

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 16th January, 2020.

1. Present : Cllrs. R. Jeremy (Chair), H. Williams, T. Griffiths, A. Freeman, C. Atkins and J. Jones. County Cllr. C. Jones also attended.

2. Apologies : Cllrs. A-L. Morgans, R. Morgans and A. Evans.

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and wished everyone a happy new year.

3. Minutes of last meeting. Proposed correct by C. Atkins and seconded by T. Griffiths.

4. Matters Arising.

2744. Footpath 25/3. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to CCC. An officer had visited the site and the owners of the field had assured him that clearing would be done when the growing season starts.

Water on Church road due to a blocked ditch on the main road. Clerk to report to CCC.

5. Correspondence.

Christmas greetings from both the Leader and Chief Executive of the County Council.

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Email from Mrs Dunn advising the Council of pollution in Fernhill brook caused by Cwrtmalle slurry. The matter has been reported to NRW. Cllr. Carys Jones reported that Llangynog Community Council have asked Mr Iwan Williams, NRW to attend their meeting. County Cllr. Jones to report back. Noted.

Buckingham Palace Garden Party invitation for Chair to attend. Chair did not wish to attend.

Bruno Peek. Information re. VE Day on 8th May. Tribute to the contribution of women during WW2.

6. Planning Applications. W/38729. Vicarage Field.

The Clerk had received an invitation to comment to the Planning Appeals Tribunal re. the application and had responded that the Community Council had previously supported the application and that decision stood. He advised the Council that the appeal had since been turned down. Noted.

7. Finance.

(a) Precept 2020/21.

The Clerk gave a full report regarding the current and projected financial position as at March 2020. He estimated reserves of £7500. He also advised the meeting that the additional annual payment regarding the agreed upgrading of the Community Council's street lights of £556 per annum would have to be considered when setting the budget, although the annual payments would eventually be less after the new LED lights were installed. The Council decided that initially they would include the whole amount.

The Clerk circulated copies of the budgetary details with some options. It was resolved that having regard to the substantial reserves in hand they would only increase their precept mostly by the added electricity amount. The revised precept would become £10366 which would mean an annual community rate for Band B properties, an increase of £2.43 pa. Any extra or unexpected spending would then be borne out of reserves. Resolved.

The Clerk was asked to advise the County Council of the precept request by the 31st January as required.

(b) Approval of Payments. The following payments were approved.

Old Castle Gardening.	£503.00	Grass cutting
I. Griffiths	£32.93	Printer Cartridge
I. Griffiths	£324.23	Salary/exp November
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Memorial Hall	£67.50	Rent of room
Llwyndu Farms	£60.00	Christmas Tree

8. New or Any Other Business.

The Chair thanked Cllr. Haydn Williams for his work in erecting the Christmas Tree and reported that he had received a number of positive response from residents regarding the display.

It was reported that it was very dark behind the bungalows near No. 17, Maesyrawel. It was resolved to wait until the new lights had been installed which would be a brighter white light which could hopefully resolved the problem. There was also a report of a pothole at the bottom of Derw hill. The Clerk will report the issue to the County Council.