



Minutes of the meeting of Llangoedmor Community Council held at the Old School Rooms, Llangoedmor on Monday, April 3rd 2017

Present:

Chairperson: Gareth Evans *Cllrs:* Colin Lewis, Mrs Amanda Edwards , Peter Hazzelby, Ken Symmons, Bryan Rees, Mrs Kay Morgan, Iwan Davies, Mrs Eleri Davies, Hywel Davies

County Cllr Haydn Lewis joined the meeting as indicated in the minutes

Clerk

Members of the public: 8

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that members of the public would be given 20 minutes prior to the start of the meeting to present any matters appertaining to Agenda Items or of interest to the communities.

Cllr B Rees, Vice-Chairman then advised this would be the last meeting of the Council prior to the Local Govt elections in May 2017. He said that 4 members were retiring, they represented over 100 years of experience as elected members and this experience would be sadly missed. He also noted that CC H Lewis was also standing down in the May elections. He thanked all those who had served their communities as a member of Llangoedmor Community Council and CC H Lewis for his help and support over the years. He wished them all well and he looked forward to working with the new Council from May 8th.

Mr J Whittle, Ms J Dailey and Ms M Prys-Davies then spoke of their concerns with regard to application A170196. These ranged from the potential impact on the growing and vibrant community of Llechryd, its' residents and businesses, through concerns for health, particularly as the mast was close to the village school and the impact of the scale and overall visibility of the proposed mast. Its' potential to impact on wildlife was also discussed.

CC H Lewis joined the meeting during these discussions.

The Chairman thanked all the members of the public who had attended. They then left the meeting.

1. Croeso ac Ymddiheuriadau /Welcome and Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs J Hawkes who had advised, through the Chairman and Clerk, that for personal reasons she would not be standing in the forthcoming local elections on May 4th 2017. She thanked all the Council members for their help and support during her term.

2. Gweddï Agoriadol / Opening Prayer

3. Datgelu Buddiannau Personol / Disclosure of Personal Interest

None.

4. Materion Personol / Personal Matters

Cllr Mrs A Edwards was congratulated on competing in her first race, the Cardiff 10k. It was advised that the funeral of ex Cllr L Gerrard was to take place on Saturday 8th April.

5. Ceisiadau Cynllunio / Planning Applications

A170188 Erection of a dwelling, Plot adjc to Craig y Nos, Gelli Wen, Llechryd (outline)
It was agreed to object to the application as it was in excess of the requirements of the LDP in relation to the planned number of dwellings in Llechryd. That the site was too small for acceptable residential development and would adversely affect the appearance of the area. That the development would adversely affect the parking and manoeuvring of vehicles in the cul-de-sac and local knowledge indicated that drains in the area struggled to cope with current run off and that further development would exacerbate this.

A170196 Installation of 15m high lattice mast supporting 3 antenna, 2 dishes together with associated equipment cabinets within a fenced compound, land west of Llechryd telephone exchange
Having listened to the concerns of local residents and read correspondence from local residents relating to the application, following discussion it was agreed, unanimously, to object to the application on environmental grounds, that it would be totally out of keeping with the area and its visual impact on the village and the impact of the perceived health implications of such a mast. Its impact on local businesses, particularly those associated with tourism would also be highlighted in terms of the local economy and employment. It was also a concern that the mast could impact on existing telecoms and satellite signals. It was felt that the village was already well serviced by its' current provision and the detrimental effects on Llechryd and its' residents would far outweigh any gain for the community in terms of any enhancement in communication services.

A170175 Change of use of a section of agricultural land (2600 sq m) to tourism use (year round holiday accommodation) in order to erect a single, free standing off-grid, wooden cabin. Land adj to and west of garden cottage, Llangoedmor
The Council supported this application.

It was noted that there had been comment on social media that the Community Council decided planning applications and it was made clear that the Community Council was only consulted about applications. The final decisions were made at Ceredigion County Council.

All applications can be found at:

<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/English/Resident/Planning/applications/Pages/default.aspx>

Planning enforcement

CCC had confirmed that the matter of Corner Wood was currently in the hands of the legal section.

6. Cofnodion y Cyfarfod Blaenorol / Minutes of Previous Meeting

Cllr Mrs A Edwards proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, seconded Cllr I Davies, carried unanimously

7. Materion yn Codi / Matters Arising

CC H Lewis took the opportunity to thank the Council and Cllrs for their support during his years as County Councillor. He said he was looking forward to his retirement and wished all those present good luck in their future endeavours.

8. Cyllid a Gweinyddu / Finance and Administration

Payments

3.04.17	Abacus	Toilet block cleaning	170.00	
	Telemat	Website hosting	120.00	
	L M Jeremiah	Taps toilet block	110.00	
	SSE	Swalec electricity bill	34.66	
	Ms M Jones	Translation	160.00	
	Coracle Hall	Room hire March 17	15.00	
	S E Houghton	Home office	25.00	
30.04.17	S E Houghton	Salary	330.18	SO
			964.84	

Proposed Cllr C Lewis, seconded Cllr H Davies, carried unanimously.

