

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY 2023 IN THE LLANDEGLA MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.00 P.M.

1: PRESENT:-

Councillors Janet Strivenrs (Chair), Steve Swygart, Hilary Berry, Gwyneth Dillon, Nena Barlow, Gaynor Wonderley, Elizabeth Parker-Clark together with the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Denbighshire County Councillor Terry Mendies.

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. GUEST SPEAKER – MR PHILIP BURROWS, DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DIGITAL OFFICER.

The Chair welcomed Mr Philip Burrows to the meeting who provided the following report to the members in attendance:-

“Following recent updates from Openreach and the Welsh Government regarding internet connectivity in Wales. I have created a report for the area covered by your Community Council. The UK Government has announced an increase to the Gigabit voucher scheme which enables rural communities to pool the vouchers to pay for fibre based internet connections to be installed. This is achieved via an Openreach programme called ‘Fibre Community Partnership’. The new voucher value will be announced shortly.

These ‘Fibre Community Partnerships’ with Openreach should be championed by local residents or a community councillor. As the Digital Officer for Denbighshire Council it is part of my remit to assist these community groups, advise, and support them throughout the Openreach process.

I’d like to provide the opportunities in your area and the support I can give, hoping that we can work together to inform your residents and businesses of their options and eventually bring fast and reliable internet connections to all of your community.

The attached report includes information on:

The number of premises which receive less than 30mbps and are not in an upgrade plan. These are called ‘White Premises’ by Openreach and the Government.

An update on the Welsh Government Fibre installation programme that has been extended to March 2023.

An update on the LFFN Fibre Programme, which has a second phase in Denbighshire.

The Openreach map showing their expansion plans.

The number of premises in the T&CC area that can currently obtain a fibre based internet connection offering of up to 1000mbps.

An update on any Openreach Fibre Community Partnerships in the T&CC area.

An explanation of the different connectivity options available to businesses and residents in Denbighshire.

Information on how the Openreach Fibre Community Partnerships works.”

The members of the Council are supportive of the role of the “Digital Officer” and look forward to assist the Officer in providing Broadband to all properties within the community.

5. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP UPDATE.

The Clerk has prepared the appropriate “Public Notice” for the vacant seat that exists on the Council following the resignation of Karen Bellis.

6. 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.

7. REPORT FROM DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR TERRY MENDIES.

Councillor Terry Mendies circulated the following written report prior to the meeting:-

LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT JANUARY 2023.

I hope you all had a very happy Christmas and Best wishes for 2023.

ROAD WORKS. Over the coming weeks there will be road repairs to the following; Llanarmon Yn Yal , ffordd Rhiw Ial from Junction to Junction works will be carried out from 31st January to 1st February.

A542 at Llandegla, from the Dafarn Dywyrch roundabout to the Ponderosa Café. Works will be carried out from 14th February to 29th March.

FUTURE ROAD REPAIRS. A very big thankyou to Sue Jones for e-mailing the head of highways with Llanarmon’ “wish list” for the next financial year. I have added to the list and will follow up at the end of February to ensure the Ward gets its share of the £4 million budget.

GRAIG QUARRY. Following numerous complaints of mud on the road from Llanarmon, past the Quarry to The Rose and Crown Pub, I visited the Quarry twice in December 2022 and spoke to both Managers. They have agreed to increase the frequency of the road cleaner and be more vigilant in policing the wheel washing routine. I also spoke to the Regional Manager at Tarmac, I explained that they were breaching the Highways Act, and they, Tarmac, are going to upgrade the wheel wash system in February. I will continue to monitor the road. It is also on DCC’s works schedule to repair the road and clear the Culverts before the end of March.

RURAL THEFT. There has been a couple of incidents whereby heating oil has been stolen from local residents. As the cost of living increases continue, one can only presume this will continue. Please ensure that your oil tank has a sturdy lock and consider installing a solar sensor light. If you have any concerns or suspicions please contact me and I will view the Village CCTV system.

TY ISSO and TY ISSO ANNEX. The legal action continues with the next Court appearance scheduled for 19th February.

BUNGALOW AT GRAIANRHYD. There have been several complaints of a Transport / Trucking business being operated from a residential premises. I will be meeting with Planning Enforcement after 9th January when the DCC offices re-open.

CONTACT DETAILS. If there are any issues that you are concerned about, please do not hesitate to call me on 07795 659777 or e-mail me at terry.mendies@denbighshire.gov.uk .

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

Members confirmed Council minutes held on 1st December as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Councillor Janet Strivens agreed to send former Council Member Karen Bellis a thank you letter for her valued service as a Councillor on the Llandegla Community Council over the past recent years.

10. CRIME UPDATED REPORT.

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

11. SPEEDING ISSUES TO INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF "SPEED IDENTIFICATION DEVICES" FOR LLANDEGLA.

The Community Council still awaits a reply from the relevant Officers of Denbighshire County Council regarding the necessary authority required

12. PICNIC AREA ENTRANCE/COMMON LAND UPDATE.

Councillor Janet Strivens agreed to consult with Fraser Robertson regarding the way forward with the area of land for consideration.

13. COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE.

The next "Community Newsletter" is ready for distribution by mid-January 2023.

14. FORMER TELEPHONE KIOSK UPDATE.

Councillor Janet Strivens has arranged a site meeting for the future works and use of the the former "Telephone Kiosk" during the following week.

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

No update since the previous Council meeting.

16. MEMORIAL BENCH UPDATED.

No update since the previous Council meeting.

17. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated Members with the One Voice Wales Training Courses for the quarter ended 31st March 2023 prior to the meeting.

18. FINANCE ISSUES:-

A: The Clerk circulated Member with the bank transactions for the period covering 1st April 2022 to 31st December 2022.

B. Authorised receipts – final 2022/23 precept receipt £3,328.00.

C. Authorised payments:-

1. JRB Ground Maintenance & Tree Services for 6 Oak natural seating at the Top Park £600.00.

2. White Oak Property Services for Grass Cutting 190.00.

3. Janet Robinson for Community Flowers for planters £46.10.

4. Clerk's salary for the quarter ended 31st December 2022 £560.20.

5. Members allowance for the full year ended 31st March 2023 £120.00.

6. HSBC monthly fee £5.00.

19. TO SET THE COUNCIL'S 2023/24 PRECEPT REQUIREMENT.

Members firstly discussed the current year spending compared with previous year spending compared with the anticipated reserves at 31st March 2023 and resolved on the standstill Precept for the 2023/24 financial year at £9,984.00: which equates to £31.50 per Council Tax dwellings (317) within the Llandegla Community.

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

None received.

21. TO REVIEW ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED THAT REQUIRES ATTENTION.

Denbighshire County Councillor Terry Mendies previously circulated PACT information from the North Wales Police force.

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

Councillor Steve Swygart updated members as follows:-

A: Fruit Trees have ordered for the top field via AONB.

B. Awaits the cost and commencement date from Denbighshire County Council regarding the pavement works at the Top Park field entrance.

23. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES.

There were no reports received from the following outside bodies:-

A. Memorial Hall Management.

B. Community Shop Management Committee.

C. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

D. One Voice Wales.

E. Parochial Church Council.

F. Youth Liaison Group.

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

No urgent business received.

25. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2023 IN THE LLANDEGLA MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.00 P.M.