

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2024 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MEMORIAL HALL, LLANDEGLA AT 7.00 PM.

1: PRESENT:-

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

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillors Steve Swygart and Sandra Ellis Rogers.

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 July 2024 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chair.

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 August 2024. The clerk has produced a new co-option notice which expires on 30th September 2024.

8. REPORT FROM DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR TERRY MENDIES.

A: X51 BUS SERVICE.

No parking signs are in situ, cones, and yellow lines are on the way. I am in regular contact with Keith Anglesea from Arriva and there has been no issues with the Buses turning round for the past two weeks.

B. REFUSE COLLECTIONS.

The new waste collection system is still having problems. The issues in the Ward seem to be with non-recyclable waste and properties that are away from main roads. There continues to be "Mop Up" collections on Saturdays Any missed collections should be reported to me and will be put on an internal dedicated system.

C. VILLAGE FETE.

Parking will be a problem on Saturday, so I have acquired 4 traffic cones to help with Traffic management.

D. TELEPHONE BOX.

The telephone box is owned by the CC and is a feature of the Village. Removal by a third-party would-be theft/Criminal damage.

9. DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATED REPORT.

Members resolved to communicate with the Llandegla Rectory Association at the forthcoming joint meeting (date to be confirmed) regarding the following issues:-

- A: Confirmation of the funding and location and funding of the second village defibrillator.
- B. Provision of another training course.

10. PICNIC AREA UPDATE INCLUDING THE POSITIONING OF THE TWO PUBLIC SEAT BENCHES HELD BY WHITE OAK PROPERTY SERVICES.

Members resolved to communicate with the Llandegla Rectory Association at the forthcoming joint meeting (date to be confirmed)

11. TO CONSIDER THE “ASH DIE-BACK” TREE REPORT.

Following the report circulated to all members of the Council from Mr Stephen Cutmore (Arboricultural and Ecological Services from Ruthin), Councillor Steve Swygart provided the following report:-

A: Ash Dieback on tree adjacent to residential property at the Old Quarry.

I went with our appointed tree surgeon to view the tree in question. This is in the very early stages of ash dieback as the report (now received) alludes. I would propose that we take action as the report recommends, namely to cut down the branches that may be overhanging the property as per photos (therefore removing that particular risk) in preparation for the tree's ultimate demise, whilst still keeping it as a viable ecosystem for local wildlife. The ivy that is currently constricting the tree also needs cutting off at its base and removing as much as possible, as the weight of it will be detrimental to the tree and its outcome overall.

B. Picnic Area.

At the same time, we also viewed some ash trees in this area and also the general canopy with a view to removing due to ash dieback and generating light in the area to enhance growth of other species and improve the area. Some ideas for this were noted in the report. For items 2 and 3, I propose that we ask White Oak Property Services to quote us for the necessary work, which can be carried out in late autumn after leaf fall.

Members resolved to accept the report and recommendations provided by Councillor Swygart

12. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S POLICIES.

Work in progress.

13. BYLAWS PROPOSALS.

Councillor Steve Swygart provided the following written report to Council:-

Byelaws for Cae Mair and other owned areas.

Further to my drafting and sending these to you, I had written to the relevant person within DCC for guidance on dog fouling and related wording. Some small signs have been placed in requested areas by DCC; these were not quite what I had in mind in both content, size and construction, but at least it's better than nothing. And nothing is precisely what I have had back from DCC on this point, apart from the somewhat incredible admission that there is currently no provision for environmental assistance and enforcement activity within the county right now, their statutory obligations notwithstanding. This will have to remain in abeyance for another few months, at least until I can do my own research when I am back from holiday.

Members resolved to accept the report.

14. MEMBERS EMAIL ADDRESSES.

To assist the Members who cannot access the new Council's email addresses, Members resolved for the Clerk to contact the Webmaster for further assistance.

15. LLANDEGLA CAR PARK ISSUES.

No updated report.

16. LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COMMUTED SUMS PROPOSED APPLICATIONS.

The Cae Mair required works by Denbighshire County Council is currently work in progress.

17. CAE MAIR RISK ASSESSMENT.

Councillor Steve Swygart provided the following written report to the Council:-

Risk Assessment. This refers to a RA I did several years ago and is our RA for risks that our property (ie Cae Mair etc) might present to people. I haven't got around to this and an added complication is that our very old Mac crashed before we came away here on holiday, so I will have to get someone to either recover the file or I'll have to do a completely new RA. So you can put this into the mix as the answer on this point during the meeting.

18. ARRIVA SERVICE BUS UPDATE.

Already covered within the Denbighshire County Councillor's report under item 8 above.

19. COMMUNITY SURVEY REPORT.

Councillor Janet Strivens reported that the Llandegla Rectory Association have requested a joint meeting with the Community Council to discuss the report on either the 26th September or 2nd October 2024. Councillor Strivens will liaise between the Rectory Association and the Community Council Members on the preferred date for the joint meeting.

20. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated Members with the list of the One Voice Wales training courses covering the quarter ended 30th September 2024.

21. FINANCE:-

A. Members received the bank transactions covering the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st August 2024.

B. Denbighshire County Council second 2024/25 precept receipt £3,317.00.

C. Authorised bill payments:-

1. Two £5.00 monthly HSBC Bank charges £10.00.

2 Two £40.00 One Voice Wales Training Courses £80.00.

3. Mr Stephen Cutmore, Tree Surgeon report £260.00.

4. White Oak Property Services for the community grass cutting service £430.00.

5. HG Web Design – Annual Website fees £300.00.

6. Audit Wales for the 2018/19 Audit Fees £443.00.

D. Llandegla Fete and Produce Show – revised grant aid application for £50.00. Members resolved to grant aid the £50.00 requested.

E. Members resolved to purchase and plant wild daffodil bulbs in the Autumn via Councillor Janet Strivens.

F. Project proposals for the 2024/25 and 2025/financial years. Members resolved to defer until the November 2024 meeting of the Council.

22. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

None received.

23. CORRESPONDENCE NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE WITHIN THE AGENDA.

Email received from the owners of the Old Post Office in Llandegla to request the removal of the former BT Kiosk owned by the Community Council moved from the outside of their property whilst the renovation works are taken place at the end of September.

Members resolved on the following reply:-

- A: The kiosk has always been in situation well before you purchased your property.
- B. There is a gap between the kiosk and your property.
- C. Your rendering work can be completed around the kiosk.
- D. The kiosk has recently been refurbished by the Community Council.
- E. There is no alternative location in the Village, and even if you could find/agree on one, DCC would have to agree, the CC would need Planning Permission at a cost.

At present there are about 150 Applications in the backlog (due to IT problems), so that would take months.

It certainly won't happen by the end of this month as requested by Mr & Mrs Davies.

F. You may wish to point out that removal of the Box would constitute Criminal Damage.

G. Before the works is due to begin on the building, please ensure that the Telephone Kiosk is protected from damage.

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

Councillor Steve Swygart provided the following report:-

A: Cae Mair New Entrance.

Absolutely no progress made by DCC on getting the pavement extended into the new entrance since making contact to arrange it all in June. I have mailed Philip Billington but not had a response. Fran Williams (DCC Commuted Sum person) will now escalate accordingly.

B. Garden Waste Dumping at the Old Quarry.

Came across some very large piles of garden waste and what appeared to be wood shavings (mahogany? Certainly it was a dark wood) – photos already sent to councillors and Clerk.

This can only be from a local resident. Maybe we do some door knocking to make people aware that their behaviour is unacceptable? Thoughts for action, please?

Denbighshire County Councillor Terry Mendies agreed to investigate the issues.

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

None received.

26. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2024 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MEMORIAL HALL, LLANDEGLA AT 7.00 P.M.