

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th November 2022

Before the commencement of business Councillor Williams reported that as Chair, he had laid a poppy wreath during the ceremony inside the Memorial Hall on Remembrance Sunday and had read the Welsh lesson in the main service at Capel Newydd in Llanybri. He also explained how the local branch of the British Legion, Llansteffan, are looking for new members in order to secure the future of the branch.

1. Present: Cllrs H. Williams (Chair), Cllrs J. Jones, A-L Morgans, R. Jeremy
2. Apologies: County Cllr C. Jones, Cllrs C. Atkins, A. Evans, D. Roberts
3. Minutes of last meeting:

Proposed correct by J. Jones and seconded by H. Williams.

4. Matters Arising:

Clerk reported that advice from One Voice Wales regarding timing of minutes was that the Council should publish names of attendees, apologies, declarations of interest (if any) and decisions including outcomes of votes within seven days with full minutes to follow in due course. The Clerk will endeavour to comply with these guidelines.

2804 – Footpath 25/03. Rhydlydan to Ystrad Walter. Path was walked on 19th October and is now clear.

2829 – Queen's Jubilee celebrations water bottles were presented by the Chair to the children at Llangain School just before half term. They were much appreciated.

2825 – Planning application PL/03576. Poly tunnel at Lutece Farm Ltd. on land adjacent to, Penlan Fach, Alltynap Road. Clerk reported permission was refused but an appeal was lodged on 30th August which is ongoing.

2838 – Noticeboards. Chair stated that the council needs to consider 2 things, namely, the type of noticeboard (aluminium or recycled plastic) and the type of interior back panel (felt back for drawing pins or magnetic panel for tiny magnets).

Noticeboard size will be slightly deeper than the present in order to accommodate 3 A4 down by 2 A4 across behind each bay door making a total of 12 A4 posters or notices. Dimensions are approximately 1200mm depth x 800mm across i.e. 4ft x 2ft 6ins.

Cllr. Williams had received 3 quotations from noticeboard companies.

The company in Warwickshire had quoted £2,000 for both the wall mounted and the one with posts. This company only make the aluminium ones with magnetic panel and offer a 1 year guarantee.

The company in Cumbria's quotation is £3,200 for two noticeboards. Again, they only manufacture aluminium but with the choice of interior magnetic or pinboard panel and offer a 15 years guarantee.

The Greenbarnes company in Northamptonshire quoted £5,700 for two noticeboards in aluminium with a choice of interior method and £3,700 for two in recycled plastic both with a 5 years guarantee.

All the above quotations exclude VAT as that is recoverable. Where installation is offered the cost is extortionate so we will arrange installation locally.

Since companies do not print literature nowadays but make information and images available on their websites, the Chair said he would circulate an email with relevant links to fellow councillors and there is plenty of time over winter to ensure the correct decision is made given the size of the financial outlay and the desire to ensure a long lasting solution.

2840 – Former Clerks retirement. An email of thanks for the lovely gift and lunch was received from Iwan and Irene.

2841 – Dangerous tree branch before Portis on Heol Smyrna. Mark Thomas from CCC has spoken with the land owner regarding removal.

2842 – Sunken drain cover on S bend at Penycoed double bend. Mark Thomas has put this in to be raised in due course.

5. Correspondence

SLCC The Clerk magazine

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

Letter from Eisteddfod yr Urdd asking for support

Email from Llangain Memorial Hall Committee

Email from Llangain Players asking for a donation

Email from Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the 20mph speed limits

Email from Keep Wales Tidy

Email from County Coucillor Carys Jones

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

6. Planning Applications

PL/04888 – Operation of 3 fixed holiday pods (4 year rule)z at Church House Farm - no observations.

PL/04890 - Erection of replacement toilet/shower block and new meet and greet building (partially in retrospect) - Church House Farm Campsite, Llangain, Carmarthen, SA33 5BB Emailed to all 25/10/22 - no observations

PL/04746 - Application for approval of reserved matters approval (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) in respect of 36 homes and associated works pursuant to Planning Permission W/38125 (allowed at appeal Ref: APP/M6825/A/20/3249883) - Land south of Dol Y Dderwen, Llangain, Carmarthenshire, SA33 5BE – response emailed before meeting to meet the consultation deadline.

7. Finance/Approval of Payments:

2843 – The following payments were approved:-

S. Holmes	£743.56	Salary September/October
Jamie King	£80.00	Website upgrade & increased security
BHIB	£278.29	Insurance
H. Williams	£270.00	Re-imburement for school water bottles
H. Williams	£98.95	Re-imburement for retiring Clerks presentation (Chairman's allowance)
H. Williams	£161.47	Re-imburement for repair of Best Kept Village signboard
RB Legion	£25.00	Donation

Annual Accounts

The audit was unqualified.

The Council approved its Annual Governance Statement before receiving the Internal Audit report.

It is recommended that for 2021-22 onwards, the Council receives and considers the Internal Audit report before it approves its Annual Governance Statement.

Section 137 payments

The Clerk has received notification that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for the financial year 2023-24 is £9.93.

It was agreed that there should be three signatories for the bank account. Clerk to check with Barclays regarding current signatories and obtain documentation to enable Cllr Jeremy to be added as a signatory.

8. New or Any Other Business

2844 – In response to the email received from the Memorial Hall Committee Cllr Jeremy confirmed that the defibrillator is checked regularly and is fully operational. It was agreed to seek estimates for re-painting the telephone kiosk.

2855 – Legislative Change, 30mph restricted road reducing to 20mph.

Councillors discussed the change which was well supported. Details of how to access the detailed plans were sent by email to all Councillors.

2856 – Lletyrneuadd Road. Surface water and mud on the road between Beeches and Yr Hen Eglwys (old church). Yr Hen Eglwys to Clunmawr. Pools of water at the bends before Clunmawr Lodge.

2857 – Church Road junction with the B4312. Running water in the direction of Carmarthen.

2858 – Heol Smyrna. Pools of water between Ystradwalter & Portis.

2859 – Headed stationery. Although council correspondence is largely by emails, occasionally a formal hard copy is required on the council's headed paper. Cllr. Williams to arrange with Proprint who have provided headed paper and matching envelopes in the past when a new Clerk takes up office.

2860 – Best Kept Village signboard. The plywood needed replacing and several coats of paint applied.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th January 2023