

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2024 in Four Crosses Village Centre at 7.30 p.m (Meeting also available via zoom)

Present: Chairman Cllr C M Jenner presided, Cllrs Frances Buckingham, Mrs V Holloway, Mrs D Kendall, N H Savage, E A Jones, D M E Lloyd, and W J Lee plus 4 members of the public and 2 representatives from the Four Crosses Football Club.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs D C Harris & D M Foulkes. Condolences were extended to Cllr D C Harris. 2024/1

Members of the Public were invited to speak but said could they speak when the relevant Agenda Item was discussed which was agreed by the Chairman. 2024/2

Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 23rd November 2023 had been circulated. The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. 2024/3

Matters arising from meeting of 23rd November 2023.

2024/4 (2023/594) Clerk has asked Russell George for an update re: Severn catchment liaison group & Cllr Arwel had reminded the Chairman Cllr Jonathon Wilkinson. It was noted that Lake Vrynwy had been overflowing for the last month. Invitation would be extended to Cllr Wilkinson to join the next meeting.

2024/5 (2023/599) Reply received from North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency re Concerns of inadequate signage at roundabout on A483. They also confirmed that they had submitted a request to Welsh Gov for speed monitoring strips. New vegetation on the roundabout will be planted by the end of March.

2024/6 (2023/601) Representative from Severn Trent attended a meeting to discuss the work needed to the sewers at Canal Road, Four Crosses on the 8th Dec. Graham Astley, Powys C.C has confirmed that Montgomeryshire District Council would have made the connections and had sent a copy of the plans at that time. Russell George would be asked for his help as the Contract made when the owners first connected to the sewers was between Powys County Council and Severn Trent who should have ensured that any surface water went to a separate soakaway.

2024/7 (2023/602) Machynlleth Town Council has responded to say that their new bus shelters were installed as part of the T7/T5 Bus Route with monies secured by Ceredigion and Gwynedd County Councils

2024/8 (2023/549) New sign has now been received for the second Lime Tree by the War Memorial and Invoice received for £397.20

2024/9 (2023/615) Suggestion received of a name for the new residential development opposite Maes Offa to use 'Llandysilio' i.e Llandysilio View, Place, Crescent or Fields. Powys County Council have suggested Cae Ffordd i.e Road Field and said that 'Llandysilio' cannot be included as this is used elsewhere as a postal address. It was agreed to suggest Offa's Field.

Sports & Recreation

2024/10 (2023/604) Update re: Play Area – Treewerx and Arbserv have submitted a quote to fell the tree adjacent the Play Area as roots are disturbing the surface. Clerk to ask both to use a stump grinder and it was agreed to go ahead with the cheapest quote.

2024/11 Maintenance log for January completed by the Clerk – Dome replaced at foot of the combi pull and bolts tightened. Cllr Arwel had removed the mesh ends and will reseal boards in Play Area and repair the Verge on the Club House when weather permits. Cllr W J Lee offered to complete for February.

2024/12 2 x Invoices received from Clira Ltd for £72.00 each

2024/13 Chairman welcomed Graham Astley and Graham Dyke from Four Crosses Football Club. List of Football fixtures for February had been received. There are Grants available to the Club so they had sent a list of suggestions;- solar panels, floodlights and nets behind the goal mouth to stop the balls going into neighbours gardens. At the moment they are using portable, rechargeable floodlights which they are also loaning to Llanymynech Juniors. FAW had preferred the suggestion of the floodlights and a quote had been

received of 46,000 with 8 floodlights around the pitch. Councillors agreed in principle to the addition of floodlights but reminded the Club that Planning permission would be needed and asked for more details of how the 20% contribution which is needed from the Football Club will be achieved. Football Club estimated the floodlights would cost £27 per game.

2024/14 Grass Tenders received for 2024 were opened by the Chairman. It was agreed to continue with Andy Ellis for maintenance of the Sports & Recreation Field and with M E & T Pritchard for the War Memorial and Parc Hafod.

County Cllr Arwel update

2024/15 Cllr Arwel gave a verbal update on the meetings he had attended and explained that Budget discussions were just beginning with a possible increase of 7.5%.

2024/16 He confirmed that a site meeting was being held with the Highways Department who would be shown the defects in the area. He had also reported the addition of soil by Llanymynech Bridge to NRW.

Planning

2024/17 Update re: 23/1071/FUL Erection of 4 Geodomes at Laburnum House, Bryn Mawr. Cllr Arwel had withdrawn his request for the application to go to the Planning Committee on advice from the Planning Officer that the application would be refused on grounds of Environmental Health & Impact on the Landscape. Additional information had been received on the Planning Portal of the Percolation test which had been undertaken by the applicant following which Environmental Health recommended refusal. Clerk to respond that percolation test should be undertaken by a qualified person and not the applicant and also to request that Planning Enforcement schedule is clearly set out and adhered to.

