

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2021 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors Karen Bellis (Chairman), Elizabeth Parker-Clark, Claire Livingston, Gwyneth Dillon, Janet Strivens, Sandra Williams-Blythen, Denbighshire County Councillor Martyn Holland together with the Clerk and Dr. Hugo Watts (member of the public).

1: MEMBERS WELCOMED THE NEWLY ELECTED MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH PARKER-CLARK TO HER FIRST COUNCIL MEETING.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Steve Swygart.

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. DISCUSSION WITH MR PHILIP BURROWS, DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DIGITAL OFFICER.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Philip Burrows to the meeting. Mr Burrows provided the Members of the Council, via the Clerk, copies of his connectivity report for the Community of Llandegla. The main issues highlighted were:-

- A: There are 39 white premises properties within the community that do not have access to broadband at over 30Mbps and there are no plans for it to be available within three years.
- B. Llandegla Village Hall is the only property within the community which has "Local Full Fibre Network".
- C. Community Fire Partnerships in the area.
- D. Types of Internet connections.
- E. How to obtain a Fibre connection.
- G. Funding options.

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."

Dr. Hugo Watts of White Oak Property Services confirmed that the cost of the community grass cutting for the 2022 season will be the same price as the 2021 grass cutting season.

6. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTYN HOLLAND.

- A: DCC have agreed to install Horse Rider Signs at the back road junction with the B5430 and the main street junction with the A5104.
- B. There has been more Fly Tipping on the back road and the Old Roman Road. Large conifer branches were tipped on the back road and if anyone knows where they may have come from please let me know. About fifty black bin bags full of roots and compost were tipped on the Old Roman Road. The police and DCC are investigating because they may have come from a cannabis farm.

C. There have been reports of sheep wondering along the A542 on the Llandegla side of the cattle grid. We believe that they may be graziers of sheep from the Horseshoe Pass and the Moorlands Officer is trying to identify the owner. I have also asked highways to check the cattle grid and neighbouring fences to see how they are getting through.

D. I have tried to arrange a meeting between Highways and Countryside Services re the car park opposite the Ponderosa on the Horseshoe Pass because it is in a very poor state and cars are getting stuck when the ground is wet.

Sadly Highways say it is not their responsibility and so I am now trying to arrange a meeting with NRW.

E. The first phase of closing the illegal caravan site called Ty Issoe Annex has been undertaken and a large number of old cars, caravans and white goods have been removed from the site. The council are now in the process of taking action against the land owner for fly tipping, etc.

F. The Boundary Commission has now confirmed that despite our objections our County Ward will change for the local elections in 2022 and that we will lose the Communities of Llanferres to a new ward called the Moel Famau ward. Llanarmon Yn Ial and Llandegla will then become a much smaller ward called the Alyn Valley Ward. This does have no impact on the Community Council boundaries at present.

G. I recently met with DCC officers and managers from Welsh Water about the number of leaks from their water main under the B5431 and the subsequent road closures while repairs are undertaken. The water main supplies an underground reservoir at Acre Farm which in turn services 700 properties in the Llandegla area. Welsh Water have a schedule of works and hope to move a replacement main up the schedule because of the impact on local residents every time the road is closed.

H. I have recently circulated my latest Community Covid News Letter number 28. Sadly due to technology problems I am not sure that everyone has received this edition. I am still encountering problems and I am struggling to pull in e-mail addresses from my iPad. I have had a number of meetings with the Counties IT team and I hope that normal services will resume soon.

7. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING.

Members confirmed 2nd September 2021 minutes as a true record.

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

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

9. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES UPDATE.

The Clerk reported that there were no applicants received for the remaining two vacant seats that exists on the Council. The Clerk will re-advertise the two vacant seats.

10. WEBSITE UPDATE.

Members approved the new Website of the Council.

11. FORMER TELEPHONE KIOSK UPDATE.

No progress since the previous Council meeting. Councillor Janet Strivens suggested that the community restarts the "Community Newsletter" Committee in order to provide information on issues such as suggestions the future use of the former BT Telephone Kiosk. Members resolved to discuss and make a decision at an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Thursday 2nd December 2021 in the Village Hall, Llandegla at 7.00 p.m.

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

No progress since the previous Council meeting. Members resolved to discuss and make a decision at an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Thursday 2nd December 2021 in the Village Hall, Llandegla at 7.00 p.m.

13. COMMUTED SUMS GRANT APPLICATION - LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

The Clerk circulated Members with the email received from the Community Development Team of Denbighshire County Council seeking information as soon as possible for the balance of £27,392.48 to be drawn down from the Llandegla Community Council Commuted Sums Grant Application.

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14. MEMORIAL BENCH FOR THE LATE BOB BARTON.

