

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
2ND MAY 2024 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MEMORIAL HALL, LLANDEGLA AT
7.30 P.M.

1: PRESENT:-

Councillors Gwyneth Dillon (Chair), Janet Strivens (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Parker-Clark, Neena Barlow, Steve Swygart, Gaynor Wonderley, Sandra Rogers together with Denbighshire County Councillor Terry Mendies and the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Councillor Hillary 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."

None received.

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

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

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

A: Councillor Gwyneth Dillon reported that the Llandela Parochial Church Council will arrange an inspection on the unsafe tree in the Church Yard and will report back in due course.

B. Mr Steve Cutmore, Tree Surgeon, will inspect the suspect tree at the Quarry in Llandegla with alleged Ash Die-back which is overhanging the property called Min-y-Chwarel in Llandegla during the summer months once the trees burst into leaf.

7. REPORT FROM DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

Councillor Terry Mendies gave the following verbal report:-

A: Pothole reporting made via the C360 system for County Councillors.

B. Meeting with the Planning Department representatives on 3rd May 2024 to discuss the way forward on planning breaches within the community.

C. Following the pressures from the Save Our Bus Route (SOBS) Committee, Politicians and members of the public, the bus route timetable into Llandegla village will be reinstated in July 2024.

8. DEFIBRILLATOR AND FIRST AID TRAINING COURSES.

A: Councillor Sandra Rogers reported that the Defibrillator training have now taken place since the previous Council meeting with another training course scheduled for 4th May 2024.

B. Capel Llandegla have applied for funding for the provision of a Defibrillator at the Chapel premises. The Llandegla Rectory Association will fund the purchase of the Defibrillator whilst the Community Council resolved to purchase the cabinet and electrical connection for the Defibrillator.

C. Councillor Gwyneth Dillon reported that Capel Llandegla are in the process of getting quotes for the provision of a car park for the Chapel and subsequently will apply for funding from the Llandegla Commuted Fund held by Denbighshire County Council.

D. Councillor Elizabeth Parker-Clark is communicating with the First Aid Trainer to agree with the training dates and will report back to the Council once confirmed.

9. PICNIC AREA ENTRANCE/COMMON LAND UPDATE.

Mr John Owens, Solicitors from St. Asaph reported as follows:-

“I have checked at the Land Registry, and it appears that the title to this land is not registered. I assume that you have no information as to who might own the land. That being the case, the Council could apply to the Land registry for a possessory title, based on adverse possession for a period of more than 12 years.

The first step would be to check back through the Council’s records to see how long it has been arranging for the maintenance of the land and what acts of ownership (placing signs, picnic tables &c) have taken place to show that the Council has bene in actual possession.”

Members resolved to make enquiries with local residents and records on the adverse possession period before reporting back to Mr John Owens.

10. UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL’S FORMER BT KIOSK.

A: Councillor Gaynor Wonderley reported that Mr Paul Jones has painted and repaired the former Kiosk free of charge. Members thanked Mr Jones for the work provided.

B. Members discussed the usage of the former kiosk to include:-

1. Information centre.
2. Seed and book exchanges.

11. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL’S POLICIES.

A: Councillor Elizabeth Parker-Clark provided details of the following completed policies for the Council’s Website:-

- 1: Social Media Policy.
2. Training Plan.

B. Councillor Elizabeth Parker-Clark produced the following policies for the Members approval at the next Council meeting:-

1. Financial Regulations.
2. Standing Orders.

12. CCTV & ANPR.

No updates report as Councillor Hilary Berry still awaits replies from the relevant authorities.

13. JOINT MEETING WITH LLANDEGLA RECTORY ASSOCIATION REPORT.

Members noted the “Llandegla Village Questionnaire” produced by the Llandegla Rectory Association.

14. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

A: The Clerk circulated Members with the list of the One Voice Wales training courses covering the period of May and June 2024.

B. Councillor Gaynor Wonderley will attend the following training courses:-

- 1: Module 8 – Introduction to Community Engagement on 22nd May 2024.
2. Module 13 – Community Engagement Part 2 on 19th June 2024.

15. FINANCE.

A. The Clerk circulated Members with the bank transactions spreadsheet covering the period from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

B. Authorised receipts – first 2024/25 precept receipt £3,317.00.

C. Authorised bill payments:-

1. Llandegla Memorial Hall for Council meetings £69.00.
2. Zurich Municipal for the Council's annual insurance premium £451.42.
3. Hywel Evans for printing the Council's Newsletters £60.00.

D. Members approved the Council's Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2024 and signed by both the Chair of the Council and the Responsible Financial Officer.

E. Members appointed Mr Rhys Jones from Ruthin as the Council's Internal Auditor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

None received.

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

Councillor Steve Swygart is communicating with Mr Philip Billington from Denbighshire County Council with regards to the commencement date on the footpath works at Cae Mair.

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

A: Members provided Councillor Janet Strivens to hold a Car Boot Sale at Cae Mair on 27th May 2024 (Bank Holiday Monday).

B. Members resolved to review the "Risk Assessment for Cae Mair.

19. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2024 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MEMORIAL HALL, LLANDEGLA AT 7.00 P.M.