

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
8TH SEPTEMBER 2022 IN THE LLANDEGLA MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.00 P.M.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE
OBSERVED A MINUTE SILENCE FOLLOWING THE SAD DEATH ANNOUNCED AT
6.30 PM OF THE HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

1: PRESENT.

Councillors Janet Strivens (Chair), Elizabeth Parker-Clerk, Steve Swygart, Hilary Berry, Fraser Robertson (from agenda item 6 onwards), Denbighshire County Councillor Terry Mendies and the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillors Karen Bellis and Gwyneth Dillon.

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).

Councillor Hilary Berry on agenda item 4.

4. UPDATE FROM ANDREW DUNBOBBIN, POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR NORTH WALES.

Following the recent visit from the Police and Crime Commissioner to Llandegla, Mr Andrew Dunbobbin provided Council with links to the following:-

- A: Police and Crime Plan.
- B. Innovate to Grow scheme/application.
- C. PACT scheme/application.
- D. Community Alert sign up page.

Councillor Hilary Berry agreed to send the Police & Crime Commissioner a thank you letter for his recent visit and information to the Llandegla Community Council.

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

A. Members considered the co-option application received from Mr Fraser Robertson and duly co-opted Mr Robertson as a Member of Llandegla Community Council and was invited to complete the "Declaration of Acceptance of Office" and "Members Code of Conduct – Register of Members' Interests (Notification of Interests)" forms to be handed over to the Clerk.

B. The two vacant seats that remain on the Council will be advertised as the ongoing co-option process.

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."

Members of the public in attendance discussed the communication within the community is not fully captured. Councillor Fraser Robertson offered to set up and administer the Cyngor Cymuned Llandegla Community Council Public Facebook Page. Members resolved to accept the proposal put forward and permission was granted to proceed.

7. REPORT FROM DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR TERRY MENDIES.

Councillor Terry Mendies updated members on the following issues:-

- A: Ty Isoe Traveller Site and Annex.
- B. A5104 highway issues by the Llandegla Gun Club corner.
- C. Tyddyn Graig Kennels.

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

Members confirmed the 7th July 2022 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chair.

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

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

10. CRIME UPDATE.

A: PCSO David Jones from Ruthin Police Station attended at the commencement of the meeting to introduce himself as one of three Police Officers within the Station who cover the Llandegla Community Council area. PCSO Jones reported that the local Police does have a Police presence as often as resources allow and encourage residents to report anything suspicious to the local force at any time of day or night.

B. Councillor Hilary Berry will contact former County Councillor Martyn Hollans with regards to advice on the CCTV cameras etc which are currently in Llanarmon-ym-Ial.

11. PICNIC AREA ENTRANCE/COMMON LAND ETC.

A. the Land Registry confirmed the following ownership regarding the public picnic area entrance/common land in Llandegla:-

- 1. Caution: Mines & Minerals, Llandegla.
- 2. Pending first registration: No details found.
- 3. Freehold: The Rectory, Llandegla.

B. Members resolved to grant Councillor Fraser Robertson permission to proceed with project of the works required on the picnic area.

12. COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE.

Councillor Janet Strivens reported that the current newsletter was distributed in the past fortnight and is still popular and well received by the local residents.

13. FORMER TELEPHONE KIOSK UPDATE.

A: 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. Councillor Janet Strivens reported that there is no response to the article to date.

B. Members resolved for the Kiosk needs to be repainted with the original "Kiosk Red" paint and the Clerk agreed to order on behalf of the Council.

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

Councillor Janet Strivens reported that Mr Phil Edwards has now agreed to complete the necessary works on the notice board instead of Mr Haydn Edwards.

15. MEMORIAL BENCH UPDATE.

Councillor Hilary Berry agreed to make an inquiry regarding the suppliers and costs of new bespoke bench seats.

16. FINANCE ISSUES.

A. the Clerk circulated Members with the Council's bank transactions spreadsheet for the period covering 1st April 2022 to 31st August 2022.

B. Second 2022/23 precept receipt from Denbighshire County Council £3,328.00.

C. Authorised payments:-

1. HG Web Designs for the annual maintenance fees of the Council Website £250.00.

2. White Oak Property Services for the monthly grass cutting contract £421.30.

3. Monthly HSBC fee £5.00.

17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

A: Planning Application: 17/2022/0698 - Lawful development certificate for existing use of Bryn Dwr, Llandegla – no objections.

B: Planning Application: 17/2022/0637 - Erection of a single storey mono pitched workshop/store for garden tools and equipment at Puzzletree House, Llandegla – no objections.

