

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
5TH OCTOBER 2023 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LLANDEGLA AT 7.00 P.M.

1. PRESENT:-

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

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillors Gwyneth Dillon and Steve Swygart.

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 7th September 2023 minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman

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

Members briefly discussed the following issues and resolved to discuss as an agenda items at the next Council meeting:-

- A: Dog Fouling.
- B. Child safety for Children.
- C. Village projects (including bulb planting).
- D. Volunteer Day.

7. REPORT FROM DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR TERRY MENDIES.

Councillor Mendies reported:-

A busy month in Council with many issues being discussed.

A: HORSE RIDING SAFETY RALLY. On Saturday 23rd September Heather Kirby organised a Horse rally from the Sun Inn, via The Raven Inn, onto Llandegla. This was to highlight the road safety concerns of the Riders along the lanes. The event was a "galloping" success with over 30 riders in attendance. The colourful costumes were a sight to behold and next years event will, I am sure, will be bigger and even more colourful. May I suggest the CC encourages local riders to join this event next year.

B. CHANGE OF SPEED RESTRICTIONS. Can I remind everyone that under the new Welsh Government Law, all 30 mph zones have reverted to 20 mph from 17th September. This is not popular. There is some confusion particularly in our Rural areas as to what speed restrictions apply. There is currently a petition of over 440,000 signatories requesting the Welsh Government to rescind the legislation.

C. CRIME CONCERNS. I met with the local PCSO prior to the horse rally to discuss that and a number of other issues. The main concerns are speeding in the Ward and underage driving. The Police are aware and will be more proactive.

D. COMMUTED SUMS. As you are aware I forwarded an e-mail stating that there is £97,000 available for community groups. May I suggest that the CC put in an application for any worthwhile projects ASAP.

E. TOP FIELD. Can the CC decide on which Quotation they favour and give me instructions as to where to source the funds.

8. CRIME AND CCTV/ANPR UPDATED REPORT.

Councillor Hilary Berry is in the process of completing the grant application form for funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

9. PICNIC AREA ENTRANCE/COMMON LAND UPDATE.

Councillor Janet Strivens will draft a letter to Mr John Owens, Solicitors from St. Asaph regarding the legal work required on exploring the title on the "Picnic Area" land.

10. COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE.

The "Community Newsletter" is still sent out on a regular basis and well received by the residents of Llandegla.

11. FORMER TELEPHONE KIOSK UPDATE.

Councillor Janet Strivens will source local tradespeople for a price on the works required, otherwise a "Volunteer Day" will be organised for the works required.

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

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13. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING COURSES.

The Clerk circulated Members with the September 2023 Training Courses provided by One Voice Wales.

14. COUNCIL'S FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATE.

No updated report.

15. FINANCE ISSUES.

A. The Clerk circulated members with the Council's Bank transactions for the period from 1st April to 30th September 2023.

B. Authorised Payments:-

1. White Oak Property Services £421.30.
2. AVOW for admin fees £12.50.
3. Clerk's salary for the quarter ended 30th September 2023 £560.20
4. One Voice Wales training course £38.00.
5. Hywel Evans for printing of the "Community Newsletter" for three publications £180.00.
6. Monthly HSBC bank charges £5.00.
7. HM Revenue and Customs for PAYE for the quarter ended 30th September 2023 £140.00.

C. Clerk's Salary update.

D. Members approved the Council's four Annual Returns for the four years ended 31st March 2023 and signed off by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

None received.

17. TO REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED THAT REQUIRES ATTENTION.

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

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

Councillor Steve Swygart reported:-

CAE MAIR / TOP FIELD

Hopefully, you would have all seen the mails from Terry Mendies regarding the lack of funding options for DCC for the footpath entrance, and that we will have to utilise some of the Commuted Sum from the Bloor Homes development if this is to be built.

You will recall that DCC quoted somewhere in the region of £15.5k overall (design work + building costs) and that we received and resolved to accept a quote from a local civils contractor at our last meeting for £7k building costs.

In order to negate the excessive design and “project management” costs that DCC had quoted and also to ensure/confirm that the scheme is designed according to the necessary codes (you’ll recall that DCC would not show us their scheme unless we paid money to see the drawings.....and I asked the contractors to quote using their knowledge of codes as they are approved DCC contractors), I have asked the structural engineering subcontractor (who met me at the site to discuss possible funding options and he was put up by DCC) to quote me to provide the design work necessary, so that we can ask the civil engineering contractor to confirm their quote.

By doing this, we save on DCC’s design & management costs, we ensure the scheme is built to the agreed standard so that DCC can’t object, and we save money on the £12.5k that DCC had in to build it (confirmation of the £7k).

In parallel, we apply for the appropriate amount of the Commuted Sum so that it will be ready by the time we come to pay the contractor.

This is now the best outcome for getting this task done. I should have written this for inclusion as a proposal for this particular Council meeting, but as I have not yet received the design work quote and I am on holiday from tomorrow onwards, it makes sense to include it as an Agenda item for the November meeting. It also gives you a chance to take stock as to where we are now and the above represents our only hope of getting it built at a reasonable cost.

19. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FOLLOWING “OUTSIDE BODIES”

A. Memorial Hall Management. No report received.

B. Community Shop Management Committee. No report received.

C. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – Councillor Steve Swygart reported:-

The big news here is that the AoNB have sent me (via Graham Berry) the attached list of engagement events which have been planned in order to take soundings and learn more about the AoNB’s proposal to become the 4th National Park in Wales. There are two Microsoft Teams events and there are several drop-in events dotted along the main spine of the Clwydians themselves. This document needs to be widely disseminated, so could someone print out a few copies and put them on village noticeboards,

D. One Voice Wales. No report received.

E. Parochial Church Council. No report received.

F. Llandegla Rectory Association. No report received.

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

There were no urgent business for consideration.

21. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2023 IN THE LLANDEGLA MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.00 PM.