

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th March 2024.

Before the meeting commenced all present were asked to stand and observe a minute silence to pay respect to the late Cllr Roland Jeremy, who sadly passed away on 10th March. Cllr Williams paid tribute to Cllr Jeremy who had served as a Community Councillor for 25 years, holding the office of Chair five times. The Chair referred to his contribution over that period.

1. Present: Cllrs T. Griffiths (Chair), D. Roberts, H. Williams, J. Jones, C. Atkins, S. Altman and County Cllr C. Jones.

2. Apologies: None.

3. An update on the Llangain & District Community Engagement Survey by John Starzewski

Mr John Starzewski presented information on the progress of the village hall rebuilding project on behalf of the project team of the Memorial Hall Committee. Details of the presentation are attached as an appendix.

4. Minutes of last meeting:

Proposed as correct by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Atkins.

5. Matters Arising

2838 – Noticeboards – Cllr Williams was pleased to report that both noticeboards have now been sited and are looking very smart. He took the old ones to Nantycaws recycling centre. Thanks were given for his efforts in bringing this project to a successful close.

2864 – White village gateways – the Council continues to await the outcome of the Welsh Government consultation on the 20mph speed restrictions.

2867 – Council Insignia – Cllr Williams reported that the enamel repair is now complete and, as part of this work, the collar was extended and all thirty bars were re-sewn, ensuring the chain will be fit for use for many years to come.

6. Correspondence

- Society of Local Council Clerks – The Clerk Magazine
- Clerks & Councils Direct magazine
- Letter from National Urdd Eisteddfod requesting a donation
- Letter of thanks from Llangain Short Mat Bowls Club
- Email of thanks from Llangain Memorial Hall and Hwb
- Letter of thanks from Capel Smyrna
- Email of thanks from Air Ambulance Wales
- Other items of correspondence sent to Councillors since the last meeting, for information.

7. Planning Applications

2897 – PL/07175 - Land south of Dol Y Dderwen, Llangain, Carmarthen, SA33 5BE

Application to remove Condition 10 (Speed Limit) from planning permission W/38125 (Appeal Ref: APP/M6825/A/20/3249883) – Granted

8. Finance/Approval of Payments

2898 – The following payments were approved:-

Susan Holmes	£ 855.06	Salary & expenses, Jan/Feb
Audit Wales	£ 640.00	2021/22 Audit fee
Haydn Williams	£ 48.08	Reimbursement (noticeboard magnets)
Haydn Williams	£ 20.00	Reimbursement (transformer repair)
Haydn Williams	£ 5.00	Proprint photocopying
Haydn Williams	£ 8.15	Postage for Insignia
Andrew Gordon	£ 331.46	Erection of noticeboards
One Voice Wales	£ 19.00	Cllr Altman Induction Training
A W Matthews	£ 179.40	Enamel repair & extended collar to Insignia
One Voice Wales	£ 112.00	Annual membership
Carmarthenshire CC	£ 1671.62	Public footway lighting charges

9. County Councillor's Report

County Cllr Carys Jones reported that she had been in contact with Pobl Group regarding the recent near flooding of some houses in Dol-Y-Dderwen. She has asked for an emergency, out of hours, contact number and will pass this on to the Community Council in due course for distribution to the residents adjacent to the site. She also mentioned a recent meeting that took place with the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding mud on the roads.

10. Any Other Business

2896 – Urgent action is required regarding tarmac repair work on the left at the lower end of the S bends at Penycoed double bend as you leave the village. The recent repairs did not extend far enough in the direction of Coed Dylan entrance which has resulted in a dangerous drop which will require immediate repair. County Cllr Jones was asked if she could follow this up.

2899 – Cllr Williams reported on an issue with the oak tree near the bus stop at Smyrna Crossroads. He explained that the tree was now quite large, required regular cutting back and is the subject of a complaint about leaves from a neighbouring property. The tree had been donated by Annie Bath during her period as Landlady of the Pantydderwen. However, time has demonstrated that an oak tree requires a location with ample open space to develop without constant maintenance and problems. Cllr Roberts proposed that the tree be felled and another smaller, more suitable species of tree be planted either in its place or elsewhere in the village. Cllr Williams will investigate the options. County Cllr Jones mentioned the need to ensure that felling only take place outside of bird nesting season.

2900 – Cllr Williams wished it to be noted that since the January meeting he had felt some concern that the Council donations, particularly to the Ysgol Llangain and Capel Smyrna, may have been cut too much as both of these institutions provide important services to the village and benefit greatly from the financial support provided by the Council donation each year.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15th May 2024.