

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 18th July 2019.

1. Present. Cllrs. R. Jeremy (Chair), H. Williams, A. Evans, J. Jones and T. Griffiths. Also present was County Cllr. C. Jones.
2. Apologies. R. Morgans, A-L. Morgans, A. Freeman and C. Atkins.
3. Minutes of Last Meeting. Proposed correct by T. Griffiths and seconded by H. Williams.
4. Matters Arising.

2744. Footpath 25/9. This has now become overgrown. It was also noted that the Rhydlydan to Dolaumeinion (25/3) needs some attention. Clerk to contact CCC.

2747. Parking outside School. It was reported that yellow lines were in the process of being amended. The new arrangements would place the lines both sides of the road from the recycling area to the Hall.

2749. Tarmac outside the Hall. It was reported that the project was progressing.

2763. The Opting Out Forms were completed in respect of the members present. Cllr. Jeremy stated that he would accept the payment in lieu of expenses during his year as Chair. Noted.

5. Correspondence.

A Healthier Mid and West Wales : our future generations living well - Hywel Dda Health Board.

Bosworth Day Festival on 10th August - Friends of St Peter's Church.

Llangain Sports and Recreation Committee. Letter outlining a proposal from Carmarthen Tennis Club requesting permission to use the field as a base for their activities. The Clerk reported that he had replied to Mrs Scott (Chair) that it would not be an arrangement involving the Community Council but rather for their committee. He further advised them to contact the County Council's Sports and Leisure Department for their advice in such arrangements.

Clerks and Councils direct magazine.

The Clerk magazine – SLCC.

CCC Community Lighting Project. Proposal to change our Community Lights from low pressure sodium units to LED because of the unavailability of the sodium units wef July 2019. The County Council has secured a loan from the Welsh Government which is based

on 'Invest to Save' principle targeted at supporting energy reduction and reduced carbon emissions. The loan is over an eight year period and interest free.

The tendered cost for each unit is £139 and, therefore, the cost would be 139 x number of community lights. The replacement costs would be covered by the loan by which the Community Council would repay over the 8 year period starting in April 2020.

During that period, there will be significant energy savings which would hopefully result in savings, would hopefully equate to the repayments and will bring the lights into line with modern technology.

The cost for Llangain will be 32 x £139 = £4,448.00 which would equate to an annual loan repayment of £556.00 over the eight year period.

Over that time, the predicted energy costs would reduce from an average of £855.54 p.a. with the sodium lights to £264.07 p.a. with the LED units. This is, however, an estimate and the savings will vary based on price of electricity.

Also, if the Council does not participate in the loan scheme, replacing individual lights will be substantially increase based on labour and call out costs.

After discussion the Council decided to accept the proposal and the Clerk was asked to inform the Council's lighting depot by the due date.

6. Planning Applications. None.

7. Finance/Approval of Payments.

The following payments were approved.

D. I. Griffiths 324.23 Clerk's Salary (£264.223 and £60.00 expenses)

J. King 100.00 Website hosting

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

9. New or Any Other Business.

The Chair congratulated Cllr. Haydn Williams on his acceptance to the Gorsedd Cymru.

The Chair reported on his invitation to the Boat Club which was very enjoyable.

Church Road. It was reported that after work done by Dwr Cymru and the very warm weather, the tarmac had fallen, creating a deep rut in the road surface. Clerk to contact CCC.

There are concerns regarding the path behind the Maesyrawel complex. The hedge has now been trashed but there are other issues which need resolving. Clerk to contact the CCC Housing Department.

CLlr. Williams reported that there had been issues regarding lights covered by growth at Penycoed junction (721/01) and Coedmor entrance (721/24) which he had sorted with the landowners and now been cleared.

He also reported that the reporting of faulty street lights is now online. Noted.

The Clerk, Mr Iwan Griffiths gave notice of his intention to end his employment as Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to the Council with effect from 31st July 2020. During the intervening period he and the Chair would arrange an advertisement and recruitment process to appoint another Clerk.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

HIGHWAY SAFETY

It is hoped that work to install yellow road markings on both sides of the road outside the school entrance will be confirmed soon. This will improve the safety and visibility immediately outside the school bay.

"COUNTY LINES" AND ANTI-TERRORISM

I have attended a training seminar delivered by Dyfed-Powys Police on the prevalence of Class A drugs in our communities. "County Lines" (method of supply and sale) has reached this county and needs to be tackled with the assistance of the community. The fight against terrorism also reaches into this area.

BIODIVERSITY

I have attended a training seminar on Biodiversity in the county, where issues such as hedge-cutting and verge-trashing were discussed. Fewer cuts are now an established pattern, and the opportunities for nesting and pollination have greatly increased. However, highway safety remains a priority.

EISTEDDFOD YR URDD 2021

The Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2021 meeting was held on June 20th to establish the fundraising committee for this ward. We have a target of £4,000 to raise over four years - over all four communities.

VISIT TO RECYCLING CENTRE

Following a *FASCINATING* tour of Nant y Caws Recycling Centre, I am happy to do presentations/advice on recycling for clubs/societies.