2024/18 Planning Enforcement Complaint re: change of Holiday Cottages at Ty Llew to permanent residential use has been lodged and will be investigated

2024/19 Planning permission has been granted to:-

i) 23/1360/HH Erection of a side extension at 2 Severn Way Four Crosses for Mr R Jones

ii) 23/1402/HH Erection of a second storey extension etc. at 6 Vrynwy Crescent, Four Crosses for Mr & Mrs Fitzsimmons

iii) 23/0858/FUL Conversion of existing outbuilding to form a residential dwelling at The Elms, Domgay Road for Mr & Mrs A Kirkham

2024/20 Planning Enforcement Officer is also investigating concerns about the non-compliance with Planning conditions at Maes Sarn Wen, Llandrinio – for information.

2024/21 Planning permission requested for:-

a) 23/1845/REM Section 73 application to vary condition 5 of planning permission 22/2012/RES in respect of the change of wording at land adjacent 'The Street' Llandysilio.- Clerk has requested details of the proposed traffic calming measures which had showed temporary chicanes which were acceptable and therefore no objections were raised.

b) 24/0021/HH Erection of a single storey rear and side extension to replace dilapidated outbuildings and detached garage at 2 Church Cottages, Llandysilio for Mrs J Edwards. Cllr D M E Lloyd declared an interest by virtue of being the adjoining neighbor and withdraw from the meeting. It was agreed to Object as it was not clear from the Plan where the new Garage would be situated. This was particularly relevant as consideration needs to be made of the Grade II Old School House which is nearby. The proposed rear extension would also overshadow the adjoining property.

c) 24/0018/REM Section 73 application to vary condition 26 of planning permission 21/1468/OUT in respect to change of wording (open play space and equipment provision) at Wychwood, Four Crosses – letter had been circulated to Councillors which had been submitted as part of the application offered to contribute a \$106 sum towards existing play equipment in the area. Clerk to request more details of how much this would be and also to check whether Play equipment is part of the development on land adj The Gornal.

Correspondence

2024/22 Clerk & Councils Direct for circulation

2024/23 Email from Emergency Medical Retrieval Transfer Service to say that following feedback from Llais they will now undertake a third consultation in February where more details of the costings of each option will be available

2024/24 Freedom of Information request received for copies of Minutes of any meetings that the Community Council may have had with CPRW (Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales) – Clerk has replied to confirm that no meetings have been held.

2024/25 Email invite to a meeting on Wed 13th Dec to learn about the Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust transformation programme (forwarded to Councillors)

2024/26 Details received of the latest Countryside Code Newsletter

2024/27 Email from One Voice Wales to explain that funding has been received from Welsh Gov for them to set up a ‘Cost of Living’ team who will look to capture the activity of each community in trying to help with the rising cost of living.

2024/28 Email received from Economy Projects Support Officer , Powys County Council working on a new project to advertise all Events happening in Powys

2024/29 Details from Mid & West Wales Rescue Service of their draft Community Risk Management Plan to 2040

2024/30 Clerk has completed the form to request a copy of the Register of Electors as at 01.12.2023

2024/31 Details of Training Courses run by One Voice Wales was circulated to Councillors – Cllr D C Harris has been booked on Module 5 and Module 10

2024/32 Canal & River Trust have confirmed that the Community Council will be consulted with regard to the options for Williams Bridge by Newbridge Aquaduct

2024/33 Invitation to join training sessions running through to March provided by Digital Communities Wales which will seek to help residents with on- line safety and also tools to help with the cost of living crisis

2024/34 Details received of the D-Day 80 Lamp Light of Peace (cost £55) or events taking place on the 6th June.

2024/35 Email from Social Care Children’s Services encouraging more people to consider Fostering - also willing to attend events to promote Fostering

2024/36 Friends of Montgomery Canal Winter Newsletter

2024/37 Details received from Powys County Council as to where the funding received as part of the Levelling Up process has been spent

2024/38 Newsletter from Dyfed-Powys Police

2024/39 Invitation to join a zoom webinar to learn more about Community Speed Watch on Thurs 8th Feb – Councillors are asked to register their interest beforehand and they will be sent a link to the meeting.

2024/40 Donation request Marie Curie Cymru -noted

2024/41 Donation request received for a ‘Hardship Pot’ for an elderly gentleman in our community – Clerk had requested more details- noted

2024/42 Consultation from Welsh Gov on the future spending purposes for dormant assets funding in Wales – responses by 28th Feb. Councillors agreed with the suggestion’s put forward by Welsh Gov.

2024/43 Consultation on the Powys replacement Local Development Plan – Key issues, Objectives and Vision – Councillors felt that Planning Principles and Concepts meant nothing if Enforcement was not through in the Planning Conditions that had been sent. Also more variety of Housing is needed for single people and sheltered housing.

