

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September, 2021.

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

Cllr Haydn Williams expressed his thanks to fellow members for their sympathies and assistance after the fire on his property.

2. Apologies. A. Freeman.

3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were proposed correct by Cllr. C. Atkins and seconded by Cllr. A. Evans.

4. Matters Arising.

2803. Footpaths.

Footpath through Castell Gwyrdd 25/9. The Clerk reported that the footpath staff had been to the site and would return with suitable equipment.

Rhydlydan Footpath 25/3. The Clerk reported that Caroline Ferguson, Footpaths Department had replied with advice but it was agreed that clearing of the path was needed and the Clerk is to arrange a site meeting with Jason Lawday, Footpaths Officer and Cllr. Terry Griffiths.

2809. Llangain Park.

Cllr. Williams outlined his work at the park to date - clearing etc. Mowing of the relevant area was undertaken by Mr Lloyd Thomas, Hendy farm.

The Clerk reported that the park has been inspected by Inspectors of the County Council and an report of conditions of the facilities was sent to the Clerk. It was resolved that Mr Barry Woodbridge be asked to review the findings and repair as necessary.

The insurance for the park was due to be renewed on 16th September and it was resolved to renew the insurance for the coming year in respect of public liability. Clerk to arrange .

It was reported by Cllr. Carys Jones that the tree officers from the County Council have agreed to sort out the trees on the way into the park as necessary.

5. Correspondence.

The Clerk magazine

Clerks and Councils magazine

CCC to confirm that Cllr. Haydn Williams has now been formally appointed as Additional Community Governor on the new Llangain, Llansteffan & Bancyfelin schools federation. Noted.

Llangain Memorial Hall Committee. Invitation for Community Council members to attend an information evening on Tuesday 21st September at 7.00.

Also, nomination of a member of the Council to sit on the Hall committee. It was decided that this will be discussed at the next meeting.

A letter was received from Cllr. Angela Freeman outlining concerns on behalf of residents and users regarding the old church development and the access to the graveyard. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Revd. Anne Howells who will discuss this with her wardens and reply to him. Noted.

WAG. Consultation re. reducing speed limit to 20mph on restricted roads.

Boundary Commission-to confirm that the initial proposals for changes to Parliamentary constituencies in Wales has been published. Representations to be made by 3rd November.

CCC. Active travel maps.

It should be noted that additional correspondence of general information had already been forwarded to members.

6. Planning Applications. None.

7. Finance/Approval of Payments.

Income of £3370 precept payment received.

The following payments were approved.

I. Griffiths 662.88 Clerk salary/expenses x 2

Do. 64.97 Printer Cartridge (34.98) and Minute book (29.99)

Annual Accounts. The Clerk reported that a Notice of Audit was placed on the noticeboards from 10th August to 17th September as required.

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

Cllr. Jones also stated that a grant of £3,000 was available to assist private households to upgrade their broadband.

Also a Facebook page for Llangain was being developed.

9. New or Any Other Business.

The Clerk stated his intention to resign from the post with effect from 31st March 2022. An advertisement for the vacancy is to be prepared by the Clerk in consultation with the Chair.

The Clerk circulated 'Members Declarations of Interest' forms to be completed and returned by the next meeting.

It was agreed that future meetings should start at 7.00 and decided that for the near future meetings would be held every other month to protect members. The next meeting will, therefore, be held on the 18th November.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES - PARLIAMENTARY

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales has published its 2023 Parliamentary Review. The Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 states there is to be a fixed number of 650 constituencies for the whole of the UK and provides a mathematical formula to determine how many constituencies should be allocated to each of the four parts of the UK, based on their electorate figures.

