

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st September 2017.

1. Present : Cllrs. C. Atkins (Vice Chair), R. Jeremy, H. Williams, J. Jones, R. Morgans, A. Evans and A. Freeman. Also present was County Cllr. C. Jones.
2. Apologies : Cllrs. T. Griffiths and A-L. Morgans.
3. Minutes of the last Meeting. Proposed correct by Cllr. A. Evans and seconded by Cllr. A. Freeman subject to Minute 2623 Dylan Woods. It should read that Cllr. Morgans has had dealings with similar organisations.
4. Matters Arising.

2672. St Cain's Church. A notice has been placed on the church wall from the Diocesan Council informing the intention to open another entrance to the graveyard to enable those who need to visit it without interference to the new owner. After several concerns from interested parties, the Clerk has contacted the Diocese in Abergwili who informed him that the matter was being dealt with by their offices in Cardiff. He also contacted the Priest in Charge who informed him that this was being done to ensure continued access to the cemetery.

The Clerk then contacted Mr Stuart Willis in the Planning Dept. who informed him that he had received several phone calls regarding the matter but no planning application, which would be necessary before establishing a new entrance. After a long discussion when there were a number of concerns and other options suggested, it was resolved to wait until a planning application had been received by the County Council when the Community Council would have a chance to comment at the consultation stage.

2707. Defibrillator. Cllr. Jeremy reported the following :-

1. He has spoken to the manager for the Welsh Ambulance Service who confirmed that
2. They recommend the ZOL AED + machine, open with no key.
3. They will hold demonstrations, supply free spare parts and any other support necessary.

Cllr. Jeremy also reported that the cost will be between £800 and £1200, dependent on the cost of extras such as a heated case, as recommended, and also that consent had been given by the Memorial Hall Committee to place the equipment on the front wall of the Hall. He was thanked for his efforts and asked to proceed with the purchase etc.

2715. Following an enquiry from John McEvoy, it was resolved to carry on with the establishment of a 'No Large Vehicle' sign on the entrance to Church Road but with an amendment that it should deter long vehicles.

2719. Alltynap / Cwrtmalle Traffic.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Angela Burns reporting a response from the County Council regarding the alternative routes for heavy vehicles previously suggested. Basically, the letter stated that these routes were not feasible and invited representatives from the Community Council and Llangain Action Group to drive those routes with John McEvoy, CCC.

It was decided that Cllr. John Jones represent the Council in this matter. It is understood that Dr Peris Williams would also join John McEvoy on the drive. County Cllr. Carys Jones would also wish to be involved. Also see her September report.

2723. Dylan Woods. Cllr. John Jones reported that he had organised the cutting back of the hedges around the entrance as he promised to Elen Bowman. At the time she also agreed to have a "Concealed Entrance " sign erected near the entrance which has not happened. Cllr. Jones was thanked for his efforts and the Clerk had contacted Ms. Bowman on the matter who wished to thank John Jones and confirmed that the sign was on order.

2729. Speed Limit by School. The Clerk reminded the Council that he had received conflicting reports from John McEvoy regarding the issue and had asked for clarification. It was resolved that the request be placed before the Speed Limit Working Group which has representatives from both the County Council and DPPA. But, in the meantime, to make representations to the 'Safe Routes To School' for a grant which, perhaps, would speed up the process.

5. Correspondence.

Local Democracy and Boundary Commission—revised edition for consultation.

Letter from Angela Burns re. alternative routes.

'Go Wales' newsletter.

OVC - next Area meeting.

SLCC - The Clerk magazine.

Community Health Council – poster.

BHIB - Introductory letter re. transfer of insurance cover from AON. Noted but no change implications for Community Council.

Ombudsman Case Book.

6. Planning Applications - Nil.

7. Finance / Approval of Payments.

Annual Accounts. The Clerk reported that the Annual Return and Governance Summary etc. had been approved by the External Auditor with no questions or comments. The final approved detail is available to all on the village website and noticeboards.

Approval of Payments. The following payments were approved :-

J. King 55.00 Website hosting

I.Griffiths 603.54 Clerk's salary / exp x 2

Bowen and Weaving 13.75 Misc. Stationery

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

9. New or Any Other Business.

Cllr. Jeremy reported that a resident of Maesyrawel has complained that the hedges behind the bungalows need cutting. Clerk to contact CCC Housing Department.

It was reported that Cllr. Atkins has made adjustments to the noticeboard door to stop them from swinging wide open. Thanks to Cllr. Atkins.

Cllr. Williams had attended a meeting dealing with Local Government changes held by the Boundary Commission for Wales. He reported that there were no changes proposed which affected Llangain.

He also reported that a flag had been purchased for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September.

It was reported that the SSSI hedges in the area had now been cut.

After discussion it was resolved to hold the next meeting on Thursday, 26th October 2017.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

ROAD SAFETY

Following the recent tragic death of Bryan Smithers on the B4132, it has been requested that a review be undertaken to assess the presence and effectiveness of warning signage between Llangain and Llansteffan / Llanybri. I'm in correspondence with the police and the Council.

GREEN CASTLE WOODS CAR PARK - DOG FOULING

On 29th August, a site meeting was held with Chris Matts (Woodlands Trust), Paul Morris (CCC Environmental Enforcement) and Cllr. Haydn Williams. It was agreed that a bin for general waste and dog foulings be supplied by CCC. Woodlands Trust to finance purchase and collection of waste. Periods between collections to be monitored in the short term to establish need.

BROADBAND SERVICES

I have received complaints re. broadband services in rural areas of the ward. If councillors have specific knowledge of slow / non-existent service, please let me know as I'm forwarding details to Simon Thomas AM, who is working on rural Carmarthenshire broadband issues at present.

DEFIBRILLATORS I attended a defibrillator course last week. **It is not recommended that coded cases be locked as this has led to delays in access. The code should not be set.** Alan Cooper, Llansteffan First Responders, is happy to help with the Llangain provision and advise on training.

INDUSTRIAL FARMING

The Clerk and I met on 7th September, to examine past correspondence with Mr. Howell Richards. I have written to Mr Richards requesting a site tour of Cwrt Malle, including Cllr. Gareth John, when we will have an opportunity to establish the status quo with a view to discussing ways forward in addressing the issues that have been so contentious within this ward.

CCC MONTHLY MEETING

5-year Work Plan will be presented for debate next month. I'll summarize issues pertinent to our ward in your October meeting.