

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 20th May 2021.

1. Present. Cllrs. R. Jeremy, H. Williams, T. Griffiths, A. Evans, C. Atkins, A-L. Morgans and J. Jones. Also present was County Cllr. C. Jones.
2. Apologies. Cllr. A. Freeman, R. Morgans.
3. Appointment of Chairman. It was proposed that the present Vice- Chair, Cllr Haydn Williams be appointed to serve as Chair for the year commencing May 2021. Cllr. Williams accepted the office and signed the necessary declaration. The outgoing Chair, Cllr Jeremy thanked the Clerk, Mr Iwan Griffiths for his advice and support and arrangements during the difficult times during the Covid19 outbreak and lockdown.
4. Appointment of Vice-Chair. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Carl Atkins be appointed to serve as Vice Chair during the coming year.
5. Appointment of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. It was resolved that Mr I. Griffiths continue in the post.
6. Appointment of Internal Auditor. It was resolved that LHP continue as the Council's auditors.
7. Appointment of members to attend One Voice Wales meetings. Any member available.
8. Sub Committees. It was resolved that Sub Committees be established for specific duties as necessary with membership and number resolved by a full council meeting. Such committees would not normally have plenary powers but would rather, report back to the full Council.
9. Delegated Powers. It was resolved that the Clerk be empowered to ask signatories to sign cheques for expected payments at times when there are no monthly meetings with the expenditure subsequently reported to the Council for information.
10. It was also resolved that the Chair would have deciding powers if the issue or item is of a minor nature, particularly if such matters involve payment from the Chair's expenses.

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Minutes of the meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 20th May 2021.

1. Present. Cllrs H. Williams (Chair), C. Atkins, R. Jeremy, T. Griffiths, A. Evans, J. Jones, A-L. Morgans. Also present was County Cllr. C. Jones.

2. Apologies. Cllrs R. Morgans and A. Freeman

3. Minutes of last meeting. Proposed correct by C. Atkins and seconded by A. Evans.

4. Matters Arising.

Non attendance at meetings. It was resolved that the arrangements for failing to attend meetings made in January 2021 would be reviewed after the AGM. Unfortunately, due to continued illness Cllr. Ralph Morgans is still unable to attend and, therefore, regrettably his membership is declared null and void. This, therefore, creates a vacancy on the Community Council. After discussion, it was resolved not to advertise this vacancy having regard to the fact that there are elections in May 2022. Noted.

2793. Milestone Project. The Clerk reported that the letter confirming the initial £500 match funding had been sent to the secretary of the Milestone Society UK.

2793. Heol Smyrna. Sweeping still not done. Clerk to remind Highways.

2795. Trees on Smyrna square. It was reported that one tree has been taken down and the other has been trimmed.

Independent Remuneration Panel Wales. Opt out forms to be sent to members.

5. Correspondence.

'Building a healthier future after COVID' – Hywel Dda.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - Hywel Dda.

2799. Llangain, Llansteffan and Bancyfelin Schools Federation. Nomination of Minor Authority Representative. It was resolved that Cllr Haydn Williams be nominated to serve from 1st September 2021.

6. Planning Applications.

2800. Application No. PL/01863. Cysgod y Deri. Removal of existing sunroom and erection of larger sunroom with slated Roof. No objection.

7. Finance.

a. 2801. Approval of Payments.

R. Jeremy 300.00 Chairs Allowance x 2 years

I. Griffiths 662.88 Clerk's Salary/expenses x 2 months

b. 2802. Annual Accounts.

The Clerk reported that he had completed the annual accounts for 2020/21. The accounts now show a surplus of £9820 which is an increase of £1810 from the initial figure from the 2019/20 amount.

The increase is due to the £585 unspent amount in respect of out of date cheques which the Audit Wales ruled should be added to the initial figure. The other £1225 is an underspend mostly due to the fact that the Community Council did not undertake much financial activity due to the lockdown.

As the Clerk has outlined previously, most of such a surplus should be identified for future spending on specific projects. Regarding this, the Council resolved that the money should be kept for the Milestone project, the potential need for replacement of noticeboards etc. and match funded projects.

The Council approved the accounts and thanked the Clerk for his work.

The Accounts will now be signed by the Chair and forwarded to LHP for audit and subsequently to Wales Audit for final approval.

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

9. New or Any Other Business

2803. Lletyrneuadd Road needs to be brushed etc. Clerk to arrange.

Footpath 25/9. Through "Castell Gwyrdd " field. Mr Jason Lawday from the County Council had been assured that the owners of the fenced off footpath would be cut when their mower had been repaired but apparently nothing has been done. Clerk to contact Mr Lawday to report the situation.

Footpath 25/3. Heol Smyrna to Rhydlydan. A site meeting was held with Cllr Terry Griffiths, Iwan Griffiths and Mr Jason Winter regarding the state of the path - overgrown with trees and need to replace gates etc. Since then no action has been taken by the County Council. Clerk to contact Mr Winter.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

SENEDD & POLICE COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS

We have two new local Members of Senedd following the May 6th elections. Sam Kurtz was elected as constituency member for Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire, and Cefin Campbell was elected for the Mid and West Wales Region. I will be engaging with both members for support on the pressing issues in our ward.

CARMARTHEN MART

Carmarthenshire County Council has secured the future of Carmarthen Mart, signing a new leaseholder with the promise of new investment and new jobs for the area. Nock Deighton Agricultural LLP, which runs the successful Newcastle Emlyn Livestock Market, has won the tender to run the mart at Nantyci.

COUNCILLOR TRAINING

I have recently attended training sessions on Planning & Biodiversity and Planning Enforcement, both of which have provided information and skills for dealing with the many issues we face in this ward. I have also attended a refresher training session on Code of Conduct for Planning Members.

COUNTY NEWSROOM

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