18. LLANDEGLA COMMUTED SUMS AND FOOTPATH EXTENSION COSTS AT THE COMMUNITY FIELD LOCATION.

Council is now in the position to claim from the Denbighshire County Council "Llandegla Commuted Sum" of the Section 106 payment towards the cost of the provision of highway kerb at the Community Field location.

19. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL LLANDEGLA FETE ON SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2022.

Councillors Janet Strivens, Steve Swygart and Elizabeth Parker-Clark represented the Council at the Llandegla Community Council information point at the Annual Fete

20. CORRESPONDENCE..

The Clerk previously emailed Members with the "Tesco Community Grants" information.

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

Councillor Steve Swygart's report is shown in appendix 1 below.

22. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES:-

A. Memorial Hall Management.

Councillor Fraser Robertson will update Council at the monthly meetings.

B. Community Shop Management Committee.

Councillor Janet Strivens reported that the Shop Committee are looking to recruit more volunteers.

C. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Councillor Elizabeth Parker-Clark reported that the next meeting of the AONB will be held on 1st October 2022.

D. One Voice Wales.

Nothing to report.

E. Parochial Church Council.

Nothing to report.

F. Llandegla Youth Club.

Councillor Hilary Berry's report is included in Appendix 2 below.

23. FREQUENCY OF COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Members resolved to revert to monthly meetings of the Council on the first Thursday of the month.

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

Members discussed the speeding traffic through the community and welcomed the anticipated speed reduction to 20 mph in built up areas of the community.

25. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

Thursday 6th October 2022 in the Llandegla Memorial Hall at 7.00 p.m.

APPENDIX 1.

Meeting on Top Field with Ruth Calcraft, Countryside Warden, Clwydian Range AONB / 2nd August

Item number refers to the attached LEI, which has been updated accordingly.

1a the new entrance. The CC are going ahead and creating this – quote from Hugo Watts to break out of the field and install gate required and July Llandegla CC Minutes required with resolution to approach Denbighshire CC for some Commuted Sum money (reg Terry Mendies’ mail from Tim Towers (Risk & Asset Manager, Highways).

1b fruit trees. Ruth is to source 10 locally native trees to be planted as discussed, continuing from the existing copse in the corner.

1d natural seating for the top field. CC are looking into this and advise AONB if we need any support, such as sourcing tree trunks.

Meadow area. Disappointing lack of wild flowers, but that was not completely unexpected due to the dominant grasses/plants in the field and limited groundwork preparation. Some docks and ragwort present, possible volunteer day opportunity; AONB will look into. On a more positive note, the area did look visually attractive and interesting and Ruth will look into organising a scything workshop to cut it. This could be advertised at the village show.

2a bespoke bench at St Tecla’s well. AONB hadn’t realised this was Sandra W-B’s land, but Sandra kindly gave permission and if it is still OK, the CC will look into sourcing that.

3a riverside picnic benches. Fraser is leading on this – money available as part of the LEI.

4a native bluebells. Change the planting location from the quarry to the hedge bank in the Top Field was discussed. Much better use of the bulbs and would look great visually. Here are some good suppliers we might want to

use <https://www.habitataid.co.uk/products/common-bluebell-hyacinthoides-non-scripta> <https://www.meadowmania.co.uk/wild-flower-meadow/native-wild-flower-bulbs.htm> and <https://wildseed.co.uk/product/species/wild-flowers/hyacinthoides-non-scripta/> (although this site sells seed only, not bulbs). Steve to do.

5e bird hide. Me to lead on and organise but keep Steve in the loop.

Other notes

Consider cutting paths less wide - Hugo

Consider not cutting the banks under the hedge (especially if planting these up) - Hugo
Project deadline Nov/Dec 2022.

YEAR 3 (FINAL YEAR – PROJECT END NOV/DEC 2022) LLANDEGLA LEI **WORK PLAN**

Map number (below)	Feature	Details of work to be done	Year 3 (ends Nov/Dec 20022)	Cost (£) per unit	TOTAL GRANT AVAILABLE (£)	Who is leading on this?
1a	New entrance	Create a new entrance into the top field from the new housing estate to promote the use and enjoyment of this community resource, without people having to go on the road to access the field.	3	900	900	Llandegla Community Council
1b	Fruit trees	Plant 10 locally sourced fruit trees to	3	15	150	AONB – to look into this in the next few

