

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY 2025 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MEMORIAL HALL, LLANDEGLA AT 7.00 PM.

1: PRESENT:

Councillors Gwyneth Dillon (Chair), Janet Strivens, Sandra Ellis Rogers, Gaynor Wonderley, Elizabeth Parker-Clark, Steve Swygart (Zoom) and the Clerk (Zoom).

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Neena Barlow and 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.

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.

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

Members confirmed the 5th December 2024 minutes as a true record.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA.

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

7. COUNCIL'S VACANT SEAT UPDATE.

The Clerk reported that there were no applicants to be considered for the Council's vacant seat notice which expired on 31st December 2024. The Clerk has produced a new co-option notice which expires on 31st January 2025.

8. REPORT FROM DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

No report received from County Councillor Terry Mendies.

9. DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATED REPORT.

The Defibrillator training course will take place on Saturday 22nd February 2025 in the Llandegla Memorial Hall.

10. POSITIONING OF THE LLANDEGLA PICNIC AREA STREET FURNITURE.

Councillor Steve Swygart reported, following a conversation with Mr Fraser Robertson of the Llandegla Rectory Association that prior to the erection of the picnic area furniture, there is a requirement of footpath leading to the proposed siting of the furniture. Members resolved to discuss further at the forthcoming joint meeting with the Llandegla Rectory Association on 13th January 2025.

11. "ASH DIE-BACK" TREE UPDATE.

Councillor Steve Swygart is communicating with the list of Tree Surgeons with a view of site meetings during the week commencing 13th January 2025 to assess the works required.

12. MEMBERS EMAIL ADDRESSES.

Councillor Elizabeth Parker-Clark will assist members during the first weekend in January 2025 in setting up their new Council email addresses.

13. FORMER BT KIOSK.

The various options for the former BT Kiosk will be discussed at the forthcoming site meeting with the Llandegla Rectory Association on 13th January 2025.

14. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated Members with the list of the One Voice Wales training courses covering the period ended 31st March 2025.

15. DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated Members with the list of the Denbighshire County Council Code of Conduct training courses covering 2025.

16. CCTV AND ANPR.

Offa Community Council provided specifications of the CCTV that is for sale. Members resolved for the Clerk to write to the Clerk of Llanarmon-yn-Ial Community Council for the specification of the CCTV they purchased to compare with the equipment for sale by Offa Community Council.

17. JOINT MEETING WITH THE LLANDEGLA RECTORY ASSOCIATION.

Councillor Janet Strivens confirmed the arranged meeting between the Community Council and the Llandegla Rectory Association on Monday 13th January 2025 in Cae Mair at 1.30 p.m. followed at the Llandegla community Shop Café.

18. YSGOL DYFFRYN IAL GRANT APPLICATION.

The Chair of the Ysgol Dyffryn Ial provided Council with a copy of the invoice for the School Website cost for £716.40. Members resolved, prior to making a decision on the grant application, for the Clerk to contact both Denbighshire County Council and One Voice Wales with legal advice if the Community Council can grant aid a County Local Education Authority School with regards to the grant application under review.

19. FINANCE

A. The Clerk circulated the Members with the bank transactions covering the period from 1st April to 31st December 2024.

B. Final 2024/25 precept receipt £3,317.00.

C. Authorised bill payments:-

1. Monthly HSBC fee £5.00.

2. Digital Licence fee £23.99.

3. White Oak Property Services for grass cutting at the Cae Mair Wildflower Meadow £250.00.

4. Cartridge People for printer ink £65.90.

5. Llandegla Memorial Hall for Council meeting hire £79.00.

6. Llandegla Memorial Hall for Council meeting hire £46.00.

7. Janet Strivens for flower costs £96.00.

8. Fraser Robertson for Christmas Tree costs £60.00.

9. Llandegla Memorial Hall for Council meeting hire £96.00.

10. Janet Robinson for flower costs £17.77.

D. White Oak Property Services provided the following quotation for the 2025 grass cutting season:-

1. Grass cutting at the Ffynnon Tegla, Picnic Area and Cae Mair on a three weekly basis during the grass cutting season at £215.00 per cut.

2. Annual Cae Mair Wildflower meadow £260.00.

Members resolved to accept the quotation.

20. SETTING OF THE COUNCIL'S 2025/26 PRECEPT REQUIREMENT.

Members firstly discussed the current year spending compared with previous year spending compared with the anticipated reserves at 31st March 2024 and resolved on the Precept for the 2025/26 financial year at £10,446.00: which equates to £31.00 per Council Tax dwellings (337) within the Llandegla Community.

21. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Planning Application: 17/2024/1428/PF - Erection of portal steel framed machinery store and associated works on land at The Crown Hotel, Llandegla. Following the recent observations made on the Denbighshire County Council website to the planning application, the Members resolved to make the additional observations to the planning application shown in Appendix 1 below.

22. CORRESPONDENCE NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE WITHIN THE AGENDA.

Already covered elsewhere within the agenda.

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

Councillor Steve Swygart reported that Denbighshire County Council have completed the Cae Mair Footpath Extension which will be funded by the Llandegla Community Commuted Sums within the Denbighshire County Council funds.

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

Members discussed the recent issues with the public bus service which are ongoing.

25. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2025 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MEMORIAL HALL, LLANDEGLA AT 7.00 P.M.

APPENDIX 1.

Llandegla Community Council) acknowledge that an amended plan (reference JIG/1909 Amendment A dated Nov '24) has been submitted by the applicant.

We understand the plan illustrates proposed green infrastructure provisions. These include
The planting of 3 fruit trees;

The installation of 1 Vivara Pro Beaumaris woodstone bat box;

The installation of 1 Vivara Pro Seville woodstone bird box;

The installation of water butts to act as rain water drains

We also understand the applicant may wish to install a roof mounted photovoltaic array (solar panels) if power is required. From a DCC planning regulatory perspective the use of the word 'may' generates uncertainty issues from a planning compliance perspective

It is the (LCC) view that the amended proposals are unsatisfactory for the purposes of addressing landscape impacts, both locally and from a statutory landscape conservation perspective. A much smaller scale structure built of stone and potentially clad in wood would be more satisfactory. The proposed structure would be more suited to an industrial estate rather than a village in the AONB.

The number and species of trees selected is not satisfactory for the purpose of screening the proposed development. Furthermore what will happen during the winter period when the 3 trees lose their leaves .

The LCC understands that the proposed scheme will require Sustainable drainage systems Approval Body (SAB) approval. We surmise that the installation of 2 water butts is not likely to materially change the nature of the proposal from a surface water management regulatory perspective. Water butts are likely to overflow.

We acknowledge that green infrastructure proposals include the installation of a bird box and a bat box. However, it does not appear that an ecological report has been submitted to inform the detail of ecological proposals and indeed inform future landscape and ecological management prescriptions.

We understand that bats are a light sensitive species. We also note that solar arrays are proposed to provide power including lighting but no details (internal or external) have been submitted. Consequently, has the proposed location of the bat box above the main access to the structure considered potential impacts on any bats that could potentially use the box in the future?

In conclusion, LCC does not wish to modify or amend its earlier advice.