tax Wales bill.

Planning Aid Wales newsletter.

IRPW - annual draft report.

Mid & West Wales Fire Service – consultations.

OVW - annual report information.

Planning Inspectorate re. Brechfa Forest electricity connection.

SLCC renewal notice - resolved to renew.

5. Planning Applications - Cwrwmalle application withdrawn.

LLetyrneuadd application for shed approved.

6. Finance / Approval of Payments.

(a). Budget Update. The Clerk presented a report of the budget up to November and forecast of the outcome to 31st March 2017. He stated that on the spending to date, there is an estimated overspend of approx. £77.00 and together with the certified surplus of £8430 for the year ending March 2016, result in approx. £8343 in hand as at 31st March 2017. He emphasized that this is an estimated figure subject to the actual spend for donations, grass cutting, energy / maintenance for Community Council street lights, and other decisions made in the period from November to March 2017 as compared to the estimated figure originally outlined in January 2016. Noted.

(b). Approval of Payments. The following payments were approved :-

I.Griffiths - 14.99 printer cartridge.

I.Griffiths - 296.77 Clerks salary/exp. Oct '16.

British Legion - 25.00 donation for wreath.

7. County Councillor's Report. None.

8. New or Any Other Business.

Dog Fouling – the Clerk reported that he had notices for display if there was need.

Visibility to the right on the junction between Heol Smyrna and the main road. It is believed that this hedge is a private one but the Clerk to report to the council. Also, standing water on Heol Smyrna because of damage again.

At the end of the meeting, the Chair wished all present a Merry Christmas.