

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 18th January 2018

1. Present: Cllrs. T. Griffiths (Chair), C. Atkins, A-L. Morgans, R. Morgans, A. Evans, A. Freeman and J. Jones. County Cllr. C. Jones was also present.

Cllr. Griffiths thanked Cllr. C. Atkins (Vice Chair) for taking the Chair in his absence in the November meeting.

2. Apologies : Cllr. R. Jeremy.
3. Minutes of Last Meeting. Proposed correct by Cllr. Anne Evans and seconded by Cllr. A-L. Morgans.
4. Matters Arising.

2707. Defibrillator. The Clerk reported that equipment is now in place together with the appropriate signs and user advice. After receipt of the grant and the costs of fitting, the final costs for this financial year are as follows :

Equipment - 1737.00

Fitting - 100.00

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Grant - 1000.00

Final Cost - 837.00 (2017/18)

Note. Of this cost, there will be a recovery of £306.00 VAT in 2018/19 making the final cost over the two years of £531.00.

2723. Coed Dylan - no action.

2715. Sign for Church Road – no progress.

2729. Speed Sign by School – no progress.

5. Correspondence.

Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2018. Members were asked to nominate representatives to attend. The Council resolved to nominate the present Chair and Consort to attend.

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales 2018.

The panel's draft Annual report for the year commencing April 2018 proposes several changes to remuneration framework for Councillors. The main change that would affect Community Councillors is Determination 44 which recommends that Community Councillors **must** receive an annual allowance of £150pa to cover telephone, IT and other costs. If these recommendations are adopted by the Panel in their final report which is published in February, it could potentially add £1700 to the budget of Llangain Community Council, include a Chair's allowance, thus increasing the community rate by approx. £5.25 pa.

There is an option within the draft report for individual Councillors to opt out of the allowance. After discussion it was resolved to await the final report and then discuss options if necessary.

SLCC Magazine - article of a review re. changes to Data Protection in the new year.

Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine - article about Carmarthen Town Sheriff.

One Voice Wales. Review of the Local Council Sector survey-completed by Clerk.

6. Planning Applications. None.

7. Finance.

2737. Community Precept 2018/19.

The Clerk presented the Council with a draft budget for 2018/19 with options for covering essential spending and other options as follows :-

Essential spend (estimate)	9408	32.88	Community Rate	32.88 (band D)
Present Budget	9420	32.93	"	"
+ 500.00	9908	34.63	"	"

After consideration the Council resolved a spending figure of 9420 with any additional spending being vired from reserves, latest estimate being 8124. The Clerk was asked to inform the County Council of the precept figure by the due date.

2738. Approval of Payments.

D.I.Griffiths 608.38 Clerks Salary/Exp x 2

W.Rees Electrician 99.48 Fitting and connection of Defibrillator

Carmarthenshire County Council – 1,000.00 Grant for Defibrillator received.

8. County Councillor Report.

Industrial Farming. She had a very productive meeting with Mr Hywel Richards at Cwrtmalle farm. The CCC Task Force to address issues arising from industrial farming throughout the ward held an initial meeting on 5th January which identified issues and areas of responsibility. A follow up meeting has been arranged for Monday 22nd January.

Road Safety – B4312. The Clerk and Councillors of Llansteffan & Llanybri Community Council have met with John McEvoy regarding safety concerns along the B4312. Mr McEvoy informed the Council that the road between Johnstown and Llansteffan has been identified as a dangerous road and has been submitted for a Road Safety Grant (Rural Route Treatment measures). The success or failure of the application should be known soon.

Wernolau. Pre Planning Application for adjustment to silage storage at Wernolau by Cwrtmalle Farm has been submitted for comment. Note that this is not yet a formal planning application. Also, a feasibility plan for further planning has been submitted to the County Council. Cllr. Jones will forward this comprehensive report to all Community Councillors of the three councils within the ward for discussion and comments at their February meetings.

9. Any Other Business.

After discussion regarding the population of the community at the November meeting, the Clerk reported the following figures :-

Electoral Register 2017 = 476.

Population Census 2011 = 573.