

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
7TH JULY 2022 IN THE LLANDEGLA MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.00 P.M.

1. PRESENT:

Councillors Janet Strivens (Chair), Gwyneth Dillon, Hilary Berry, Steve Swygart, Elizabeth Parke-Clark, Karen Bellis, Denbighshire County Councillor Terry Mendies together with two members of the public in attendance and 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).

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.”

Members discussed the accuracies and opinions of the previous minutes with the members of the public in attendance.

5. REPORT FROM DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

Councillor Terry Mendies updated members on the following issues:-

- A: Ty Isoe Traveller Site and Annex.
- B. Access to Llandegla Top Field.
- C. Tyddyn Graig Kennels.
- D. The Crown Hotel.
- E. Ash Dieback Survey.

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

Members confirmed the previous Council minutes held on 9th June 2022 as a true record.

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

A: Councillor Hilary Berry confirmed that she will represent the Council on the Llandegla Youth Club Committee.

B. Ysgol Dyffryn Ial, Llandegla thanked Council for the grant aid towards the transport costs to Corwen Swimming Pool for £150.00.

8. CO-OPTION PROCESS FOR THE VACANT SEATS THAT EXIST ON THE COUNCIL.

The Clerk reported that there were no applicants from the “Co-option” notice for the last three remaining seats that exist on the Council.

The Clerk will produce an updated “Co-option” notice for publication with the closing date set for 31st August 2022.

9. CRIME UPDATE.

A: The Clerk confirmed that the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, Andrew Dunbobbin, will attend the Council meeting on 1st September 2022 to discuss the crime issues within the community raised at the previous Council meeting.

B. PCSO David Jones from Ruthin Police Station confirmed that he will attend a future Community Council to discuss local Policing issues.

10. COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE.

The fourth edition on the "Community Newsletter" has been sent out during the week.

11. FORMER TELEPHONE KIOSK UPDATE.

The recently published "Community Newsletter" has an article on the Llandegla former Telephone Kiosk owned by the Community Council seeking nominations for the "Friends of the Phone Box" Committee.

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

Councillor Karen Bellis reported that Mr Haydn Edwards has agreed to repair the Llandegla Car Park Notice Board.

13. MEMORIAL BENCH UPDATE.

Councillor Karen Bellis reported that Meifod Wood Products in Denbigh no longer produce wood products and will now seek quotations for a recyclable "Memorial Bench" from other resources and report back to the next Council meeting.

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

Request to consider the amount of yearly Council meetings to be considered at the next Council meeting.

15. FINANCE ISSUES.

A. The Clerk provided Members with the bank transactions spreadsheets for the period covering 1st April to 30th June 2022.

B. Authorised payments:-

1. Clerk's salary for the quarter ended 30th June 2022 £560.20.
2. HM Revenue & Customs for PAYR for the quarter ended 30th June 2022 £140.00.
3. Hywel Evans for the "Community Newsletters" printing £60.00.
4. Norah Lucas for the "Community Newsletter" postage fees £80.24.
5. Clerk's photocopies/stationery costs at "Fineline" £35.93.
6. Monthly bank charges £5.00.
7. Clerk for Land Registry fees £35.94.

C. Councillor Elizabeth Parker-Clark reported on her finding for an alternative bankers for the Community Council:-

"Contacted the Co-Operative bank. This is what they are recommending: Community Direct Plus - click below for a link to the pages.

Basically:

- No annual fee (we are currently paying £60) ,
- Transactions free
- Cheques paid in to Post Office with paying in book free

- If you order a paper duplicate statement (first one is free) it is £2.50 or you can download one yourself for free (currently paying £5) ,
- online banking free
- Has an opportunity to link to a savings account (very simple to set up) which as it stands today, if you go for 95 days access you get 0.34% per annum - would pay for a newsletter itself on our current savings! Or 35 day access (0.28%)
- And twice a year an opportunity to apply for a £1000 grant for a community project...

It takes up to 7 working days to set up the account but usually quicker.

The form is extensive but I am guessing that we can have access to all the required documents. All signatories have to sign same form but can be done online for those signatures needed. Once all completed has to be posted off to them and then they will complete within the seven days (she says it is currently 3 days but said allow 7 before we get cross!)

We can set up two (one for council; one for newsletter) using a photocopy of the first form - all docs are same so straight forward to do that. You can't link it per se but don't think we would want that anyway.

Santander are not currently taking on new accounts unless you are an existing business customer which we are not.

All in all - seems very fit for purpose."

16. PLANNING ISSUES.

There were no planning issues for discussion.

17. TO REVIEW ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED THAT REQUIRES ATTENTION.

Mr Fraser Robertson provided Council with the following information requested from Denbighshire County Council:-

"I am trying to identify if a piece of land in Llandegla is common land and I understand from the Denbighshire CC website that you hold a register of such property. Currently, there is a picnic area with public access in the village and I am looking to lead a project to remodel the area to give wheelchair access and make steps on both sides of the river more secure and safe. I would like to put together a full project package to present to Llandegla Community Council, if I need to approach them first, rather than have a prolonged discussion and have to go back and forth between departments seeking advice. So my questions are:

1. Is the land classed as Common land
2. If so, under what category is it classed
3. Will planning permission be needed to remodel the area to include reinstatement of steps, creation of wheelchair access path from road level to river level, new gateway and fencing along with signage and possibly information panels. I am aware that about seven years ago the Community Council did do some work there to some of the river stepping stones.

I am including a plan of the area concerned for your information and for reference the bridge shown in the plan is approx. OS map reference: 193523

I look forward to your reply and advice."

Whilst in the first instance the Community Council is supportive of the proposed project, Members resolved for the Clerk to contact the "Land Registry" regarding the ownership of the land and to reclaim the fees from the Community Council.

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

A. Denbighshire County Councillor reported that the County Council are in the process of finding the funding to extend the pavement by approximately 12 feet regarding the access to the Llandegla Top Field and Mr Tim Towers, Risk and Asset Manager of Denbighshire County Council, suggested the following solution within his recent email to County Councillor Terry Mendies:-

“Further to the C360 regarding the above and our subsequent clarification of what might be required I’ve looked into funding options and it appears that there is a Commuted Sums pot of £27,000 relating to a Section 106 agreement that is specifically for use at this location. Amy Selby manages these types of funding and she tells me that in order for the money to be made available it will require Llandegla Community Council to pass a resolution requesting the release of the money. If this course of action is acceptable to you then can I leave it with you to pursue and you can get back to me once this has been done and I’m sure I can find ways to facilitate making the works happen.”

Members resolved to ask Denbighshire County Council to release funds for the footpath extension from the Section 106 commuted sum of £27,000.00.

B. Councillor Steve Swygart reported that a site meeting has been arranged on the “Top Field” on 2nd August 2022 to agree on the hedge laying and stock proof fencing requirement on site.

C. Members resolved to discuss and agree the Section 106 spend on the Llandegla Top Field as soon as possible.

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

There were no reports from the following organisations:-

- 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 Club.

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

There were no urgent business for discussion.

22. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2022 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LLANDEGLA AT 7.00 P.M.