Election

Cllrs were reminded that the final date for submission of nomination forms was 4.4.17 at 4pm. Current Cllrs would stand until May 8th 2017. New Cllrs will take office on May 8th 2017. All Cllrs taking office on 8.5.17 would be required to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office which had to be witnessed by the Clerk.

Year End

The Clerk advised that the figure work was in hand and she was waiting for the final bank statements before sending the accounts to Mrs Jamison for internal audit.

Map

The Clerk had contacted County Archives with regard to the historic map now being cared for by Cllr B Rees. County archives had indicated it might be able to get a grant to restore the map.

Donations

Donation Requests April 2017

Following discussion it was agreed to make the following donations:

Gwyl Fawr Aberteifi	£300
Ceredigion Young Farmers	£200
Radio BECA	£100

Proposed: Cllr G Evans proposed, seconded Cllr B Rees, carried unanimously.

The Clerk advised that CCC was to offer training to Clerks with regard to the code of conduct. As this clashed with the AGM she would be unable to attend.

9. Priffyrdd a Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddus / Highways and Public Rights of Way

Traffic Counters

CCC had confirmed that two temporary traffic counters had recently been deployed by the Authority in Llechryd.

This was so that CCC could supply recent traffic data to the Wales Road Casualty Reduction Partnership, as part of a proposal that Llechryd become a safety camera site, and thus benefit from regular enforcement by the Partnership of the speed limit there. It was advised that the information was available at a cost of £200 per data set. It was agreed to contact CC to state that the Council felt the costs were ridiculously high for data that existed and could a summary of the data be obtained FOC.

ACTION: Contact CCC BY: Clerk

Dog fouling signs

Cllr Mrs A Edwards had kindly produced some signs. There was some confusion over the wording and she kindly agreed to redesign the signs and distributed them to all.

ACTION: More signs to be made BY: Cllr Mrs A Edwards.

Planters

The Chairman had been in contact with the sawmills and provided a cutting list. He advised that the College was on standby to make the planters.

ACTION: Letters of thanks to the sawmills and the College (Chairman to supply contact details to Clerk) BY: Clerk

Nameplates

The Clerk advised that the new nameplates should be erected in the coming week.

Defibrillator

Cllr Mrs A Edwards reported that the pads had been renewed. She expressed concern that the box could be difficult to open. It was agreed to look at alternatives. The Clerk confirmed that in her recent contact with both Welsh Hearts and the Ambulance Service, boxes without codes or keys to access were to be preferred. It was queried if the equipment was in the right location but a suitable alternative was not suggested. It was also agreed that a clearer notice be provided and that the Clerk check that the equipment was registered with the Welsh Ambulance website.

ACTION: Research boxes BY: Clerk **ACTION:** New notice BY: Cllr Mrs A Edwards.

10. Mwynderau / Amenities

New taps in the *toilet block* had been fitted. The Clerk advised that Abacus Cleaning Services was finding that the toilets were being deliberately blocked and the overall the toilet buildings were being left in poor condition.

Electrical works

Clerk had chased re completion of the outstanding works. Cllr Mrs A Edwards kindly agreed to provide the block keys if the contractors contacted her.

Playground swing

The Clerk was chasing the quote for the works. It was noted that the contractor had been seen on site earlier in the day.

Grass Cutting

Mr Brown had done his first cut of playing field but as the grass was long he advised that the finish was untidy. He had said that matters should improve with next cut. It was noted that the 2017/18 contract offered an opportunity to start with an earlier cut in March if growth warranted this.

Concern was expressed as to the emptying of bins during the winter months when Mr Brown was not regularly on site. Cllr Mrs A Edwards agreed to talk to the Hall caretaker.

ACTION: Try to find someone local BY: Cllr Mrs A Edwards.

11. Ongoing Projects

Newsletter

It was agreed to remove the newsletter from the agenda.

ACTION: Clerk

Community Veg Garden

The Clerk said she was still waiting for photographs of the area and would be grateful if anyone could supply them as she was not sure of the exact location.

12. Digwyddiadau / Events

Chairman's Dinner – 28th April

13. Adroddiad / Meeting reports

None

14. Gohebiaeth / Correspondence / + e mail correspondence

For ACTION

Request for support for 'Harmony not Hate (Cymru I Bawb) - <http://cymruibawb.cymru/en/>

It was agreed the 'new' Council should discuss this.

To NOTE

Welsh Government Administrative Support Vacancy - Closing 7th April

Letter of thanks from Mr L Lloyd for the Council's congratulations on his MBE

Letter of thanks from Gwyl Cerdd Dant Llandyusl a'r Fro 2017 for grant funding

E-petition cuts to funding for maintenance and provision of Children's play areas

15. Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth / Exchange of information

Cllrs were asked to look at the condition of the Car Park notice board on their way to the next meeting as some sort of refurbishment or replacement would be discussed.

Cllr K Symmons said that the village nameplates had been replaced.

Cllr Mrs K Davies asked that the condition of the seats at the old churchyard be looked at . Cllr B Rees agreed to accompany her to check the condition and report back to the next meeting. It was noted that should the seats need replacing the nameplates of the donors etc should be placed on the new benches if at all possible.

16. Date of next meeting – 15.05.17 – AGM and Ordinary Meeting 7.00pm

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9pm.