

## LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

1. Present : Cllrs. C. Atkins (Vice Chair), A. Freeman, J. Jones, A-L. Morgans, R. Morgans, H. Williams, R. Jeremy, and A. Evans. Also present was County Cllr. C. Jones.

2. Apologies. Cllr. T. Griffiths.

In the Chair's absence the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chair, Cllr. C. Atkins.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting. Proposed correct by H. Williams and seconded by A-L. Morgans.

4. Matters Arising.

2672. Church Closure. No progress.

2707. Community Defibrillator. The Clerk reported that after he had approached the County Council their grant department had decided to award a grant of £1,000 to assist with the costs of the equipment. This, therefore, means that the Community Council's purchase costs will be reduced to £737 plus fitting charges. In addition, in 2018/19 the Council will be able to recover VAT amounting to £289, thus the final cost to the Community Council will be £448 + a small fitting charge. After fitting, which is in hand, training sessions will be organised in the new year.

2715. Sign for Church Road. The Clerk reported that the sign will read 'LONG VEHICLES'

2723. Coed Dylan. The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by Ms. Elen Bowman who stated that the 'Concealed Entrance' sign was erected in accordance with instructions given by County Council officers. She also reported that investigations to cutting of bushes etc. were being conducted.

2729. Speed limit sign by the school. John McEvoy advised that initially the application had to be considered by the Speed Limit Management group before any other plans are initiated.

2733. Remembrance Sunday. It was reported that there was a good attendance at the Memorial Hall.

5. Correspondence.

C & TC Review Consultations. CEO's speech to the One Voice Wales National Conference. Dates were given for the information of Community Councillors who wished to attend area meetings at which the following would be addressed, and, after which could be discussed :-

a. What should Community Councils be responsible for.

- b. How should they operate.
- c. What's standing in their way to deliver for the community.
- d. How do councils ensure best representation for their community.

Magazine – The Clerk.

Clerks and Councils Direct.

6. Planning Applications. 2734 - Ysgubor Fach pond. Approved.

7. Finance/Approval of Payments

a. 2735. Approval of Payments.

The following payments were approved :-

D.I.Griffiths - 304.19 Clerks Sal / Exp.

D.I.Griffiths - 15.99 Printer Cartridge.

b. 2736. Budget Update 2017/18.

The Clerk presented a report of the budget up to November and forecast of the outcome to March 2018. He reported an overspend of £946 including the spending on the defibrillator, minus grant, and together with the certified surplus of £8970 for the year ended March 2017, would still result in a estimated surplus of £8024 as at March 2018. The overspend was predicted in that the Council resolved when formulating the 2017/18 budget in January 2017 that additional spending would be met from reserves.

He emphasized that this is an estimated figure subject to the actual spend for donations, energy /maintenance for street lights and other decisions made in the period from November to March as compared to the actual January budgeted figure.

8. County Councillor's Report. See attached below.

9. New or Any Other Business.

An Email was received from Mr Barry Woodbridge concerning the state of some lanes and that he had been able to clean some culverts etc. The Council asked Cllr. Williams to convey the thanks of the Council for his efforts. It should be noted, however, that in the winter and after heavy rain, these lanes are bound to become dirty and perhaps walkers should be advised to acknowledge this and wear suitable clothing etc. to combat any problems.

Cllr. Williams reported that he had contacted the County Council and that the Street light on the main road by Ger-y-Capel was now working.

Cllr. Atkins wished all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

### INDUSTRIAL FARMING

Following the completion of the maize harvest I have taken steps to ensure that roads and passing-places are cleaned. I am in discussion with relevant authorities to tighten enforcement of laws and by-laws.

### B4312

I am still awaiting a date from John McEvoy re. reviewing speed and safety on the whole length of the B4312.

### SAT NAV

Following another case of a lorry getting stuck near Wern Ddu due to Sat Nav directions, signage at the junction of the U2121 with the C2078 will be erected.

### NEW MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

I have contacted Tracey Davies for information on the extra services offered by the New Mobile Library service. I am expecting publicity material for display on notice boards and to be circulated on social media.

### NATIONAL GRID

Community Grant Programme. Following enquiries it appears that establishments such as Llangain Hall could be eligible for funding due to the proposed works to the local network. This does not exclude other bodies/societies in Llangain. I will take the brief to the next Hall Committee meeting.

### RECYCLING

I recently attended a recycling seminar and hope to visit Cwm after Christmas to learn more. I will then be happy to arrange an information session in the hall to answer recycling questions with a view to reducing 'black bag' waste.

### VILLAGE OF CULTURE 2018

Llansteffan has accepted the nomination as the (first) Village of Culture in Carmarthenshire for 2018. Funding will be available for events and activities - more detail to follow. A meeting will held on Tuesday 21st November in Llansteffan Memorial Hall to discuss the possibilities - everyone welcome. The plan is to involve Llangynog, Llanybri and Llangain in the activities, both by supporting and sharing events and, hopefully, co-working on projects.