

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 7pm.

The Chair wished members a Happy New year.

1. Present. Cllrs. H. Williams, C. Atkins, and A. Evans. Also present was County Cllr. C. Jones.
2. Apologies. T. Griffiths, R. Jeremy, J. Jones and A-L Morgans.
3. Minutes of Last Meeting. Proposed correct by Cllr A. Evans and seconded by Cllr C. Atkins.
4. Matters arising.

Footpath 25/03. Rhydydan - site visit still to be organised.

Llangain Park. The Clerk reported that he had received a cheque of £5.93 made payable to the Sports and Recreation Committee in respect of a wayleave agreement. He reported that he had written to Western Power to inform them of the present situation and asked for the payment to be made payable to the Community Council.

5. Correspondence.

The Clerk magazine

Clerks and Councils magazine

Other items of correspondence sent to Councillors since the last meeting for information.

6. Planning Applications.

W/37254. Wernolau farm, Llangynog. Erection of a straw-bedded young stock building etc. The Clerk, having consulted members had re-submitted the Council's previous response to the application in March 2021. Noted.

7. Finance.

- (a) Precept 2022-23.

The Clerk handed out the Council's financial details to date and projected spending as at March 2022. He estimated that as at 31st March, the Council would have reserves of approx £10,107 * and suggested that that level would be considered too high by Wales Audit.

* This figure may of course be altered by spending from January to March.

It was also felt a substantial amount should be held in reserve in order to meet future community needs in terms of replacement noticeboards, the milestone project and increased donation levels to assist local projects (S137 payments).

The spending for 2022/23 is estimated to be £10,320 and the Clerk gave spending options to keep the reserves as at now, and to reduce them to various levels and its effect on community rates.

After discussion, it was resolved to reduce the current level of community rate, being £35.36 to £34.69, a reduction of 0.67p for band D properties. This would also reduce the level of reserves by £500. It was also resolved that all additional spending beyond the precepted figure be met from Reserves.

(b) Approval of Payments.

I. Griffiths 662.88 Clerk's salary/expenses x 2

Llwyndu Farm 50.00 Christmas Tree

SLCC 98.00 Subscription

(c) Donations.

Llangain School 400

Smyrna Chapel 300

Memorial Hall 500

Bowls Club 150

Gardening Club 150

Air Ambulance 150

Carmarthen YFC 100

Urdd Eisteddfod 150

Llangain Players 150

British Legion 25 (already given)

Total 2075

Note. All payments above budget vired from Reserves.

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

9. New or Any other Business.

Damage to Church Road. Reported.

The Clerk reported that he had formulated an advert for the post of Clerk to the Community Council and had sent it to One Voice Wales for the attention of other Community Clerks. He is awaiting further information from Carmarthen Journal.

Next meeting. Wednesday, 16 March, 2022 at 7pm.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

NATIONAL TRUST – CONSULTATION

The further Open Day has been confirmed at Lord's Park Farm for January 22nd between 11am and 2pm. Members of the public are all welcome but should observe Covid social-distancing obligations.

LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION WALES

I have submitted a formal complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales regarding the way the decision was made to join the wards of Llansteffan and St. Clears as a result of the recent Boundary Commission review.

COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGETS 2022/23: I am participating in Budget Seminars throughout this week. If you feel strongly about any local services or their delivery please contact me to voice your concerns over the next few days. I will do my best to protect services you feel are a priority at this difficult time.

COUNTY NEWSROOM

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