In accordance with that formula, the number of constituencies allocated to Wales under the Act is reduced from 40 to 32. Llansteffan currently sits within the Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire constituency. Under the proposal the county electoral wards of Carmarthen Town North, Carmarthen Town South, Carmarthen Town West, Cynwyl, Laugharne Township, Llanboidy, Llansteffan, St Clears, Trelech and Whitland will join the existing Carmarthen East & Dinefwr ward to create a new CAERFYRDDIN Parliamentary Ward. The new boundaries will coincide with the county boundary. For further details, and to participate in the consultation process, please go to: <https://bcomm-wales.gov.uk/reviews/09-21/2023-parliamentary-review-initial-proposals>

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES - COUNTY WARDS

I continue to challenge the decision to combine Llansteffan and St. Clears wards. Having received all the data on which the decision was made through a Freedom of Information request, our only recourse is to challenge the (lack of) evidence which informed the decision. I'm told my challenge is futile, however, I will press on.

CONSULTATION ON 20 MPH ON RESTRICTED ROADS

Welsh Government has launched a consultation on 20mph speed limits on restricted roads. Restricted roads are defined as roads on which are provided a system of street lighting furnished by means of lamps placed not more than 200 yards apart. They are typically located in residential and builtup areas of high pedestrian activity in Wales. The default national speed limit for such roads is currently 30mph, although local authorities can use traffic regulation orders to set another speed limit in appropriate cases. In the Traffic Orders & 20mph Public Attitudes Survey, all participants

were asked directly whether they would support a speed limit of 20 mph in the area in which they lived. Four in five Welsh adults (80%) said they would, compared to one in five (20%) who would not. This Consultation will present information and evidence supporting the benefits of reduced speeds on restricted roads to road safety and to our communities. Please complete the survey either online or printed, as this is an opportunity for everyone to express their opinions about this policy.

Traffic Orders & 20mph Public Attitudes Survey:

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-07/traffic-orders-and-20mph-public-attitudessurvey.pdf>

Online Consultation Document - Reducing speed limit to 20mph on restricted roads:

<https://gov.wales/proposal-reduce-speed-limit-20mph-residential-streets>

<https://llyw.cymru/cynnig-i-ostwng-y-terfyn-cyflymder-ar-strydoedd-preswyl-i-20mya>

LORD'S PARK FARM - CONSULTATION

Members of the public who registered to participate in the National Trust's consultation on Lord's Park Farm, Llanybri should have received an email by now, inviting them to a meeting on the 27th September in Llansteffan Memorial Hall. If you registered but have not received notification of the meeting, please contact me immediately as numbers attending in the hall are limited due to Covid restrictions. If you registered by telephone please contact me as soon as possible.

LLANGAIN MEMORIAL HALL

Llangain Memorial Hall has launched a public consultation on future development at the hall. The committee needs your views, so please complete a survey form (available at Llangain Hall Post/Shop) as soon as possible.

LLANGAIN FACEBOOK PAGE

Llangain community now has a Facebook page, so please share posts on Pentref Llangain with our neighbours. All four communities now have a active Facebook page. Search: [Pentref Llangain](#).

UK EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME

There is concern locally regarding Carbon Offsetting Schemes which result in farmland being bought by big businesses to offset their carbon emissions. Twelve farms have been bought recently in Carmarthenshire and South Ceredigion, by large/multinational companies whose business is based around burning fossil fuels, for the purpose of tree-planting. The concern is regarding the continuation of emissions once offset is used in mitigation, and the disappearance of farmland for the production of food. It is important that we get to grips with the concept of "greenwashing" and ensure that a healthy balance is maintained between forestation and agriculture. Carmarthenshire County Council is likely to debate this issue in due course, prior to making representations to Welsh Government.

BROADBAND

Please note local requests to sign up for high-speed broadband grants provision throughout the "241 xxx " exchange area. We need ALL properties to sign up in order to draw down the maximum grant support which we hope will provide the service free of charge to every household and business. We are working on "211 xxx" exchange plans. Please contact Simon Weaver or myself for further information. Also - volunteers needed!

FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS

The federation of Bancyfelin, Llansteffan and Llangain schools has now been formalised and a new governing body appointed. The first formal meeting of the governing body will take place on October 12th, 2021.

COUNTY NEWSROOM

Please visit the Carmarthenshire County Council Newsroom for all the latest local news: <https://newsroom.carmarthenshire.gov.wales> Ewch i Ystafell Newyddion Cyngor Sir Gâr am y newyddion diweddaraf yn ein hardal: <https://newyddion.sirgar.llyw.cymru/>