

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th September 2023.

Before the meeting started Mr Wyn Gruffydd spoke to Councillors in his capacity as Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee. He explained that costs for the refurbishment of the hall had risen sharply since the original plans were submitted. Grant funding was proving complex and challenging and it was time for the committee to ask the community for their input into the future of the hall. As such a public meeting will be held on Thursday 30th September and Mr Gruffydd asked for the support and presence of Community Councillors at the meeting.

1. Present: Cllrs T Griffiths (Chair), H Williams, D Roberts, J Jones, C Atkins

2. Apologies: Cllr R Jeremy, County Cllr C Jones

3. Minutes of last meeting. Proposed as correct by Cllr C Atkins, seconded by Cllr H Williams

4. Matters Arising

2838 – Noticeboards – Cllr Williams reported that they are to be expected by the end of this month.

2844 - Red kiosk at Smyrna crossroads – refurbishment now complete. Cllr Williams reported on a good and thorough job that took a lot of time, hence the slight overspend.

2859 – Headed council stationery – the layout is being finalised; will be complete before the next meeting.

2863 – Cllr Roberts reported that he was unable to find anything within the legislation that indicates that we didn't comply with the audit requirements. It was decided that he should contact Audit Wales to clarify the audit note, if only to ensure that we fully understand the issue so that we don't end up in the same position in the future.

2864 – White village gateways – Further discussion took place, with Cllr Jones strongly advocating for the gates and suggesting they be ordered without delay. County Cllr Jones had reported back to the Clerk by email explaining that Go Safe Cymru were unable to provide any information about their record of reducing speed or accidents but they had passed the request to the Go Safe team within Dyfed Powys Police for advice. However, she did say that Mike Jacob from Carmarthenshire County Council has agreed to look at the proposed location of the gates with his road safety engineer, Martin Owen, within the next couple of weeks to see what they can achieve as part of the new 20mph speed limit works. He will report back to County Cllr Jones with a plan for discussion at our next meeting. It was therefore decided to await this report before making a final decision.

2866 – Commemorative Coronation mugs have been supplied and are to be presented to the children of Ysgol Llangain, hopefully just before half term. Cllr Williams, as a school governor, will attempt to organise a suitable date with the new acting head.

2867 – Council Insignia – Cllr Williams reported that the Insignia will soon be sent away for the enamel repair work at Fattorini the manufacturers in Birmingham.

2869 – Sports and Recreation Committee (Park Committee) – Cllr Roberts reported that he and County Cllr Jones planned a meeting with CAVS to discuss the exact status of the committee in the light of some structural issues linking back to the old committee which will need to be resolved.

The committee have made some enquiries about play equipment and, possibly, outdoor fitness equipment as the space must appeal to the whole community. Overall, he said there had been some progress but there was still much to do.

5. Correspondence

- Society of Local Council Clerks – The Clerk Magazine
- Clerks & Councils Direct magazine
- Letter of thanks to Mrs Anne Evans for her service to the Community Council
- Email from Sara Altman regarding interest in becoming a Community Councillor
- Email from Glenys Altman regarding old telephone box
- Email and flyer from Wyn Gruffydd regarding public meeting
- Email from Carmarthenshire County Council regarding 20mph legislation
- Other items of correspondence sent to Councillors since the last meeting, for information.

2877 – The Clerk will respond to the enquiry from Glenys Altman regarding the telephone kiosk explaining that the kiosk was bought from BT merely to keep it as a feature at the well known Smyrna Crossroads. The Memorial Hall committee had asked, approximately one year ago, about any plans for the kiosk and the Council, having discussed the issue, had decided that it would not be suitable as an amenity space due to problems with damp and condensation. A reply was sent to the committee secretary, Mrs Annie Delahunty at that time.

2878 – The Councillors were pleased to hear of the interest of Sara Altman in becoming a Community Councillor. **It was resolved that the Clerk would invite Ms Altman to our November meeting where she will be formally co-opted. Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Atkins.**

6. Planning Applications

None

7. Finance/Approval of Payments

2879 – The following payments were approved:-

Susan Holmes	£ 796.86	Salary & expenses, May/June 2023
Haydn Williams (Dennis Halpin)	£ 300.00	Work on telephone kiosk
Haydn Williams (Carmarthen Decorating Centre)	£ 54.00	Materials for work on telephone kiosk
Haydn Williams (Cater Signs)	£ 12.84	Defibrillator – replacement notice
Roland Jeremy (Imperative Training)	£ 87.54	Replacement batteries for defibrillator
Haydn Williams (Hotline Products)	£ 355.92	Commemorative Coronation mugs

8. County Councillor's Report

County Cllr Jones was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments but she sent the following information in an email to the Clerk regarding the possible application for an additional grant towards swimming lessons for pupils at Ysgol Llangain.

- Tywi Boat Club Swim Fundraiser raised over £2,700 to be equally shared between the three Federation schools. The day was a huge success and it is hoped that it will be repeated next year. However, should the need arise, County Cllr Jones will arrange with the Clerk an

appropriate time to submit a grant application for Ysgol Llangain for next year. She expressed her thanks to everyone, particularly the Councillors, who supported.

9. Any Other Business

2880 – Cllr Williams reported that the new interim head for the Federation Schools, Mr Gareth Jones, was now in post.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15th November 2023.