

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 18th May, 2022.

1. Present. Cllrs. H. Williams (Chair), T. Griffiths, A. Evans, C. Atkins, R. Jeremy, D. Roberts and J. Jones. Also present was County Cllr. C. Jones.
2. Apologies. Cllr A-L. Morgans.
3. Appointment of Chairman. It was proposed that Cllr. Haydn Williams continues to serve as Chair for the year commencing May 2022. Cllr. Williams accepted the office and signed the necessary declaration.
4. Appointment of Vice- Chair. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr T. Griffiths 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 signatores 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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2. Apologies. Cllr. A-L. Morgans.

Before commencement of business the Chair extended the Council's sympathies to Cllr John Jones on the passing of his dear wife, Isla after many years of ill health. John thanked the Council for all their kindness during Isla's last few weeks.

He welcomed the Councillors to their new term of office. He also welcomed David Roberts to his first meeting. Cllr. Roberts responded by hoping that he could assist the village to thrive in the future.

The Clerk circulated the necessary Declaration of Office forms which were duly returned and signed by the Clerk.

Cllr. Williams also congratulated County Cllr. Jones on her success in the recent election.

3. Minutes of last meeting. Proposed correct by C. Atkins and seconded by John Jones.

4. Matters Arising.

Footpath 25/03. Rhydlydan to Ystrad Walter. Site visit still to be organised.

2815. Church Road. It was reported that more potholes had emerged again after the County Council's efforts. Clerk to report to Highways again.

2816. Fire Hydrants. The Clerk reported that the Fire Authority had visited the locations and reported that all hydrants were deemed to be safe and active. Noted.

2827. Churchyard entrance - now hopefully resolved. Estimates were being sought by Church wardens to create a proper entrance to the graveyard.

5. Correspondence

2828. County Council. Nomination of Community Council member on the Standards committee. Proposal that Cllr. Rogers be re-elected. No objection.

YFC rally tickets.

Letter of thanks from Bowls Club.

Letter of thanks from Elliott Davies re. cancellation of Patagonia project with returned cheque. Noted.

The Clerk magazine.

Clerk and Councils direct magazine.

2829. Queens Jubilee. An inquiry was made on behalf of some residents who wish to hold an event, mainly for the children to celebrate the occasion at the Memorial Hall. After some discussion, the Council agreed a donation of £500 towards costs etc. The Clerk pointed out that as he could not send a cheque to an individual and as the event was to be centred at the Hall, he suggested that the monies be paid into the Hall Committee funds and be re-distributed from there. This was agreed and the Clerk asked to liaise with the Hall committee regarding this arrangement.

6. Planning Applications

2830. PL/03576. Commercial polytunnel on land adjacent to Penlan Fach, Alltynap road. In response to this application, the Community Council had expressed concerns on the grounds of the access and visibility out to a minor road.

Since then, however, the owner has objected to those grounds in that it is a neighbour - Halewood's illegal high hedge which reduces the visibility and commenting that it is the responsibility of the Community Council to get this hedge cut and threatening court action if this is not done immediately.

After discussion with the Chair and some members of the Community Council, the Clerk reported that he has responded to the owner, Mrs Wasana Baudry, Lutece Farms Ltd. suggesting that as the County Council are responsible for both Planning and Highways, she should direct her concerns to them. Noted.

7. Finance /Approval of Payments.

2831. Approval of Payments.

Memorial Hall	500. 00	Donation towards Queens Jubilee
I. Griffiths	672. 76	Clerks salary/expenses x 2 months
LHP	168. 00	Internal Audit fee
Income	3273. 34	Precept from CCC

2832. Annual Accounts and Governance Statement year ending 31st March.

2022. The Clerk reported that he had the annual accounts returned having been approved and signed by LHP, the Council's internal auditors with no comments.

He distributed details of the Annual Return to all members, pointing out that the Council now have a surplus of £9873 to be carried over to the current year. The Governance statements were also completed by the Clerk and approved by the auditor.

