

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

1: PRESENT:

Councillors Janet Strivens (Chair), Neena Barlow, Gaynor Wonderley, Sandra Ellis Rogers, Steve Swygart, Elizabeth Parker-Clark (via Zoom), Denbighshire County Councillor Terry Mendies and the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Gwyneth Dillon.

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 7th November 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 30th November 2024. The clerk has produced a new co-option notice which expires on 31st December 2024.

8. REPORT FROM DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

Councillor Terry Mendies provided the following report:

TELEPHONE BOX.

I spoke to Hannah and Chris Davies, they do have a damp problem with damp. This is historical and not being caused by the Box. The Box is preventing remedial repairs. Hannah and Chris have deferred the rendering until next year.

If the CC wishes to relocate the Phone Box to a more prominent position in the Village, I am happy to assist with DCC planning.

ROAD REPAIRS AND POTHOLES "WISH LIST" FOR 2025.

As you are aware, each year I submit a list of road repairs that need to be rectified. That list is submitted in December to be included (hopefully) in the Budget starting April 2025. If you have any suggestions, please e-mail me with the details. The only road I have at the moment is the lane opposite The Grousemoor to the Chester Road.

The potholes at The Crown Crossroads will be put on the C360 system.

THE CROWN PLANNING APPLICATION.

I will be guided by the CC's opinion. This is not scheduled to come before the Planning Committee.

TY ISSO CLEARANCE.

The clearance of the vehicles started on Tuesday and is scheduled to be completed on Friday. DCC will be renewing the Injunction on Ty Isso Annex and will be seeking an Injunction for Ty Isso.

9. DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATED REPORT.

The trainer is available to attend the defibrillator training in the Llandegla Memorial Hall on Saturday 11th January 2025, but the Memorial Hall is not available for the booking.

10. PICNIC AREA.

Mr Fraser Robertson provided a location plan of the picnic area with suggested locations for the two public seating that the Council hold in storage for erection within the picnic area. Councillor Steve Swygart will communicate further with Mr Robertson regarding the proposed locations for the two public seats.

11. "ASH DIE-BACK" TREE UPDATE.

Councillor Steve Swygart is communicating with the list of Tree Surgeons provided by White Oak Property Services for the works required.

12. MEMBERS EMAIL ADDRESSES.

Councillor Elizabeth Parker-Clark will assist members over the Christmas period in setting up their new Council email addresses.

13. FORMER BT KIOSK.

Councillors Gaynor Wonderley and Sandra Ellis Rogers recently met with the owners of the Old Post Office to discuss the way forward with regards to the way forward on relocating the former BT Kiosk before they re-render their property in March. Members discussed the possibility of relocating the Kiosk in the Royal Mail collection box area opposite Llandegla Community Shop. County Councillor Terry Mendies agreed to make the appropriate enquiries with the Planning Department in regards to the planning process.

14. COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD.

White Oak Property Services quoted £198.00 for the repair work required on the top community notice board in Llandegla. Members resolved to accept the quotation.

15. 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.

16. CCTV AND ANPR.

The Clerk informed Members that Offa Community Council has a CCTV for sale at the cost of £515.92. Members resolved for the Clerk to ask Offa Community Council for the specifications of the CCTV and Councillor Janet Strivens will seek the opinion of the Llandegla Memorial Hall Committee before deciding to purchase the CCTV or not.

17. WALES'S NEW NATIONAL PARK CONSULTATION.

The Clerk reminded Members that the closing date for the consultation period for all parties ends on Friday 13th December 2024.

18. COUNCIL'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ISSUES.

The Clerk has received the new Council Laptop ordered from Catalyst Systems in Denbigh.

19. YSGOL DYFFRYN IAL GRANT APPLICATION.

Members considered the grant application from Ysgol Dyffryn Ial for £700.00 funds towards the Website fees and £300 for outdoor equipment. Members resolved to seek quotations from Ysgol Dyffryn Ial for the required equipment before further considering the grant application.

20. FINANCE.

A. The Clerk circulated members with the bank accounts transactions covering the period from 1st April to 30th November 2024.

B. Authorised payments:-

- 1: Monthly HSBC Fee £5.00.
2. One Voice Wales training course £40.00.
3. One Voice Wales training course £40.00.
4. Catalyst Systems for the Council's laptop and software £793.20.
5. AVOW for PAYE administration fee for the quarter ended 31st December 2024 £12.50.
6. Clerk's salary for the quarter ended 31st December 2024 £795.00.
7. HM Revenue & Customs for PAYE for the quarter ended 31st December 2024 £198.60.

21. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

A: Planning Application: 17/2024/1462/LE - Existing Lawful Development Certificate for the unrestricted residential occupancy of the property at Bryn Celyn, Llandegla – no objections.

B. Planning Application: 17/2024/1504/PF - Conversion of portion of building to provide additional bedroom accommodation serving the existing hotel and associated works at Crown Hotel, Llandegla – no objections.

22. CORRESPONDENCE NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE WITHIN THE AGENDA.

A: Denbighshire County Council Polling Stations review consultation.

B. Denbighshire County Council Open Spaces Commuted Sums update.

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

Councillor Steve Swygart reported:-

A: Cae Mair's Wildflower Meadow has been cut by Hugo. Cuttings were strewn under adjacent hedges, as per plan with the AoNB. Seeing as this needs doing every year, we need to precept for the amount and include it as part of the work package for the year. Hugo will provide us with a quote for all work that will be carried out in a year. The quote is needed in January (please confirm date Gwyn/Gwyneth) so that the precept can be set.

B. As per my previous mail yesterday, the footpath extension into Cae Mair has now started, with ground clearance work and streetlight relocation shortly to follow. Work is scheduled to be completed at the end of next week (13/12/2024), weather permitting. We will also need to factor in a bit of strimming for this area/gate down to the road.

C. Quotes and contractor visits for quotes have started for the ash die-back tree limb removal at The Old Quarry and the picnic area at Afon Alyn.

D. Upper noticeboard – Hugo has provided us with a Soviet-style telegraph post replacement idea with which to prolong the life of this. I propose that we adopt this and ask Hugo to execute.

E. Bus – problems noted with a driver not coming down into the village as per contract (due to “mist”) were forwarded for action by Terry. This has resulted in disciplinary action for the driver concerned. Similar issues reported on our FB page regarding non-arrival of the bus to take students to college were similarly acted upon.

F. The recent accident on the notoriously icy stretch of the A5104 by Fauxdegla (reported on the Council FB page) was immediately acted upon and reported to Terry. This has resulted in DCC spending a few days cleaning out the gully and doing some much needed maintenance work. My understanding from the last meeting was that this work should have been completed sometime in November.

G. I have still not yet managed to update the risk assessment for our areas of ownership. Hopefully I can get to that before the end of the year.

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

A: Additional Arriva service bus problems since the previous Council meeting which is covered elsewhere within the minutes. Denbighshire County Councillor Terry Mendies will take up the issues directly with Arriva.

B. Members resolved to discuss the next joint meeting with the Llandegla Rectory Association at the next Council meeting.

25. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY 2025 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MEMORIAL HALL, LLANDEGLA AT 7.00 P.M.