

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2025 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MEMORIAL HALL, LLANDEGLA AT 7.00 PM.

1: PRESENT:

Councillors Gwyneth Dillon (Chair), Sandra Ellis Rogers, Elizabeth Parker-Clark, Neena Barlow, Janet Strivens, Gaynor Wonderley together with the Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Steve Swygart together with 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 received.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION.

See item 13 below.

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

Members confirmed the 2nd January 2025 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 received one application for the vacant seat that exists from Wendy Spiers. Members resolved to accept the application and resolved to Co-opt Wendy Spiers as a Councillor on the Llandegla Community Council.

8. REPORT FROM DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR TERRY MENDIES.

No report received.

9. DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATED REPORT.

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

10. LLANDEGLA PICNIC AREA UPDATE.

Councillor Steve Swygart reported:-

A: Received one quotation for a Topographic Survey from Angle Surveys (Landscape Architects) for both the Picnic Area and Cae Mair for £545.00 per site (before VAT).

Members resolved to accept the quotation.

B. Received one quotation for an Ecological Survey for Picnic Area and Cae Mair from Richards, Moorehead and Laing for £1,600.00 As part of any planning permission we might seek, this will be necessary. Members resolved to accept the quotation.

11. "ASH DIE-BACK" TREES UPDATE.

Councillor Steve Swygart reported:-

Tree surgery for the Quarry and Picnic Area. Gwyn has sent out the one quote I'd had from George Faire, a local surgeon, who had a copy of the ash die-back report and has viewed our jobs. I'd contacted two other companies at the same time (based in Wrexham & Mold) but only received a call from one of them as I was literally leaving to come here. I would propose acceptance of this, as it would be a while (into spring?) before we got someone else interested. The problem tree in the quarry needs sorting and the work in the Picnic Area is the first step in doing anything there. Work on this could therefore be started at the end of February. We would then need to contact the resident over which the tree branch hangs that work was going to be completed. Members resolved to accept the quotation from George Faire for £1,600.00.

12. LLANDEGLA NOTICE BOARDS ISSUES.

The Clerk circulated members with emails from a Tenant of Trem-y-Grug in Llandegla and Denbighshire County Council Streetscene Area Coordinator regarding the legal positioning of the notice board next to the notice board abutting the Trem-y-Grug highway boundary. Councillor Gwyneth Dillon confirmed that the notice board is a joint responsibility of the Community Council and Llandegla Church and received the appropriate highway verge permit for the erection of the notice board in 2011.

13. LLANDEGLA SHOP DISABILITY ACCESS.

The Clerk circulated members with an email from a local resident regarding no disabled access at the Community shop in Llandegla. A member of the Llandegla Community Shop Committee attended the Council meeting who confirmed of the Llandegla Community shop intention to provide a disabled access for the Community Shop and are in the process of getting the design process in place and applied for the relevant authorities for the provision of a disabled access.

14. MEMBERS EMAIL ADDRESSES.

Councillor Elizabeth Parker-Clark will assist members during weekends in setting up their new Council email addresses.

15. FORMER BT KIOSK.

Councillor Janet Strivens is in the process of drafting a letter to the owners of the Old Post Office with regards to the relocating of the former BT Kiosk.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. CCTV AND ANPR.

Members resolved to invite Mrs Hilary Berry to the next Council meeting to further discuss the CCTV and ANPR issues.

19. CAE MAIR AND PICNIC AREA (LLANDEGLA) SITE MEETING 13TH JANUARY 2025 REPORT.

Councillor Sandra Ellis Rogers provided minutes of the site meeting in Appendix 1 below.

20. COUNCIL'S LLANDEGLA RECTORY ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE.

Members appointed Councillor Janet Strivens as the Council's Llandegla Rectory Association representative.

21. YSGOL DYFFRYN IAL GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE.

Members considered the legal replies from both Denbighshire County Council and One Voice Wales regarding the grant application from Ysgol Dyffryn Ial and resolved to the grant aid of £500.00 towards the School's Website Fees.

