

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 18th March 2021.

1. Present. Cllrs. R. Jeremy (Chair), H. Williams, C. Atkins, A. Evans and A-L. Morgans. Also County Cllr. C. Jones.

2. Apologies. T. Griffiths, A. Freeman, R. Morgans and J. Jones.

3. Minutes of last Meeting. Proposed correct by Cllr. A. Evans and seconded by Cllr. H. Williams.

4. Matters Arising.

2792. Milestone Project. The Clerk reported that he had written to the Secretary of the Milestone Society, UK to confirm the initial donation of £500 as match funding.

2793. Heol Smyrna. The Clerk has written to Mr Ian Thomas, Highways to address the condition of the road. It seems that the problem needed a road sweeper and when that is available in the area the road will be swept.

2795. Trees at Smyrna Crossroads.

Further to discussions at the February meeting concerns were expressed regarding the trees on both sides of the Crossroads. The one on School Road side seems to be unhealthy and also growing into the beech hedge behind. The other is the subject of complaints from a neighbour regarding leaves falling into her garden.

Some members suggested felling both trees whilst others favoured trimming both trees. After some discussion it was resolved that the tree beside the beech hedge be felled whilst the tree by the kiosk be trimmed back.

5. Correspondence.

Letter of Thanks for donations from Young Farmers Club, Memorial Hall and Ysgol Llangain.

One Voice Wales - Cyber Security Code.

One Voice Wales - Training sessions.

One Voice Wales - Local Government and Elections Act - Remote meetings and Audit Arrangements.

Independent Remuneration Panel Wales. Changes in payments and allowances for Community Councillors (page 40 onwards. Llangain is in Group 3).

6. Planning Applications.

2796. W/37254. Wernolau farm. Unauthorised works. The Council again wish to object as they did in the original application. Clerk to inform Planning Department.

7. Finance/Approval of Payments.

2797. The following payments were approved.

Old Castle Gardening	458.00	Grass cutting
One Voice Wales	94.00	Membership
I. Griffiths	324.23	Clerk's Salary & Expenses
Do	525.00	Holiday pay (details attached)
Do	86.52	Arrears of Pay Award (details attached)
Carms County Council	1594.83	Footway lighting charges

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

9. New or Any Other Business.

2798. Red Kiosk. Cllr. H. Williams noted that the inside of the kiosk was becoming rusty and suggested that the old telephone black metal panel be removed and the back made tidy. Councillors were in agreement and asked Cllr. Williams to make the necessary arrangements.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

INDUSTRIAL FARMING TASK FORCE

The Task Force has met with Mr Richards, Cwrt Malle. The actions agreed in the meeting include a statement showing data for traffic reduction as a result of the Wernolau development, reduction in slurry tanker journeys as a result of the installation of the slurry separator and regular communication with the community regarding planned intense activity in particular areas. Discussion also included impact of NVZ and Phosphate directives, highway safety and communication between Task Force and agricultural contractors. The group will meet again in April/May, at Cwrt Malle if Covid restrictions allow.

FFERMIO FORUM

The forum has met with Ioan Williams of NRW. A comprehensive discussion was held around ten pre-prepared questions covering pollution, environmental enforcement, emergency response, testing of waterways, impact of Welsh Government's recent legislation "Control of Pollution in Wales" (including NVZs), new technology and future direction of NRW's remit. The next meeting is with Dyfed Powys Police, and will investigate Highway Safety, traffic offences etc.

ASH DIE-BACK

I have attended a training seminar on Ash Dieback, which is of great consequence to us all. It is likely to cause the loss of around 98% of Ash trees in Carmarthenshire. I will distribute information leaflets to members for information on the responsibility of private landowners to recognise and address diseased trees. Diseased trees near public highways or public footpaths pose a great danger to the public. See:
<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/planning/biodiversity/ash-dieback-disease/>

PARKING NEAR SCHOOL PREMISES

Plans have been circulated to members regarding the prohibition of parking outside many schools in the county. Parking outside Ysgol Llangain will be prohibited between the hours of 8am and 5pm on weekdays, and markings and signage will be applied to the affected area.