

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LLANDEGLA
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2023 IN THE MEMORAL
HALL, LLANDEGLA AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors Janet Strivens (Chair), Gwyneth Dillon (Vice-Chair), Elizabeth Parker-Clark, Neena Barlow, Hillary Berry, Denbighshire County Councillor Terry Mendies and the Clerk.

1: APOLOGIES:

Councillors Steve Swygart and Gaynor Wonderley.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None received.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2023/24 TERM OF OFFICE.

Members elected Councillor Gwyneth Dillon as Chair of the Council for the 2023/24 term of office.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2023/24 TERM OF OFFICE.

Members elected Councillor Janet Strivens as Vice-Chair of the Council for the 2023/24 term of office.

5. TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Councillor Janet Strivens produced a verbal Chairman's report which provided the Council's achievements during her 2022/23 term of office that thanked fellow Members for their support during the year of office.

6. COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATION ON OTHER COMMITTEES.

A. MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT – Councillor Janet Strivens

B. COMMUNITY SHOP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Councillor Neena Barlow.

C. AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY – Councillor Steve Swygart.

D. ONE VOICE WALES – Councillor Gwyneth Dillon.

E. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL – Councillor Gwyneth Dillon.

G. RECTORY ASSOCIATION – Councillor Hillary Berry.

H. LLANDEGLA PRIMARY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE – Councillor Gaynor Wonderley.

I. SUB-COMMITTEE'S REQUIREMENT AND REPRESENTATION.

Members resolved that there is no requirement for any of the Council Sub-Committee's

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2023 IN THE MEMORAL HALL, LLANDEGLA AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

1: WELCOME.

Councillors Janet Strivens (Chair), Gwyneth Dillon (Vice-Chair), Elizabeth Parker-Clark, Neena Barlow, Hillary Berry, Denbighshire County Councillor Terry Mendies and the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillors Steve Swygart and Gaynor Wonderley.

3. 'MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO DECLARE PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT DECLARATIONS FROM A MEMBER INCLUDE THE NATURE OF THE INTEREST AND WHETHER IT IS PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL'. (STANDING ORDERS NO 57).

None received.

4. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP UPDATE.

Sandra Ellis Rogers has shown an interest in becoming a Member of the Llandegla Community Council which will be considered at the next Council meeting.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION.

"THIS PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT AND COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - TIME FOR THIS SESSION IS LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES."

None received.

6. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING.

Members confirmed the 6th April 2023 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman

7. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA.

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

8. REPORT FROM DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR TERRY MENDIES.

Councillor Terry Mendies provided an updated report on the Ty Isoe and Ty Isoe complex.

9. CRIME AND CCTV/ANPR UPDATED REPORT.

Councillor Hilary Berry received a disappointing email from "The Police and Crime Commissioner's" Office indicating that ANPR and CCTV may not meet the criteria for funding. Members resolved to defer any decisions to the next Council meeting.

10. PICNIC AREA ENTRANCE/COMMON LAND UPDATE.

The Picnic Area will be in use as part of the King's Coronation events weekend for "The Big Help Out" event on Monday 8th May 2023 at 10/00 a.m. followed by the BBQ lunch for helpers at 2.00 pm.

11. COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE.

The latest "Community Newsletter" has been completed and distributed.

12. FORMER TELEPHONE KIOSK UPDATE.

Resolved to defer decision on the use of the former telephone kiosk for the time being.

13. LLANDEGLA CAR PARK NOTICE BOARD REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT UPDATE.

Nothing to report since the previous Council meeting. Members resolved the ask Mr Phil Edwards one more time if intends to complete the required works.

14. MEMORIAL BENCHES AND PLAQUES UPDATE.

A. White Oak Property Services is in the process of erecting the three public benches in Llandegla.

B: The Clerk has now received the three plaques order the “Rhoddwyd gan Gyngor Cymuned Llandegla – Donated by Llandegla Community Council” and handed over to White Oak Property Services for erection.

