

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
2ND FEBRUARY 2023 IN THE LLANDEGLA MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.00 P.M.

1: PRESENT:-

Councillors Janet Strivens, Gwyneth Dillon, Hillary Berry, Gaynor Wonderley, Nena Barlow, Steve Swygart, Elizabeth Parker-Clark, Denbighshire County Council. Terry Mendies together with the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None Received.

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).

Councillor Hilary Berry on the broadband issues.

4. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP UPDATE.

There were no applications received for the vacant seat that exists on the Council. The Clerk will now update the "Co-option Notice" for the vacant seat.

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."

Members confirmed to the Public in attendance that the consideration for King Charles III celebration event by the Community Council to be considered at the next Council meeting.

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

Members confirmed the 5th January 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 agenda.

8. REPORT FROM DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR TERRY MENDIES.

Already covered elsewhere within the agenda.

9. LACK OF DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ASSISTANCE DURING THE RECENT SNOWFALL/ICY CONDITIONS WITHIN THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

Councillor Steve Swygart reported on the lack of the recent snow clearance by Denbighshire County Council and subsequently reported the issues to Denbighshire County Council, but had the lack of respect from County Council staff.

County Councillor Terry Menzies reported-

"As you are aware I brought this matter to the attention to the CEO and his number 2 on Friday. I also brought this matter up in Cabinet today. I am meeting with Barry Mellor, the lead Member for roads, and will take him round the Ward and elsewhere to highlight the problems. Please feel free to watch today's proceedings on the Council website. You will see

that I was advocating for an increase of the roads budget. Also, the disgruntled Residents may attend next month's meeting and I am happy to answer questions.

The Senior Leadership team have certainly got the message and it will be interesting to see their response in February when more snow is forecast. I will forward your e-mail to the powers concerned."

Mr Jon Chapman, Denbighshire County Council Street Scene Manager (South) provided the following reply to the issues raised thus far:-

"I have attached a few examples which highlight Winter Maintenance Actions taken, Telematic Vehicle Reports for the snow event period which highlights the times the vehicles are running and sections of the gritting route report covering Llandegla area which is part of one of our priority gritting routes. It is always disappointing when residents feel we are not providing a good service, especially for something as important as Winter Maintenance, and we will always strive to provide the best service we can, even under these difficult circumstances.

Denbighshire's road network covers little used rural roads to the highest A Class road in Wales. It also extends to crucial regional strategic routes such as the A55 to narrow tracks serving very isolated properties.

The gritted network is currently split into 9 Priority Gritting Routes:

- 4 covering the North of the county running from Kinmel depot
- 3 covering the middle of the county running from Lon Parcwr depot in Ruthin
- 2 covering the south of the county, currently also running from Lon Parcwr depot in Ruthin

These 9 routes cover approximately 950km and actually treat 605km of the total Denbighshire network which is 1416km

The potential risk of snow was first forecast on Saturday the 14th January which resulted in all priority routes being gritted at 7-30pm and 1-00am

The following day saw a similar forecast which again resulted in all priority gritting routes being treated at either 3-00pm or 6-00pm (dependent on route forecast) and 11-00pm followed by further treatment at 6-30am as the risk of snow increased.

The morning of Monday 16th January saw the risk of snow increase significantly and this proved to be the onset of the week long snow event.

From this point we moved from the usual two shift system we deploy throughout the winter period to a three shift system which allows us to cover the full 24hrs of gritting whilst acknowledging driving regulations and incorporates all of our WM drivers and resources.

From Monday 16th January to Thursday 19th January (inclusive) saw three shifts working from

8-00am to 4-00pm, 4-00pm to midnight and midnight to 8-00am gritting all priority routes twice per shift, equating to six times in the 24 hour period at a rate of 20g per sq metre. These treatments from the 16th to the 19th saw DCC use in excess of 1000 tonnes of salt across the county and although salt is a great material for de-icing it does require the action of traffic before it becomes properly effective and until this happens there can be lag between the salt going down and it acting fully.

Snow ploughs were fitted on all gritters on Monday 16th January with crews instructed to plough where there is an accumulation of snow on the roads. These remained fitted for the duration of the snow event.

Due to the severity of the event all resources were focused on keeping the nine priority routes open, which proved to be very successful with very few reports received of priority routes being closed.

On Wednesday 18th January our agricultural snow plough contractors were deployed to clear snow from rural roads not on the priority gritting routes, with several reports coming back from them that the conditions were not severe enough for them to make an impact (The snow ploughs have the best effect when the snow is a minimum of 75-100mm deep)

I hope that this fully covers the points that have been raised and will go some way to satisfying, all concerned, that we doing all we can in providing the best service possible.”

County Councillor Terry Mendies will now arrange a site meeting with Debigshire Officers and report back at the next Council meeting.

10. LACK OF DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CUSTOMER SERVICES REPLIES FOR LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Following the report from Councillor Swygart of the lack of Denbighshire County Council Customer Services replies for Llandegla Community Council, County Councillor Mendies agreed to monitor the services during the course of the month and report back to the next Council meeting.

11. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DIGITAL OFFICER UPDATED EMAIL REPORTS.

Councillor Hilary Berry kindly agreed to look over the information provided by Mr Philip Burrows, Denbighshire County Council Digital Officer, since the previous Council meeting and report back at the next Council meeting.

12. CRIME UPDATED REPORT.

Confirmation that the Community Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) questionnaire was sent to local residents via the “Community Council Newsletter” in mid-January 2023 to seek support for the scheme with the deadline for return by 28th January 2023.

Councillor Berry will now digest the information supplied from the local residents and report back to the next Council meeting on her findings.

13. SPEEDING ISSUES TO INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF “SPEED IDENTIFICATION DEVICES” FOR LLANDEGLA.

Councillor Berry has arranged a site meeting with Nadeem Hussain, Road Safety Officer from Denbighshire County Council on 22nd February 2023 to discuss the agenda item under consideration.

14. PICNIC AREA ENTRANCE/COMMON LAND UPDATE.

A: Councillor Strivens confirmed, after discussion with Mr Fraser Robertson, that the access gate, boundary fencing and signage at the site is complete and the Community Council agreed to pay for the new onsite signage.

B. County Councillor Terry Mendies agreed to look into the ownership issues of the site.

15. COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE.

The latest “Newsletter” edition is almost complete and will be distributed middle of February.

16. FORMER TELEPHONE KIOSK UPDATE.

The scheduled site meeting at the former “Telephone Kiosk” for January 2023 had to be postponed due to the snowy weather and the Councillor Strivens will re-arrange the site meeting prior to the next Council meeting.

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

Phil Edwards Joinery provided two quotes for the Community Council Llandegla Car Park Notice Board replacement:-

A: Cost of materials quotation £839.42 (payment due on the commencement of the work).

B. Cost of labour £900.00 (payment due on the conclusion of the work).

Members resolved to accept both quotations and for the release payment for quotation A as indicated prior to the commencement of the work.

18. MEMORIAL BENCH UPDATE.

Members resolved to purchase three two seater wooden bench seats (two for the “Top Park” and one for the “Picnic Area”) from Charlies of Welshpool for the total cost of £689.97 including VAT.

19. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

Members have started to book places on the One Voice Wales training courses.

20. FINANCE ISSUES:-

A: The Clerk circulated Members with the bank transactions for the period covering 1st April 2022 to 31st January 2023.

B. Authorised bill payments:-

1. Philip Lewis for Hedge Laying at the top field £150.00.

2. Charlie’s of Welshpool for three times two seater benches £689.97.

3. Monthly HSBC Fee £5.00.

4. One Voice Wales training courses £52.50.

5. Denbighshire County Council for the 2022 non-contested Council Elections £150.79.

C. Grant aid application from Ysgol Dyffryn Ial towards the coach travelling costs to Corwen Swimming Pool for £150.00. Members resolved to agree with the grant aid request of £150.

21. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Planning application: 17/2023/0017 - erection of a single storey extension to side of dwelling and associated works at Cerrig Uchaf, Llandegla. Whilst the Members has no objections to the planning application, the Planning Department must address the concerns raised by the “Area of Outstanding Beauty” in regards to the planning application.

22. TO REVIEW ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED THAT REQUIRES ATTENTION.

A: The Secretary of the Llandegla Rectory Association recently wrote the following mail:-

“At our last meeting it was agreed that we should invite members of the Community Council to attend our meeting so that we could discuss how both our organisations can best work together to support the life of the community in Llandegla.

Would you please be able to raise this request at the next Llandegla Community Council meeting? If your members agree to this request, then I can set up a mutually acceptable date for the meeting of both organisations.”

Members resolved for the Clerk to accept the invitation on behalf of the Community Council and await for the Llandegla Rectory Association to confirm the date of the joint meeting.

B. One Voice Wales are seeking nominations from Member Councils to be placed in a draw for attendance at The King’s 2023 Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

Members nominated Councillor Janet Strivens to be places in the draw.

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

Councillor Steve Swygart reported on the following:-

- A: Received quotation from White Oak Property Services of £140.00 per bench for the casting bases for the three two seater benches. Members resolved to accept the quotation.
- B. Received a breakdown of the costs from Denbighshire County Council in regards to the Footpath Extension on the Top Park in Llandegla, which appears to be too high and will contact Mr Philip Billington before agreeing to the costs.
- C. The planting of the fruit trees in The Top Park will take place on Saturday 4th March 2023 at 10.00 am

24. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES:-

- A. MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT: None received.
- B. COMMUNITY SHOP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: None received.
- C. AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY: None Received.
- D. ONE VOICE WALES: Councillor Gwyneth Dillon recently attended the Area Committee of One Voice Wales via Zoom conference.
- E. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: None received.

25. URGENT BUSINESS UNDER SECTION 100B(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

Members resolved to discuss King Charles III Coronation celebrations in Llandegla at the next Council Meeting.

26. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2023 IN THE LLANDEGLA MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.00 P.M.