2024/44 Donation request Urdd National Eisteddfod - noted

2024/45 Details had been received of the feedback received by Llais to their recent consultation and meetings with the Public.

2024/46 Invitation to a zoom meeting on Tues 30th Jan re; designating a new National Park in Mid Wales

2024/47 Consultation received from Green GEN re: Vrynwy Frankton Pylon line – Clerk to respond with concern over pylon bases within a flood plain.

Accounts

2024/48 Bank Accounts at 25th January 2024;-

Current Account	£ 899.73
Sports & Recreation Acc	£ 1064.74
Deposit Account	£32368.92
Parc Hafod	£27622.78

Bank statements were checked and initialed by Chairman Cllr C M Jenner

2024/49 Cllr Frances has calculated details of the proposed increase in Clerk’s Salary which were approved.

It was noted that any further increase in Salary could result in the Community Council paying National Insurance & Employers NEST Pension. Clerk to find out more details.

2024/50 Permission granted to pay;-

- i) Mrs C E Davies (reimbursement plaque for School Bench) £24.99 under L.G.A 1972 s137
- ii) Sign of the Times £397.20 (Sign for Lime Tree) under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976
- iii) Audit Wales £200.00 (2022/23) under Audit Commission Act 1980 s6
- iv) Audit Wales £225.00 (2021/22) under Audit Commission Act 1980 s6
- v) Jackson Fire & Security Ltd £121.80 under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976
- vi) Mrs C E Davies (reimbursement stationary) £65.85 under L.G.A 1972 s112
- vii) Mrs C E Davies (Salary inc back dated adj) £1571.37 under L.G.A 1972 s112
- viii) H M Revenue & Customs (P.A.Y.E) £378.20 under L.G.A 1972 s112
- ix) Clira Ltd 2 x monthly maintenance £144.00 under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976

2024/51 Funds have been transferred from Parc Hafod to the current Account of £530.00 to cover the Grasscutting costs of Parc Hafod during 2023.

2024/52 Wayleave of £1.19 received from Scottish Power

2024/53 Powys County Council have explained why the base rate has reduced slightly for Llandysilio. Councillors discussed the Precept for 2024/2025 – some Councillors wished the rate to stay the same at £30.75 but a vote was taken and an increase of 5% to £32.28 was agreed which would result in a Precept of £17935.00

Complaints

2024/54 County Cllr A E Jones & Clerk had arranged to meet with Highways Inspector on Fri 12th Jan to look at the problems of flooding at the entrance to School/Village Centre – had to be postponed until Fri 26th

2023/55 Missing Fingerpost outside Calcott Manor has been reinstated by Countryside Services

2023/56 Highways Dept notified that the speed limit sign by the mini roundabout by the Vets is obscured by vegetation

2023/57 Highways Dept reminded to replace the missing Village sign of Four Crosses on the approach from Llandrinio and also to add 'Llandysilio'

2023/58 Street Lights obscured by foliage on The Old Creamery have finally been trimmed by Lloyds Animal feeds after Powys County Council had contacted them.

2023/59 North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency reminded of their promise to undertake monitoring of the pitch on the A483 in this current Financial year – they had replied to say that the system for monitoring pitch is changing and might not be available until 2024/25. Clerk to reply that a promise of the current financial year had been made.

2023/60 Blocked gulleys reported down Canal Road and the Gulley machine had recently attended but not cleared the one by the Post Box which is also sunk and the tarmac around it deteriorated.

2023/61 Pothole reported to Highways Dept on Courthouse Lane

2023/62 Still waiting for a formal reply from Highways Dept to confirm that we can use external Contractors i.e pavement sweeper

2023/63 North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency have replied re; flood signage on A483 to say that efforts are being made to improve the response time to putting up the signs – currently considering proposals to install flood warning equipment (CCTV and Variable Message Signage) at this location

2023/64 Request received from a resident to revert to 30mph in the Village – it was agreed to monitor if any other requests are received. Councillors all felt speed limit on a Trunk Road i.e Llanymynech should be 30mph not 20mph.

2023/64 Clerk to ask N.I.B's if they have any older Defibs that could be used for phonebox at Llys Rhysnant.

2023/65 Clerk to remind Highways Dept that traffic lights at Clifton Bridge are still set to timed

2023/66 Thanks were given to Cllr Mike Lloyd for cleaning the graffiti off at Foxen Manor.

Any other business

2023/67 Cllr W J Lee gave an update on Rodney's Pillar to say that the Pillar will have to be rebuilt and likely now to be 2024/2025 – formal statement from NRW will follow.

Meeting closed 9.45 p.m

Next Meeting:- Thursday 22nd February 2024