

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th March 2022.

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

2. Apologies. Cllrs. A. Evans, T. Griffiths and R. Jeremy.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair, Cllr Haydn Williams expressed the Council's sadness to officially record the passing of Cllr. Ralph Morgans after a long illness. Members were reminded of his many contributions to the Council, all delivered with humour. All members then stood for a minute's silence to mark the sad occasion. His widow, Cllr. Anne-Louise Morgans thanked the Council for their sympathy.

3. Minutes of the last meeting. Proposed correct by Cllr H. Williams and seconded by Cllr. C. Atkins.

4. Matters Arising.

Footpath 25/03. Rhydlydan – still to be resolved.

2815. Church Road potholes - now resolved.

2816. Damaged fire hydrants - Clerk to contact fire service re.damage to hydrants on Church Road and opposite Cefnmeusydd on Heol Smyrna.

2817. Park Wayleave payment. The Clerk reported that the cheque for £5.93, suitably amended has been paid into the Council's bank account.

2823. Clerk's advert. The Clerk reported that there had been no response to date and he had now re-advertised the post with a closing date of 31st May. He also commented that there were a substantial number of similar vacancies in the county.

5. Correspondence.

As per documents sent to members online and Clerks and Councils Direct magazine and The Clerk magazine.

2824. Documents regarding the May elections and advice re. closing date etc. were distributed to all existing members by the Clerk.

6. Planning Applications.

2825. PL/03576. An application for a commercial south facing polytunnel to be built to link the farm entrance and the polytunnel location in the next parcel of land supporting farming activities within this agricultural unit on land adjacent to Penlan Fach, Alltynap Road (full details available online). The Council expressed some concern regarding the access and visibility on the road.

7. Finance/Approval of Payments.

2826. The following payments were approved :-

Llangain Players	150.00	Donation
Carms County Council	43.20	Playground Inspection

I. Griffiths	662.64	Clerk's salary/expenses x 2
	38.99	Printer Cartridge
	446.46	Holiday entitlement
	59.28	Arrears of Pay Award
	1207.37	TOTAL

One Voice Wales	98.00	Subscription
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H. Williams	150.00	IRPW payment - Error. Cllr. Williams declined payment. See July minutes.
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Carms CC	1174.84	Street light charges
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Carms CC	646.36	Repayment of Loan re. lighting project
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Memorial Hall	51.00	Rent
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8. County Councillor's Report. See attached below as well as the following highlights.

2.5% increase in the County's rate.

Ten Towns project. St Clears being the "big town " and becomes the hub for the area.

Memorial Hall. £20,000 grant needed to facilitate match funding. Two architect's plans formulated and available for inspection.

Nomination for a member of the Community Council to sit on the Hall committee to be chosen in May.

Prior to the County Council election in May, Cllr. Jones wished to thank Llangain Community Council for their support during the last 5 years. The Chair reciprocated by emphasising the comprehensive and hard work she had given to the community during that time.

9. New or Any Other Business.

Fire Hydrants. Damage to hydrants on Church Road and opposite Cefnmeusydd.

Potholes on unclassified road towards lower Llangain.

2827. Problems regarding church graveyard entrance. Apparently, new owner of Church refusing access for digger. Clerk has contacted the Church Authorities. Revd Canon Howells, Priest in Charge replied that Llanllwch church is to meet to sort the problem out.

Next meeting. Wednesday, 18th May at 7pm for AGM and monthly meeting.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGETS 2022/23

Carmarthenshire County Council has approved its budgets for 2022-23, which includes a modest council tax increase to support the delivery of essential frontline services and significant investment in key regeneration projects. Council Tax will increase by 2.5 per cent - roughly 66p a week more for the average band D household, or £34.07 a year. Council Tax contributes around a quarter of the county council's annual revenue budget which is spent on providing services to residents and businesses in Carmarthenshire. The biggest share of Council Tax contributions goes towards education and children's services, followed by housing and adult social care. In 2022-23 the contributions will also help the council cope with inflationary pressures, including increasing energy bills and the rising cost of providing services such as school meals. The capital budget will provide a £275million investment in projects which will include regeneration schemes, redevelopment of schools, leisure facility improvements and advanced waste and recycling schemes.

LLANGAIN MEMORIAL HALL

Progress is being made on the preparation of the Llangain Memorial Hall refurbishment grant. It is hoped that potential designs will be confirmed soon and the community will be invited to submit your comments. Please see Pentref Llangain Facebook page for further details.

CARMARTHENSHIRE TEN TOWNS INITIATIVE

The Ten Towns initiative is to support the economic recovery and growth of rural towns across the County. The initiative was established as a direct response to our Moving Rural Carmarthenshire Forward Plan, which sets out a number of key recommendations to support the regeneration of rural Carmarthenshire. A key part of the programme is the development of economic growth plans to drive forward an agenda for change for each of the respective towns and their wider hinterland: Cross Hands, Cwmaman, Kidwelly, Laugharne, Llandeilo, Llandovery, Llanybydder, Newcastle Emlyn, St. Clears and Whitland. Each plan will have their own priority actions, as well as identified projects that will support the economic recovery and growth of each rural town, which will include actions to support: Covid-19 recovery, Business growth, Smart digital towns and countryside, Tourism and visitor economy and Re-use of buildings and land development. I am working with the St. Clears group to set a programme of initiatives which will benefit our area and bring more services to St. Clears town.

COUNTY NEWSROOM

Please visit the Carmarthenshire County Council Newsroom for all the latest local news:
<https://newsroom.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/>

THANK YOU

This is my last report before the local elections in May 2022. I would like to thank the members and clerk of the community council for their co-operation and support over the past five years. The work has been a pleasure and a privilege. Thank you to one and all.