

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th September 2019

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

Before the business of the meeting commenced, Cllr. Roland Jeremy (Chair). reported that he had visited Cllr. Ralph Morgans in hospital with a card from the Community Council and encouraged other members to visit him. Cllr. Haydn Williams noted that he had been to visit but he had hospital staff around him and, therefore, didn't wish to disturb them.

4. Matters Arising.

2744. Footpaths 25/03 and 25/09. Clerk to contact CCC again.

2747. Parking outside the school. In progress with approval from school.

2749. Tarmac outside Hall. It was reported that the tarmac had been laid, with yellow markings arrangements in progress - probably during half term holiday.

2773. Community Lighting Project. The Clerk reported that he had written to the County Council accepting the proposals. Further details will be known nearer the commencement date of April 2020. **The repayment costs of £556.00 will have to be factored into the community budget for 2020/21 and the following 7 years.** Noted.

5. Correspondence.

A letter was received from the Memorial Hall Committee. It invited all users to a Community Morning on Saturday 21st, September to publicise what each organisation has to offer the Community. The number and particular uses of the hall will advertise it to residents. Such information to be used in applying for large grants which are now becoming essential to pay for the upkeep and modernisation of the hall. The invitation is noted with a number of council members hopefully being able to attend.

2774. Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales. Review of the Electoral Arrangements in Carmarthenshire. Proposal to combine the Wards of Llansteffan and St Clears with two County Councillors.

Cllr. Carys Jones outlined the proposals and has responded to the Commission stating that in her view this would be an amalgamation in name only as Llansteffan, being a rural ward with its own, rural issues, whilst St Clears is a small town. The Community Council s invited

to respond with its own views. Noted.

The Clerk magazine.

Clerk and Council Direct Magazine.

Nominations for Local Sporting Hero. No action.

CCC. Process for dealing with a council vacancy. Noted.

SLCC branch meeting 30th September.

2775. Financial Regulations. The Clerk reported that the Financial Regulations previously adopted by the Community Council are out of date and revised regulations are now in being. The revisions were largely to deal with contracts, procurements and perhaps wouldn't affect the Council's every day business. The new regulations have been recommended by One Voice Wales and, therefore, the Council resolved to adopt the new regulations.

6. Planning Applications. No new applications but it was reported that a site meeting regarding the Dol-y-Dderwen development had been held on the morning of the 19th. Noted.

7. Finance / Approval of Payments.

2776. Annual Return. The Clerk reported that the Annual Return had been returned from the External Auditors with no issues to be rectified. The required Notice of Conclusion of Audit will be placed on the noticeboard.

2777. The following payments were approved.

D. I. Griffiths 648.46 Clerk's Salary & Expenses x 2

D. I. Griffiths 31.00 Printer Cartridge

A.W.Mathews 29.10 Chair's Collar Bar

Precept of £3,450 received from CCC

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

9. New or Any Other Business.

A complaint regarding residential caravans at Church House Farm. Clerk to contact CCC.

It was noted that no officer of Dyfed Powys had attended a Council meeting for a long time. Clerk to contact Police Authority.

Sunken tarmac by the Church now repaired.

There were complaints received regarding unneighbourly conduct by a resident of Maesyrawel. The Clerk reported that he had already contacted the Housing Department. Cllr. Carys Jones to make further enquiries.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

LLANGAIN MEMORIAL HALL

A Community Engagement Event will be held in Llangain on Saturday 21st, September in the form of a HUGE Coffee Morning. This is to provide evidence of community support for much-needed funding for hall refurbishments. Please support, and share this information.

REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales has published its Final Recommendations Report. The Commission continues to propose to combine the communities of Llangain, Llangynog and Llansteffan & Llanybri with the town of St. Clears to form an electoral ward with 4,195 electors which, if represented by two councillors, would result in a representation that is 10% above the proposed county average. (Llansteffan ward is currently 12% below). I will again be responding expressing a strong objection on several grounds, mostly based on diverse demographics. I would welcome support in this matter.

FARMING

I have attended a seminar organised by Farming Connect which explained the new regulations regarding Nitrate Vulnerable Zones which come into force next year. The changes are particularly pertinent to this area, and will be challenging for local farmers - whatever the size of their enterprise. It is important that farmers make use of services offered by Farming Connect (and other) for financial advice and support through the forthcoming transitional period.

EISTEDDFOD YR URDD 2021

The local Appeal Committee for Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2021 has been established and will meet on Wednesday 23rd, October at the Ben Harries Institute, Llansteffan. Following meeting will be arranged in Llangynog, Llangain and Llanybri. Please volunteer any fundraising ideas for Llangain - we need to raise £4,000.

RECYCLING

From October 7th, if you bring any black bags to the Nant y Caws recycling centre you will have to open them and place any recyclable items into the correct bin. From October 7th, the fortnightly collection of black bags will be reduced from 4 to 3 per household. Food bucket bags will also be distributed for free. Special arrangements can be made for young families with nappies or other household needs, so please contact me or the CCC website for further information. **DO NOT PUT ANY FOOD IN YOUR BLACK BAGS!**