

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE AT 7.00 P.M.

1: PRESENT:

Councillors Janet Strivens (Chair), Steve Swygart, Elizabeth Parker-Clark, Gwyneth Dillon, Sandra Williams-Blythen, Denbighshire County Councillor Martyn Holland together with the Clerk.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors Karen Bellis and Claire Livingston.

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. 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.

5. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTYN HOLLAND.

A: Highways have agreed to undertake repairs to the cattle grid on the Horseshoe Pass to stop local sheep escaping.

B. The gully at the Gun Club corner has been cleaned. Can we all monitor and let me know if this needs further attention in the future.

C. I attended the full planning committee on the 15th December and raised my serious concerns about the development of the kennels at Tyddyn Griag Llandegla 17/2019/0698. I also raised a concern about the length of time this retrospective application has taken to come before the planning committee.

Under normal circumstances I would have objected to this application but the Counties case was weakened by the fact that the Counties own licensing department had already granted a licence to breed dogs at this site. Conditions have been set including the building of an acoustic fence which should be completed within one month and screening of the same.

There should be no external lighting installed without the approval of the Counties planning department and this should be in line with the DCC Dark Skies Policy.

I am disappointed by the number of retrospective planning applications in our ward and frustrated by the poor response to these by DCC. The above application took over two years to arrive with the planning team. I do hope that the fact that we have recruited another enforcement officer will improve this situation. I am also concerned by the fact that different departments in the County are still working in silos and this can add costs the council can ill afford because things are missed.

D. There are cases of Avian Flu in the wild bird population and anyone who owns chickens, ducks, etc should now keep them indoors until further notice. A case has been identified in domestic chickens in the Wrexham area and the birds all had to be destroyed. If you feed wild birds you should also take care and not only wash your hands after feeding them but also any bird feeders should be washed and disinfected on a regular basis.

#### 6. TO CONFIRM AND THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Members confirmed minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 meetings as a true record.

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

Mr Darren Millar, MS for Clwyd West, confirmed that he is unable to attend the March meeting of the Council.

#### 8. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES UPDATE.

The Clerk reported that there were no applicants received for the remaining two vacant seats that exists on the Council. The seats will now remain vacant until the “National Local Elections” to be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 as confirmed by Denbighshire County Council.

#### 9. COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE.

Councillor Janet Strivens provided the following written update:-

“A meeting to explore the establishment of a community newsletter took place on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021. It was originally planned as a f2f meeting but was transferred to Zoom due to the rise in COVID infections. All invitees were able to attend: Shelagh Williams, Sarah Chapman, Norah Lucas, Fraser Robertson, Elizabeth Parker-Clark and myself. The main outcomes were as follows (not necessarily in the order discussed):

All those present warmly supported the proposal.

An initial frequency of every six weeks was suggested, since this could easily be changed to monthly or bi-monthly. It was thought that a six-week cycle would be sufficiently short to encourage community groups to share plans for upcoming events.

Initially both hard and soft copy versions should be produced. The soft copy could be accessed from the Llandegla website and/or the Community Council website for downloading.

Distribution:

it was thought that the effort to deliver hard copies of at least the first two or three editions would be worthwhile (a copy of the electoral register will be needed);

EPC offered to contact the Post Office to enquire how much it would cost for them to deliver; People could be invited either to supply an email address or a postal address (with the cost of postage) through a prominent notice in the first edition and subsequent reminders;

NL noted that this raised DP issues, and the ownership of this information needed to be clarified. It was thought that the Community Council should be the owner if possible.

Format/production:

Printing costs for camera-ready copy and timelines need to be obtained (it was noted that the Clerk to the Community Council could supply a contact here);

It was agreed that the simplest way forward would be to use an existing online programme designed for the production of newsletters and magazines. FR suggested Mailchimp and forwarded a link.

Content: This was a brainstorming discussion which produced (at least) the following suggestions:

Reports and plans from community groups (see list at the end of this report);

Reviews of events happening in the village;

Local businesses which might potentially wish to advertise (see list at the end of this report);

Report from the Community Council/County Councillor;

Contributions in Welsh, including Welsh phrases;

Report from the AONB;  
Report from the Environmental Project;  
Editorial/brief articles highlighting interesting local natural history/historical sites;  
Information about the Food Bank.

It was hoped that the first edition could be launched on St Davids Day, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.  
At the close, JS reiterated that, other than undertakings made in the meeting, nobody was committed to anything by attending this meeting. A group needed to be formed to implement the proposal. Some further names were suggested for approaching. However, the first step was to report back to the next meeting of the Community Council for approval to proceed.”  
Members thanked Councillor Strivens for her report and resolved for the newly formed Committee to proceed with the yearly budget of £2,000.00.

