

## LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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

Proposed correct by R. Jeremy and seconded by H. Williams.

### 4. **Matters Arising**

2804 – Footpath 25/03. Rhydlydan to Ystrad Walter. Cllr Griffiths will check that it is now clear.

2838 – Noticeboards. Chair followed up his detailed email to all Councillors with photographs of the three options. After some discussion **it was resolved to proceed with aluminium frames and magnetic boards from Church Noticeboards in Cumbria.** Cllr Williams will proceed with ordering them.

Clerk reported that the paperwork to add Cllr Jeremy as a signatory at the bank has not yet been received. She will follow up with a call to the bank.

2844 - Red kiosk at Smyrna crossroads to be painted in the spring/summer.

2859 – Headed council stationery. Clerk details to be omitted for paper to be used with future clerks.

### 5. **Precept**

The Clerk distributed balance sheet to date including projected spending for the remainder of this financial year. She estimated that, if an estimated spend of £3350.00 for the purchase and erection of the new noticeboards were to fall in the current financial year, the Council would have reserves of approximately £5720.00 to carry forward.

The expenditure for 2023/24 is estimated at £11,257.00 and the Clerk presented a number of options for consideration with differing effects on the reserve amount.

After some detailed discussion on reserve levels and possible future projects **it was resolved to increase the current level of community rate in order to maintain the reserve at the estimated £5720.00.**

**This equates to an increase of £3.40, from £34.69 to £38.09 for band D properties.**

### 6. **Donations**

**It was resolved to make donations as follows:**

Llangain School	£400.00
Capel Smyrna	£300.00
Memorial Hall	£500.00
Bowls Club	£150.00
Air Ambulance Wales	£150.00
Young Farmers Club	£100.00
Gardening Club	£150.00
Llangain Players	£150.00
Park Committee	£150.00
Royal British Legion	£ 25.00

## 7. Correspondence

Society of Local Council Clerks - The Clerk magazine

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

Letter from Yes Cymru asking for a donation.

Invitation from the Mayor, Carmarthen Town Council to the St. David's Day parade on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Email from Cllr A. Evans with thanks for the condolence card.

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

## 8. Planning Applications

Nothing to report.

## 9. Finance/Approval of Payments

2843 – The following payments were approved:-

S. Holmes	£850.16	Salary & expenses November/December plus backdated increase.
One Voice Wales	£105.00	Clerks training x 3
Cymru Christmas Trees	£ 78.00	Christmas Tree
Society of Local Council Clerks	£101.00	Annual membership subscription
Tom Coath	£606.00	Grass cutting etc

## 10. County Councillors Report

- Carmarthenshire County Council are currently aiming for a Council Tax increase of 7% although it is possible that this could actually reach double figures with education and social care a priority.
- Land south of Dol-y-Dderwen development plans - County Cllr Jones has established a dialogue with the Pobl Group Ltd.
- Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan is coming up for consultation in February 2023. Llangain Community Council should digest and comment as this plan sets out the direction of the County for the next 15 years.
- Speeding – County Cllr Jones is looking to recruit 2 volunteer teams (10-15 people) from the wider area to take part in the Go Safe scheme.
- Following the recent problems with water supply County Cllr Jones is following up on the very poor communication and lack of provision for vulnerable people from Dwr Cymru.
- County Cllr Jones wanted to formally thanks Llangain Community Council for its support for the Urdd Eisteddfod 2023 in Llandovery, Carmarthenshire which has now reached its £4000 target for this local area.

## 11. Any Other Business

Potholes: Locations identified on Church Road (several between north side of Yr Hen Eglwys and entrance to Clunmawr), at Heol Smyrna junction with the B4312 main road (Smyrna crossroads); by Forest Villa (SA31 3QY - top of Alltynap Road) and the recently repaired pothole by Plas Cwrthir (SA33 5AA) has returned already.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.