C. Councillor Gwyneth Dillon met Mrs Mary Barton recently and agreed the wording “Er cof am y Diweddar Gynghorydd Bob Barton – In Memory of the Late Bob Barton.” The Clerk will now place the order for the plaque.

15. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated Members with the “One Voice Wales Training Courses for April 2023.

16. KING CHARLES III CORONATION CELEBRATIONS IN LLANDEGLA UPDATE.

The Chair reported that “The Coronation Working Group” have completed the time table of events for the “King Charles III Coronation Celebration” in Llandegla for the weekend of 6th to 8th May 2023.

17. COUNCIL’S WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATE.

Members noted the report of some inappropriate posts on the Council’s Facebook Page which will be removed by the Council’s Administrator.

18. TOP FIELD/TOP PARK USAGE/NAMING.

The Clerk received an email from a local family confirming the correct name for the Council owned “Top Field” is “Cae Mair” which should be referred by the adopted name at all times in the future.

19. FINANCE ISSUES.

A. The Clerk circulated the Bank Transactions spreadsheet for the month of April 2023 to the Members of the Council.

B. Authorised Receipts – First 2023/24 Precept Receipt £3,328.00.

C. Authorised Payments:-

1. Engraved Plaques for three seat benches in Llandegla from Brunel Engraving - £173.34.

2. One Voice Wales Training Courses £140.00.

3. HSBC monthly fee £5.00.

4. Neena Barlow for Coronation Expenses £18.98

C. Clerk’s Salary Update – defer to next Council meeting.

20. TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

No planning applications received for observations.

21. TO REVIEW ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED THAT REQUIRES ATTENTION.

Email contents received from Councillor Hilary Berry:-

“Fraser and I had a very interesting conversation with a lady called Beverley who was helping to put up Bunting in the village and will be joining us on the Big Help out. She is the North Wales Community Manager for the Eden Project. She seemed very keen to find ways to support the joint project with the Rectory Assoc in picnic area and in the area where the Hide is located. She took lots of pictures. She said that she will email me soon.”

22. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS COMMITTEE.

Councillor Steve Swygart reported-

On the basis of trying to get monies from whatever road safety budget, I had another meeting with the person in question before I left for Kalymnos.

The gentleman who was put up by DCC for this meeting was a contractor, who was working for DCC. Apparently monies are allocated for road safety (like all budgets) at the start of the tax year and so there weren't any available for the next 12 months. I said we couldn't wait 12 months. Unless this was some kind of accident black spot (which we clearly can't prove), this was the end of the road as far as funding was concerned.

I then remembered that Philip Billington's boss had said at the last meeting that one "option" could be that we just do the work and then get DCC to adopt it afterwards. The gentleman was a civil engineer with his own business (contracting to DCC) who said he could produce a scheme at far less of a cost than quoted and if we got a quote from DCC approved contractors and had them do it, that could be an option?

Only problem is - how much would DCC charge us to adopt it? I don't see an issue with the design, as there are codes to work to for this (from a structural and civil engineering point of view) and the gentleman in question would oversee at virtually no cost to us.

I realise that this might seem a bridge too far in terms of executing something without prior permission, but it was an idea mooted by someone senior to us within DCC at the first meeting!

I have asked Terry to explore this within the upper reaches of DCC on the QT to gain reaction and see what the next steps could be.

We have the names of 3 DCC contractors from the gentleman concerned and I will get them to come out and quote us when I return. If nothing else, this will enable the DCC quote to be firmed up, as they have £12.5k in as a budget price (way over the top, according to the gentleman I) in their original quote, so it will leave us with a much clearer picture anyway. Hope this all makes sense.

Any questions, please mail me or speak with Terry.

23. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES – None received.

24. URGENT BUSINESS UNDER SECTION 100B(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – None received.

25. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 1ST JUNE 2023 IN THE LLANDEGLA MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.00 P.M.