

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2024 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LLANDEGLA AT 7.00 P.M.

1: PRESENT:

Councillors Gwyneth Dillon (Chair), Elizabeth Parker-Clark, Sandra Rogers, Gaynor Wonderley, Neena Barlow, Denbighshire County Councillor Terry Mendies and the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Janet Strivens, Steve Swygart and Hilary Berry.

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."

In attendance to discuss agenda item 7 below were:-

Mrs Carolyn Thomas, North Wales Area Member of the Senedd.

Mr Fraser Robertson, Save Our Bus Service.

Dr Hugo Watts, Observer.

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

Members confirmed the 4th January 2024 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chair.

6. REPORT FROM DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR TERRY MENDIES.

Councillor Terry Mendies provided the following monthly report:-

A: HIGHWAYS, ROAD REPAIRS AND POTHOLES.

There will be roadworks at the Penlan Culvert Friday 2nd January to Saturday 3rd January.

B. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS (FOI) TO COUNCIL.

There have been a number of FOI requests to DCC relating to the termination of the Bus Service. The Officer responsible has replied to those requests today.

C. PLANNING BREACHES.

I met with Planning and Planning Enforcement on 18th January. The parties concerned have been served with legal documentation and enforcement activity is ongoing. The next meeting is planned for 6th March. X51 AND 51 BUS SERVICE. Arriva have re-instated a reduced service until June. In addition to that DCC will run a connecting service until the New tender documents go out later this year. Barry Millar met with the WG Transport Minister last week and is liaising with Carolyn Thomas. The solution would seem to be to have exemptions to the 20mph speed limits.

D. TOP FIELD FOOTPATH.

The e-mail from Nadeem Hussain is clear that we have two choices when it comes to the works to the footpath. a) Accept DCC's Quotation and seek additional funds from the commuted sum. b) Put this project forward onto next year's DCC Budget. Given the parlous state of the finances, this may not be advisable.

7. UPDATE ON AVIVA'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE DAILY SERVICE BUS FROM THE LLANDEGLA A525 CROSSROADS TO THE LLANDEGLA SCHOOL JUNCTION, ALLT-YR-EFAIL IN LLANDEGLA.

Following the pressure and publicity since the previous Council meeting, the Authorities are looking into revising the bus route timetable between Ruthin and Wrexham, which would include reinstating some services to Llandegla Village as before, subject to confirmation in due course.

8. PICNIC AREA ENTRANCE/COMMON LAND SOLICITOR APPOINTMENT UPDATE

The Clerk awaits a reply from John Owens, Solicitors of St. Asaph regarding the land ownership of the land in question.

9. UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S FORMER BT KIOSK.

The Clerk received the additional paint required for the former BT Kiosk from Paint4Trade.

10. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S POLICIES.

Work-in-progress courtesy of Councillor Elizabeth Parker-Clark.

11. FINANCE.

A: Bank balances:-

1. HSBC Current Account £6,165.29.

2. HSBC Saver Account £20310.67.

B. Authorised Payments:-

1. Janet Robinson for the flower beds planters £46.50.

2. White Oak Property Services, maintenance contractors £380.00.

3. Paint4Trade for BT Kiosk paint £41.98.

4. Hywel Evans for printing the Community Newsletters £120.00.

5. Monthly HSBC Bank Charges £5.00.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

None received.

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

None received.

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

Agenda items for the next Council meeting:-

A: Pathways.

B. CCTV & ANPR.

C. Rectory Association.

15. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024 IN THE LLANDEGLA MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.00 PM.