Members were circulated prior to the meeting with providers of “Memorial Benches”. Members resolved to discuss and make a decision at an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Thursday 2nd December 2021 in the Village Hall, Llandegla at 7.00 p.m.

15. COMMUNITY TOP FIELD FUTURE WORKS.

A. Councillor Steve Swygart provided two written reports prior to the meeting:-

Today (20th Oct), we will start laying the hedge to the L of the Field as you enter it (see notes below); Ruth confirmed the date with me yesterday.

Also, Hugo has now mown the back half of the Field and collected the cuttings as per specification. This was achieved on Friday pm in good weather – it has been pretty poor since then.

Ruth has arranged for the contractor to harrow this area for us towards the end of this week (possibly Friday) with the intention of holding the seed sowing event on Sunday 24th at 11am. You will have to accept my apologies for the slightly late advertising of this event, but it has been a challenge to get all of the ducks in a row to sort this out.

I did give advance notice of the plans to Claire last week so that she could get the word out in the School home briefing that goes out every Friday, so it will have been in there twice before the event.

My wife Helen is putting up the attached poster in the Village Shop today, and if a couple more could go up (I will put some out myself), that would be great.

The AONB will have a gazebo there and hand out locally sourced seeds for people to sow on the harrowed area; they will also be on hand for other activities Ruth details below.

There will be a bill for the contractor to harrow (£250, I think; see previous mail from Ruth) and there will be an on-going maintenance cost of spreading the cut meadow under the hedges in autumn (due to potential dog-fouling), but these are small prices to pay in the scheme of things.

B. Councillor Gwyneth Dillon reported that the source I have previously mentioned for Welsh Fruit Trees is Ian Sturrocks based in Bangor North Wales. Unfortunately, we have missed the window for buying stock this year, as he is SOLD out yet again! But if we are quick, make a decision to order, we can order for 2022 at this year's prices.

C. Councillor Karen Bellis reported re Top Field hedge management. Follow this link for a rather wonderful website all about hedges - establishment, maintenance, cutting etc. <https://hedgeline.org.uk/> and their advice is to lay a hedge whenever it gets 'leggy' and this could be anywhere between 15 - 40 years since last laying.

16. QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022 CELEBRATIONS.

Members resolved to discuss and make a decision at an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Thursday 2nd December 2021 in the Village Hall, Llandegla at 7.00 p.m.

17. PLANTERS FOR LLANDEGLA CAR PARK.

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18. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE AND POPPY WREATH – 14TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT THE LLANDEGLA WAR MEMORIAL COMMENCING AT 10.40 A.M.

- A. the Council's Poppy Wreath has been delivered to the Community Shop in Llandegla.
- B. Councillor Claire Livingston will lay the Poppy Wreath on behalf of the Council.

19. TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN OR CLERK (STANDING ORDERS NO. 24).

None received.

20. FINANCE ISSUES:-

A: The Clerk circulated Members with the bank transactions for the period covering 1st April 2021 to 31st October 2021.

B. Approve the schedule of receipts and payments received prior to the meeting:-

- 1. HG Web Designs for the Council's new Website £400.00.
- 2. White Oak Property Services for the Community grass cutting £646.95.
- 3. Royal British Legion for the Council's Poppy Wreath £100.00.

C. Members resolved to purchase the annual Community Christmas Tree again this year via Mr Fraser Robertson.

21. PANNING ISSUES.

A: Application: 17/2021/0869 - construction of new raised pitched roof to provide additional living accommodation within roof at first floor level, including dormer extensions, rooflights and erection of ground floor verandah and first floor balcony to side of dwelling at Jalna, Llandegla – no objections.

B. Denbighshire County Council has granted the following planning applications:-

- 1. Application 17/2021/0745 – Erection of agricultural implement and tractor store at Dafarn Dywyrch, Llandegla.
- 2. Application 17/2021/0793 – Erection of extension to existing agricultural building on barn adjacent to Nant-yr-Hafod, Llandegla.
- 3. Application 17/2021/0792 – Erection of extension to existing agricultural building at Llyn Rhys, Bryn Eglwys Road, Llandegla.

22. TO REVIEW ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED THAT REQUIRES ATTENTION.

A. AVOW Payroll Services is due for renewal at the same terms & conditions as the previous contract. Members resolved to renew the contract with AVOW.

B. Mr Darren Millar MS would like to attend a future Council meeting. Members resolved to invite Mr Millar to the March 2022 meeting of the Council.

23. GENERAL COVID 19 UPDATES.

Members resolved to hold an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Thursday 2nd December 2021 in the Village Hall, Llandegla at 7.00 p.m. under the Covid-19 rules and regulations.

24. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS COMMITTEE.

Already covered within agenda item 15 above.

25. REPORTS RECEIVED OF OUTSIDE BODIES FROM COUNCILLORS.

None received.

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

None received.

27. THE NEXT EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LLANDEGLA.