

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held by ZOOM on Thursday, 18th February 2021.

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

2791. Woodland Trust Car Park. Following the complaints regarding many visitors and dog walking around the village, County Cllr. C. Jones has spoken to the Police Authority who noted the concern but stated that at least the visitors were mostly local people. Noted.

2792. Milestone Project. Cllr. Williams reported that following the match funding of £500, he had spoken to the Milestone Society and confirmed that the Community Council had resolved to support the project with an initial donation of £500. It's expected that the work in the Llangain area would start in the following year. Noted. Clerk to confirm to the society by letter.

2793. Highways. Church Road and Lletyrneuadd Road have now been cleaned. Cllr. Evans reported that there was need for similar action on Heol Smyrna but was pursuing the matter herself. Noted.

It was noted that a large pothole by Plas Cwrthir has been filled in soon after reporting it to the County Council.

5. Correspondence.

Various Updates re. Coronavirus.

Other Items of interest already sent to members.

6. Planning Applications. None.

7. Finance.

2794. Approval of Payments.

D. I. Griffiths 648.46 Clerks salary/ expenses x 2 (December to February)

2795. Donations agreed as below :-

Llangain School	350
Smyrna Chapel	250
Memorial Hall	450
Sports & Recreation	- Awaiting response from committee
Bowls Club	100
Gardening Club	100
Air Ambulance	100
YFC	50
Urdd Eisteddfod	150
Llangain Players	100
Local British Legion	25 (already given)
TOTAL	£1675 (Note. £175.00 vired from Reserves)

8. New or Any Other Business.

2796. Trees at Llangain Crossroads. Some members feel that having them cut periodically was becoming a waste of money while others felt that they were features of the Crossroads. It was decided to leave the discussion until the March meeting.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

WELSH GOVERNMENT/NATIONAL RESOURCES WALES INITIATIVES CONTROL OF AGRICULTURAL POLLUTION REGULATIONS

The recent Written Statement by Leslie Griffiths establishes baseline standards for good practice which will be introduced from 1st April 2021. Please visit : www.gov.wales/written-statement-control-agricultural-pollution-regulations

The recent Agriculture (Wales) Bill White Paper is inviting contributions to its consultation. Please visit : www.gov.wales/agriculture-wales-bill and present your views.

Nitrates policy may place the whole of Wales in a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone and is likely to cause disruption within the farming community. The prohibition on spreading slurry for five months in the year is likely to compound local problems experienced due to the volume of

slurry from the superfarms, and incur prohibitive costs to small/medium farms. Further details to come.

The recent Special Areas of Conservation Phosphate Compliance Report is likely to impact on most planning applications. Phosphate impact assessments will be necessary as part of the planning application process - there is no detail as yet on how widely this legislation will be applicable.

INDUSTRIAL FARMING TASK FORCE

Next week I have a virtual meeting of the Task Force with Mr and Mrs Richards, Cwrt Malle. The agenda will include status of Planning Consents at Wernolau, any new structural development, slurry separation installation, traffic reduction targets, and responses to NVZ and Phosphate directives.

FFERMIO FORUM

The forum will meet next week with a representative of NRW. We look forward to a constructive session focusing on issues related to pollution and environmental enforcement.

SKY FILMS

A Sky Film 'The Loneliest Boy in the World' will be filmed in Ferry Point and Llansteffan village next week. The crew will be arriving on March 2nd (date not confirmed) and filming is expected to last 3 to 4 days. The cast/crew may be staying in accommodation locally including Llangain. Such accommodation has been authorised for use under Covid-19 restrictions, and the company's activities are heavily regulated.

SAFE ROUTES IN COMMUNITIES

The Safe Routes In Communities (SRIC) grant application for Llanybri has been submitted to Welsh Government which underlined the case for highway/driver safety and improvements in our community. The benefits of elements of this grant, if successful, will be also be seen in Llangain and Llangynog.