22. FINANCE.

A: The Clerk circulated the Members with the bank transactions covering the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st January 2025.

B. Authorised payments:-

1. AVOW for PAYE administration fees £12.50.
2. White Oak Property Services for the notice board repairs £198.00.
3. Llandegla memorial Hall for the Council's January 2025 meeting hire cost £8.00.
4. Hywel Evans for two "Community Newsletter" printing costs £120.00.
5. Ysgol Dyffryn Ial grant aid £500.00.
6. Monthly HSBC fee £5.00.

23. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

A: Planning application: 17/2024/1540/PF - Change of use of agricultural land for the siting of a caravan for a temporary period to provide an agricultural workers dwelling, installation of a sewage treatment plant and associated at Darran Bach, Llandegla – no objections.

B. Planning Application: 17/2024/1601/PF - Demolition of existing structures, erection of an agricultural building and associated works at Darran Bach, Llandegla – no objections.

C. Planning Application: 17/2024/1621/PS - Variation of condition number 1 of planning permission code number 17/2019/0686 to allow an additional 5 years for commencement of development at Llandegla Fishery, Casgan Dittw, Llandegla – no objections.

24. CORRESPONDENCE NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE WITHIN THE AGENDA.

A: One Voice Wales nomination for the Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 7th and 20th May 2025 ballot. Members resolved to nominate Councillor Sandra Ellis Robers.

B. The One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting will be held online on Tuesday 11th March 2025 between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm

C. Denbighshire County Council Local Toilets Strategy Consultation ends on 27th February 2025.

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

Councillor Steve Swygart provided the following written report:-

1. Tree surgery for the Quarry and Picnic Area. Gwyn has sent out the one quote I'd had from George Faire, a local surgeon, who had a copy of the ash die-back report and has viewed our jobs. I'd contacted two other companies at the same time (based in Wrexham & Mold) but only received a call from one of them as I was literally leaving to come here. I would propose acceptance of this, as it would be a while (into spring?) before we got someone else interested. The problem tree in the quarry needs sorting and the work in the Picnic Area is the first step in doing anything there. Work on this could therefore be started at the end of February. We would then need to contact the resident over which the tree branch hangs that work was going to be completed.

2. Topographic Survey. You will hopefully have seen my previous mail on this (landscape architect etc) as per Gwyneth's notes on the Picnic Area and Cae Mair. In terms of sequence of events necessary for the Picnic Area, the topographic survey is the first step to be completed as we need to establish if a disability friendly path can be built to get to the bottom of that area. It is thought that the area would look quite different if we did, as there is a drop of say 2.5m from road level to take into account over a relatively short length and so a lot of earth would need to be removed. I have asked a surveyor based on the coast for a quote to do this (email copies sent to Gwyn & Gwyneth) for the Picnic Area and a footpath to join the two access points into Cae Mair to run down the hedge line so as to avoid people getting run over. If they do this before Thursday I will forward it.

3. Ecological Survey for Picnic Area and Cae Mair. As part of any planning permission we might seek, this will be necessary. Quote received from landscape architect for £1600 for the two areas and email sent to Gwyn etc by them. We should wait until we get the results of the topographic survey (and ask landscape architect to comment on feasibility of path) before going ahead with this.

4. Commuted Sum Current Balance

Email from Fran Williams at DCC confirms the following -

Total grant budget spent on field access improvements: £9,815.44

Total grant **budget remaining** for Open Space projects in Llandegla: **£19,122**

So we have come in well under budget from what DCC originally quoted (£15.5k?). DCC still had something in for project management but nowhere near their original amount. I made sure I was keeping them aware of that by turning up at the works each day to make suitable enquiries!

In terms of funding 2 & 3 above, I think we were suggesting using the general Commuted Sums pot (see previous mails, as the £19,122 above is ring-fenced solely for us). However we need to get the quote in for the topographic survey to be able to bid for money from that general pot (topo + eco survey) by the end of the current Financial Year.

If so, I propose we apply for that as soon as we get that quote.

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

None received.

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