The annual accounts were approved by the Community Council and the Chair duly signed as necessary. The Clerk thanked for their preparation and reconciliation. The necessary notice of audit and inspection of accounts will be posted on the noticeboards at the appropriate times.

8. County Councillor's Report. Please see attached below.

Cllr Jones expressed apologies for Cllr Phillip Hughes, her co-Councillor on the new ward of St Clears and Llansteffan, and stated that he will attend some meetings in future.

9. New or Any Other Business.

2833. Applications for new Clerk. The Clerk reported that two applications had been received by the closing date, namely Tina Roberts and Susan Holmes. The Chair is to contact both applicants for interview and a panel of Chair, Vice Chair and one other member, possibly Cllr. Roberts if available, will form an interview panel when arranged. After the interview, the Chair will bring details to the July meeting for approval by a full meeting.

2834. Potholes. Arfryn, Penparc and Wauncorgam. Loose stones in the hedge near Coedrhianedd. Clerk to contact CCC highways.

Next meeting. Wednesday, 20th July, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

ETHOLIADAU'R CYNGOR SIR - MAI 2022

Diolch i bawb am eich cefnogaeth a'ch goddefgarwch yn ystod ymgyrch etholiadol y cyngor sir. Mae'n ffrind i mi gael y cyfle i gynrychioli cymuned Llangain unwaith eto, a fe wnaif fy ngorau i weithio dros bawb - beth bynnag yw'r anghenion - dros y pum mlynedd nesaf. Mae'n deg dweud bod natur fy ngwaith yn debygol o newid o ganlyniad i addrefnu ein ward. Bydd cynrychioli Ward Sanclêr yn ogystal â'n ward flaenorol yn dod â phwysau ychwanegol arnaf, ond fe wnaif fy ngorau i gwrdd â'r heriau hyn. Bydd gyda ni ddau gynghorydd o hyn allan, ac rwy'n hyderus y bydd y Cynghorydd Philip Hughes a minnau yn gweithio'n naturiol gyda'n gilydd i ymateb i amrywiol faterion y ward newydd.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS - MAY 2022

Thank you very much for your support and tolerance during the election campaign. I am privileged to represent the community of Llangain once again, and will do my best to work on behalf of everyone - whatever the needs - over the coming five years. It's fair to say that the nature of my work is likely to change as a result of the reorganisation of our ward. Representing the St. Clears Ward as well as our previous ward will bring additional pressures, but I will do my best to meet these challenges. We have two councillors going forward, and I'm confident that Councillor Philip Hughes and I will be able to work naturally together to address the diverse issues in our new ward.

Y CYNGOR SIR - MAI 2022

Er i Plaid Cymru ennill y mwyafrif o seddi ar y cyngor, mae'n debygol y byddwn yn parhau i weithio fel clymblaid. Fe gollodd yr Arweinydd ei sedd yn yr etholiad, a bydd y Cyfarfod Blyneddol yn debygol o ethol Darren Price fel Arweinydd newydd y Cyngor. Mae Darren yn wr ifanc galluog tu hwnt, ac rwy'n hollol ffyddiog y bydd ein gwaith yn ffynnu dan ei awennau. Nid yw'r Aelodau Gweithredol nac aelodau'r pwyllgorau wedi eu penodi eto. Rwy'n gobeithio parhau i weithio ar y pwyllgorau yr ydw i'n gyfarwydd â nhw, a lle mae fy mhrofiad wedi dyfnhau dros y pum mlynedd ddiwethaf.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL - MAY 2022

Although Plaid Cymru took the majority of seats on the council, it is likely that we will continue to work in a coalition. The Leader lost his seat in the election, and the Annual Meeting is likely to elect Darren Price as the new Leader of the Council. Darren is an extremely able young man, and I'm confident that our work will be in safe hands. The appointments of Executive Members and Committees have not yet been made. I hope to continue to work on the committees with which I am familiar, and where the past five years' experience will prove invaluable.

YSTAFELL NEWYDDION Y SIR

Ewch i Ystafell Newyddion Cyngor Sir Gâr am y newyddion diweddaraf yn ein hardal:

<https://newyddion.sirgar.llyw.cymru/>

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