		increase the attractiveness of the area. The plan is to plant them in the far right corner of the field (from the entrance) to extend the existing copse.				weeks and update Llandegla CC as to what trees are available.
1c	Hedge	109m hedge laying on the left hand boundary of the field (as you enter). COMPLETED	3	£8.52	928.68	AONB - COMPLETED
1d	Natural seating	Provide natural seating fashioned from rustic materials like tree trunks to enhance this area. AONB can help source trunks	3	600	600	Llandegla Community Council to discuss with AONB if needed.
1e	Wildflower meadow	0.3ha wildflower meadow creation to boost colour and texture in the landscape and promote biodiversity. Wildflower sowing completed, but sowing yellow rattle could now be beneficial, due to the dominance of the grasses (and not the plantain). This, along with cutting and removal of cuttings, will hopefully boost wildflower numbers. Next step is to arrange a scything workshop to cut the meadow.	3	1205 p/ha	361.5	AONB to arrange a scything workshop volunteer day in September (date TBC) and also look at sourcing yellow rattle seed. Llandegla Community Council to advertise scything workshop at the village show and the date when arranged.
2a	Bench	Install new bespoke bench at this secluded beauty spot with a historical background (with Sandra's kind permission). This would give locals and visitors the chance to enjoy areas away from the infrastructure.	3	375	375	Llandegla Community Council

3a	Picnic benches	Two new bespoke picnic benches to again encourage people to use the areas out of sight of the infrastructure and a new oak gate to guide people into the site.	3	1350	1350	Llandegla Community Council – Fraser Robertson I believe in leading on this.
4a	Native flowers	Change of location from the quarry to the right hand (from the entrance) hedge bank in the top field. NOTE – Discuss not cutting under the hedges now and also possibly cutting the paths a little less wide.	3	67.5	67.5	Llandegla Community Council
5a	Fingerpost	Replace metal fingerpost for a new one.	3	187.5	187.5	AONB – Fingerpost currently being made and will be complete soon.
5b	Kissing gates	Replace 6 old stiles with kissing gates to promote the route to the environmental area and improve accessibility. This was done in partnership with the NWWT. COMPLETE.	3	1762.5	1762.5	AONB/NWWT COMPLETE
5c	Veteran tree	3 Contractor 2 man days to carry out tree work within area 5 on the veteran trees. The aim is to preserve them as features in the landscape which will detract from the close vicinity of the infrastructure.	3	562.5	562.5	Llandegla Community Council input for AONB to carry out work. DCC TREE OFFICER VISITED THE SITE JULY 2021. DUE TO THE LOW LEVEL OF USE, HE ADVISED LITTLE TREE MANAGEMENT IS NEEDED CURRENTLY. WE WILL LOOK TO CROWN LIFT THE LARGE SYCAMORE UPON ENTERING THE SITE TO CREATE A LIGHTER ENTRANCE THOUGH, AND CREATE A HABITAT PILE WITH THE CUT BRANCHES.
5d	Hedge	95m Hedge	3	11.43	1085.85	AONB TO RE LOOK

		plant/coppice. Single fence.				AT THIS AS THE GLEBE FIELD NOT LIKELY TO BE AN OPTION BEFORE THE END OF THE PROJECT
5e	Bird hide	Replace old bird hide with new one in area 5 to make this area more of a destination and an enjoyable place to visit, even though the infrastructure is nearby.			1500	AONB TO ORGANISE THIS BUT KEEP LLANDEGLA CC INFORMED.

APPENDIX 2.

I met with Racheal to discuss the proposed Llandegla Youth Group. It was agreed that I would support in any way that I could as a representative of the Llandegla Community Council.

In August a Family Fun day was arranged. Racheal reported the following:

'It was great, a lively day, with lots of activities and everybody seemed to enjoy it'.

After consulting parents at the fun day, it was clear the shortage and lack of volunteers is an issue to maintain a regular youth club. However, Racheal spoke to various age groups over the summer and caught up with local people. It seems most would like more social events, incorporating children, young people and families.

Racheal proposes that running separate events for young people, including intergenerational or community events would be the way forward.

Racheal has spoken with the current Chair of the School PTA she is also struggling to arrange events. Therefore, working together might help but in ways that brings the 'whole' community together.

A number of suggestions are:

Christmas Craft Day whereby anyone can drop in and make Christmas crafts and chat over coffee and mince pies...

Hiring a coach and going to a show in Venue Llandudno or Theatre Clwyd. (the older group were very keen on this)..or a day trip to York...

A movie night in the hall.

Christmas/Summer Ball

Racheal believes that, for this to happen and to prevent duplication, an 'Events Committee' could be created, comprising representatives from the various Community Groups, to coordinate several intergenerational or community events throughout the year with the support of the Rural Communities Team.

Hilary Berry