#### 10. FORMER TELEPHONE KIOSK UPDATE.

No progress report since the previous Council meeting.

#### 11. LLANDEGLA CAR PARK NOTICE BOARD REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT UPDATE.

No progress report since the previous Council meeting.

#### 12. COMMUTED SUMS GRANT APPLICATION.

Councillor Claire Livingston reported:-

“As discussed at the December meeting I spoke to Huw Rowlands (Head teacher at Dyffryn Ial) and confirmed that their grant request was something we would give consideration to. I mentioned the planters, which Janet had raised, and he confirmed that he already has planters ready and waiting for the community/school to use which have been funded through the PTA. Although the grant request was for £10k he confirmed that all help is appreciated, however I hope that we will see fit to award a good percentage of this request as this project is for the benefit of ALL the community. We also discussed the need for insurance to cover usage of the playground/community space, perhaps this is something we can factor into the grant.”

#### 13. MEMORIAL BENCH UPDATE.

The Clerk agreed to contact Meifod Wood Products of Denbigh to see if they are in the process of re-commencing producing wood products since the Covid-19 restrictions.

#### 14. COMMUNITY TOP FIELD FUTURE WORKS.

Discussion took place on the various possible uses of the “Top Field”, Denbighshire County Councillor agreed to contact the Legal Department of Denbighshire County Council to clarify of any conditions/restrictions that apply to the “Top Park”.

#### 15. QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022 CELEBRATIONS.

Councillor Karen Bellis reported via email prior to the meeting:-

“Fraser Robertson has been in touch to ask about the Jubilee celebrations and suggested that a working party is formed, he’s happy to be part of it. I mentioned that the meeting this evening would potentially precept for the Jubilee spend.”

Members resolved to agree to the Working Group with Councillor Karen Bellis as the Community Council’s representative on the Working Group and for the Community Council to set a budget of £2,500 towards the event.

#### 16. PLANTERS FOR LLANDEGLA CAR PARK.

Mrs Shelagh Williams from the Llandegla Flower Club reported thanked the Community Council to reimburse the Flower Club for the planter costs for the Llandegla Car Park hope to get started in the New Year and will confirm costs etc to the Community Council for reimbursement as appropriate.

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

None received.

#### 18. FINANCE ISSUES:-

A. the Clerk circulated Members with bank transactions spreadsheet for the period covering 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 prior to the meeting for information.

B. Schedule of receipts received prior to the meeting:-

1. Final 2021/22 Precept receipt for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 from Denbighshire County Council - £3,328.00.

C. Schedule of authorised payments since the previous Council meeting:-

1. John Morris Agricultural Contractor for works completed on the community field £252.00.

2. AVOW for PAYE administration costs for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 £12.50.

3. Clerk's salary for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 £560.20.

4. HM Revenue & Customs for PAYE for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 £140.00.

C. the Clerk circulated Members with an email received from Mr Prysor Williams, Treasurer of Capel Bro Tegla, seeking a grant from the Community Council towards the recent costs of £4,327.40 for the "Loop System" and speakers at the Chapel to assist the hard of hearing that attend the Chapel which is also available and used by other local organisations.

Members resolved to award the grant of £2,000 towards the appeal costs and to remind the Chapel Committee of the potential "Commutated Sums" grant available from Denbighshire County Council.

#### 19. TO SET THE COUNCIL'S 2022/2023 PRECEPT REQUIREMENT.

Following the circulation of the Council's Precept spreadsheet provided by the Clerk, the Members resolved to set the Council's 2021/22 Precept requirement at £9,984.00 which equates to £32 on the 312 Council Tax properties within the Llandegla Community Council area on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. The required "Precept 2021/22 Precept Form" was duly completed and signed for Denbighshire County Council.

#### 20. PLANNING ISSUES.

Denbighshire County Council has granted planning permission on the following planning applications:-

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.

B. Application: 17/2019/0698 - Continuation of use of land and retention of building in connection with dog kennel use (retrospective application) at Tyddyn Graig, Llandegla.

#### 21. TO REVIEW ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED THAT REQUIRES ATTENTION.

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

22. GENERAL COVID 19 UPDATES.

Members resolved to hold the next Council meeting via Zoom on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.

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

Discussion took place on the possible new access and hedge laying at the “Top Field”.

24. TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF OUTSIDE BODIES FROM COUNCILLORS:-

Due to the Christmas period and the current round of Covid-19 restrictions there were no reports from the following Committee’s:-

- A: Memorial Hall Management.
- B. Community Shop Management Committee.
- C. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- D. One Voice Wales.
- E. Parochial Church Council.

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

There were no urgent business to consider.

26. NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2022 AT 7.00 PM VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE.