

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 20th February, 2020.

1. Present : Cllrs. T. Griffiths (Acting Chair), H. Williams, A. Evans, J. Jones, A. Freeman and C. Atkins. Also present was County Cllr. Carys Jones.

In the absence of both Chair and Vice Chair, Cllr. T. Griffiths was asked to take the Chair.

The Chair wished to note the sad passing of retired Community Council member Mrs Maralyn John. As well as her Community Council work over many years, she had also participated fully in village activities including running a youth club. She had suffered with ill health in later life prior to her death. She will be sadly missed in the community.

2. Apologies. Cllrs. R. and A-L. Morgans and R. Jeremy.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting. Proposed correct by Cllr. Atkins and seconded by Cllr. A. Freeman.

4. Matters Arising. None.

5. Correspondence.

One Voice Wales. Advice on Community Council Websites - what it should include and also the Wales Bill which changes the electoral cycle of Principal and Community Councils from four to five year terms.

Letter from Elliott Davies of Ger y Capel requesting a donation to assist him on his Urdd Volunteering Trip to Patagonia.

Urdd Eisteddfod 2021 - Llansteffan Appeal Committee.

Carmarthen Youth Opera - My Fair Lady.

Hall Committee. Keys for entry now kept in a security box with a password.

Press Release from Welsh Audit - criticism of Community Councils in their Annual Accounts and Governance. Noted.

LDP inspection dates.

Simon Hart, MP newsletter.

One Voice Wales – advice on Annual Financial Table of Actions.

Menter Sir Gâr – Gwyl Canol Dref July 11th.

6. Industry, Environment and Infrastructure. Cllr. Carys Jones reported on an initiative to organise a joint meeting of the three community Councils within her ward to discuss and agree ways to combat the implications and potential damage of large farms in a small rural community, the effects of slurry spreading and harvesting to the environment and road infrastructure etc. It was resolved to take part in the joint initiative. Cllrs. Terry Griffiths and Angela Freeman were nominated to attend the first meeting.

7. Finance/Donations

(a) Approval of Payments.

The following payments were approved :-

One Voice Wales	92.00	Subscription
SLCC	92.00	do
I. Griffiths	324.23	Clerks salary/expenses
Welsh Audit	264.75	Audit fee

(b) Donations. The Clerk circulated a list of applicants for donations and it was resolved to approve the following :-

Llangain School	350	
Smyrna Chapel	250	
Memorial Hall	250	
Sports & Recreation Committee	300	
Bowls Club	150	
Gardening Club	75	
Air Ambulance Wales	100	
RNLI	25	
British Legion	25	Already given
Elliott Davies, Ger-y-Capel	100	Urdd International Project in Patagonia
Young Farmers Club	50	
Youth Opera	25	'My Fair Lady' production

Cancer Information & Support Services	25	
Urdd Eisteddfod 2021	100	Llansteffan Appeal Committee
Total	1825	(£325 vired from Reserves)

The Clerk reported that the budget set for this year's donations was £1500 and that any spending over and above that amount would have to be borne by Reserves. Noted.

8. New or Any Other Business.

Cllr. Haydn Williams reported that he had attended the area meeting of One Voice Wales and reported on the main discussion points of the meeting including a document stating the publishing of various policies and proceedings on the Council's website. It was noted that Llangain already adhere to these requirements. Cllr. Williams was thanked for his attendance and report.

'Castell Gwyrdd' Community Farm.

Cllr. Carys Jones reported that she had been made aware of a potential community farm being set up on some land near Old Castle. She expressed great concerns regarding such an unplanned and unregulated project in the area on many levels. After discussion it was decided to hold a Special Meeting at the hall on Monday, 2nd March, in order to receive Cllr. Jones' report and decide on the Council's action to deal with this development.

See minutes of Special Meeting below.

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Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Monday, 2nd March, 2020.

Present : Cllrs. R. Jeremy (Chair), T. Griffiths, H. Williams, A. Evans, J. Jones, A. Freeman and C. Atkins. Also present was County Cllr. Carys Jones.

Apologies : Cllrs. R. and A-L. Morgans.

Minutes.

County Cllr. Carys Jones presented a report to the Community Council regarding the potential development of a community farm on land near Old Castle without any planning, licensing or any other necessary regulations.

Cllr. Jones spoke of her concerns for potential damage to vulnerable children invited to attend there and many other major concerns including misleading adverts. After a long discussion, it was resolved to support Cllr. Jones and express the council's own objections and concerns about having such an unregulated project in the area.

The Clerk was, therefore, asked to write a letter to the Chief Executive of Carmarthenshire County Council; Cllr. Emlyn Dole, Leader of CCC and to Cllr. Philip Hughes, Executive Board Member for Public Protection supporting Cllr. Jones and expressing their own objections. The letter would then be circulated to all members for their information.