

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

1. PRESENT:- Councillors Janet Strivens (Chair), Gwyneth Dillon, Gaynor Wonderley, Elizabeth Parker-Clark, Steve Swygart, Neena Barlow, Denbighshire County Councillor Terry Mendies together with the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Hilary Berry.

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.

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."

None received.

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

A: Following the correction of spelling on the previous Council meeting by the Clerk the Members confirmed the 2nd February 2023 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

B. The Chair confirmed that she has sent a thank you letter to the previous Chair of the Council, Karen Bellis, for her services to the Community Council for several years.

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

The Council received a thank you letter from Ysgol Dyffryn Ial for the £150.00 grant aid towards the transport costs to the weekly swimming lessons in Corwen.

8. REPORT FROM DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR TERRY MENDIES.

Councillor Terry Mendies updated Council with the current legal position to the Ty Isoe issues in Llandegla.

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

No update since the previous Council meeting.

10. UPDATED REPORT ON THE LACK OF DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CUSTOMER SERVICES REPLIES FOR LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

No update since the previous Council meeting.

11. CRIME UPDATED REPORT.

Councillor Hilary Berry provided the following written report:-

CCTV/ANPR

Survey Results:

34 in support

5 against

2 undecided

I have made every effort to contact residents who have objections to the installation.

Only two residents made approaches to explore their concerns. Janet and I met with Chris Davies and arranged for a zoom call with Chris Jenks. The conversations were very informative and productive.

I have paraphrased the main points below:

1. Does the crime rate necessitate action? – based on crime rates and research?

Chris Davies has agreed to provide current data

2. Will there be a demonstrable impact?
3. Is it a clear deterrent?
4. Is it cost effective? Can the money be put to a different use?
5. Will there be a proliferation of cameras and signage that may spoil the village?
6. Will the installation encourage reduced police presence?
7. How safe is the content in relation to 'misuse'? ie 'hacking' GDPR?
8. Will it increase fear of crime?

The question then is:

9. If not this then what?

Chris Davies has agreed to work with Councillors to look at other strategies to help the community feel safe. He did say he would do this even if the Council decided to proceed with any installation.

My view is the summary within a Key Document, shared by Chris Davies to argue against CCTV, indicates that it does make a difference albeit not significant. Please see attachments Also, it is possible to find counter arguments for most of the above.

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

See agenda item 11 above.

13. PICNIC AREA ENTRANCE/COMMON LAND UPDATE.

Denbighshire County Councillor Terry Mendies kindly agreed to seek the views of Denbighshire County Council in regards to the land ownership/usage etc.

14. COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE.

The latest edition of the “Newsletter” has been distributed within the community.

15. FORMER TELEPHONE KIOSK UPDATE.

The Chair reported that some residents request that the building be removed from the existing site in Allt-yr-Efail, Llandegla.

Denbighshire County Councillor Terry Mendies kindly agreed to seek the views of Denbighshire County Council in regards to the land ownership/usage etc. before the kiosk can be re-located.

16. LLANDEGLA CAR PARK NOTICE BOARD REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT UPDATE.
Nothing to report since the previous Council meeting.

17. SEAT BENCH UPDATE.

The three public seat benches ordered by the Council have now been received.
White Oak Property Services will now erect the three benches and the Clerk will arrange the supply of the memorial plaques on behalf of the Council.

18. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

Individual Members are booking training courses on the One Voice Wales Training Courses.

19. KING CHARLES III CORONATION CELEBRATIONS IN LLANDEGLA.

Members attended the joint Meeting with the Llandegla Rectory Association prior to Council meeting and agreed to set up a Open Meeting at the Llandegla Memorial Hall on 9th March 2023 at 7.00 pm to discuss the Llandegla King Charles III Coronation Celebrations.

20. FINANCE ISSUES:-

A: The Clerk provided members with the bank transactions for the period covering 1st April 2022 to 31st February 2023.

B. Authorised bill payments:-

1. AVOW for PAYE fees (£27.50 +£25.00) £52.50.
2. Hywel Evans Newsletter Costs £120.00.
3. One Voice Wales 2023/24 Annual Membership Fee £106.00.
4. One Voice Wales training course fee £35.00.
5. Clerk's salary for the quarter ended 31st March 2023 £560.20.
6. Clerk's Expenses for the year ended 31st March 2023 £711.25.
7. PAYE for the quarter ended 31st March 2023 £140.00.
8. HSBC bank charges monthly fee £5.00.

C. The Clerk still awaits the an invoice from the Audit Wales for the last Annual Return Completed together with the return of the Annual Financial Return from Audit Wales.

21. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None Received.

22. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Area of Natural Beauty Community Champions Forum will take place on 2nd March 2023 in the Llysfasi Community Hub Centre at 6.30 p.m.

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

Councillor Steve Swygart reported in relation to the "Top Field" as follows:

- A: Fruit Trees have been planted.
- B. White Oak Property Services are in the process of erecting the benches and entrance gate.
- C. Still enquiring to the Denbighshire County Council highway footpath costs on site.

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

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.

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

None received.

26. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – MAUNDY THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 2023 IN THE LLANDEGLA MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.00 P.M.