



Minutes of the meeting of Llangoedmor Community Council held at the Coracle Hall, Llechryd on Monday, 1st February 2016

Present:

Chairperson: Cllr Mrs Amanda Edwards. *Cllrs:* Ken Symmons, Mrs Eleri Davies, Iwan Davies, Colin Lewis, Peter Hazzelby, Bryan Rees

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

Clerk

Members of the public: 0

1. Welcome and Apologies / Croeso ac Ymddiheuriadau

The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all present. Apologies had been received from Cllr G Evans (attending funeral) and Cllr Mrs J Hawkes (ill health).

2. Opening Prayer / Gweddi Agoriadol

3. Disclosure of Personal Interest / Datgelu Buddiannau Personol

Cllr I Davies disclosed a personal interest in any discussion relating to Telemat as he was employed by the company.

4. Personal Matters / Materion Personol

The Council offered its condolences to Cllr B Rees on the recent loss of his father.

As County Cllr H Lewis had not yet joined the meeting planning matters were deferred for his arrival

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting / Cofnodion y Cyfarfod Blaenorol

To confirm the minutes of 04.01.16

Cllr B Rees proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, seconded Cllr C Lewis, carried unanimously.

6. Matters Arising – Materion yn Codi

Where not covered under an Agenda heading

Mr Harman had contacted the Council on behalf of the Coracle Hall Committee to state that the walkway between the hall and shop was not a public right of way, but for hall access only. The Hall Committee would however, arrange for the walkway to be cleared.

Cllr C Lewis advised he had spoken to contractors working on the BT broadband box by the bridge. He had been advised that it had been severely damaged by the recent floods and was to be moved to a location by the Church.

7. Finance and Administration / Cyllid a Gweinyddu

Authorisation of Accounts – Awdurdodi Talu Biliaus

		For	bank	vat	Net	
20.01.16	Newsquest	Ad for grass cutting inTivyside	81.60	13.60	68.00	PAID
1.02.16	Abacus	Toilet cleaning Jan	170.00		170.00	
	Mr R Harman	Bins	40.00		40.00	
	Swallow Office	Ink	56.59	9.43	47.16	
	Supplies					

One Voice Wales	Subs		173.00		173.00
Telemat	ESET renewal		20.95	3.49	17.46
Mathew Penny	Christmas lights		505.57	84.26	421.31
Mary Jones	Translation		80.00		80.00
S Houghton	Salary Jan	SO	249.34		249.34
HMRC	Tax S Houghton Jan		62.20		62.20
S Houghton	Home office Jan		25.00		25.00
S Houghton	Exp: postage plus laptop to Telemat		24.12		24.12
			1406.77	97.18	1309.59

Proposed Cllr B Rees, seconded Cllr C Lewis, carried unanimously.

The Clerk had provided details from the last two water bills for the toilet block. It was agreed to monitor water usage to ensure that the water leak had been permanently fixed.

Water Bills: Dec 14 to May 15: Total bill £463.89 of which £188.63 was water.
May 15 to Nov 15: Total bill £386.56 of which 147.17 was water.

The Chairperson noted that the notice in the ladies had been defaced.

ACTION: Make new notice BY: Clerk

Balance as per bank statement

as at November 30th 2015 11282.66

Less unrepresented cheques

637	15 returned by hall - re issue
695	234 barry evans
697	9.45 chair
699	5.69 clerks exp
	264.14

Adjusted statement balance 11018.52

Balance savings account Nov 30 2015 993.39

The Clerk was working on a full bank reconciliation to present to the Council. It was advised that the bank had confirmed that names had been changed on the account.

Donations

After discussion it was agreed that donations would be deferred to the March meeting.

Action: Donations, March agenda item BY: Clerk

Grass Cutting Contract

The Clerk had spoken to two recipients (one being existing contractor) of the contract and they had both queried the necessity to lift the first cut. Modern mowers mulch well and the cost of lifting and disposing of the grass was prohibitive. Following discussion it was agreed that the requirement to lift of the first cut on the playing field and playground would be removed. First cut would still be removed from the Churchyard and each cut would be removed from the Millennium Pavilion area. Care of the shrubs in the hall car park would be included.

ACTION: Amend contract and send out. BY: Clerk

Abandoned car in Hall car park

The Chairperson advised that owner apologised for the inconvenience caused and would arrange for the car to be removed as soon as possible.

Insurance

Clerk and Chairperson would meet and go through the information as it was complex.

County Archives

The Clerk advised that County Archives would take the Council minutes. The minutes would be open to public inspection during Archive opening hours but remained the property of the Council and could be withdrawn at any time. There was a query with regard to access to confidential minutes lodged with the Archive which the Clerk would raise with One Voice Wales. It was agreed to hold an open day on 5th March (provided suitable village venue could be booked) to enable all those interested to have a chance to look through the minutes prior to their being lodged with the Archives. The Clerk would retain the last 10 years of minutes for ease of access.

ACTION: Book venue BY: Chairperson

ACTION: Raise query with OVW BY: Clerk

Clerks Contract

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee would be held to discuss the Clerk's contract and conditions and report back to the Council.

ACTION: Book hall for 5.30pm on 9th Feb. BY: Chairperson

Clerks leave request based on basic statutory leave (pro rata).

The dates were agreed.

Clerk's request to attend Swansea SLCC event, on 2.2.16, with regard to the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill / Bil Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) was supported.

No comments had been received from Cllrs on the matter of the Bill.

Laptop/Website

The Clerk advised that the second trip to Telemat the current laptop was now workable but very slow. She stated that having discussed the matter with Telemat it had been suggested that an upgraded laptop be purchased. Cllr I Davies apologised on behalf of Telemat as there had been some staffing problems which had delayed work on the laptop over the Christmas period.

ACTION: Obtain quotes for new laptop BY: Clerk

The Clerk advised she had started on the website but she felt it would take some time, not aided by the slow laptop.

*CC H Lewis joined the meeting***8. Planning Applications / Ceisiadau Cynllunio**

A151033 Removal of conditions 3 4 and 5 of planning permission A100175 (to remove holiday unit conditions and revert annex to residential annex to stone cottage), Stone Cottage, 3 Helyg Fach, Cardigan.

The Council supported this application.

A151043 Erection of a 2 storey extension with external balcony and staircase, new porch to front entrance Meadow View, Llangoedmor.

The Council supported this application in principle but asked that consideration be given neighbour's interests.

CC H Lewis noted the excellent performance of Llechryd Primary School.

ACTION: Letter of congratulations to school. BY: Clerk

*CC L Lewis left the meeting***9. Highways and Public Rights of Way / Priffyrdd a Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddus**

From Ceredigion County Council (CCC)

CCC was currently looking to at ways to augment the work undertaken by volunteers in the management and promotion of public rights of way by initiating an "Adopt a Path scheme" in the county. CCC wished to gauge interest levels for the Adopt a Path scheme to be used as evidence of need in applying for external funding to assist in the administration and management of the initiative. Any paths "adopted" will be done informally and expressing an interest or taking part in the scheme will not commit Community Councils to any legal or long term obligations.

It was agreed that the Community Council would support the scheme but with the suggestion that there was an annual confirmation of continued commitment from 'path adopters'.

ACTION: Contact CCC BY: Clerk

Further Response from CCC re the Retaining Wall

CCC had inspected the wall and area of trees in question. Some issues had come to light and CCC would be taking the appropriate actions in respect of those initial findings. CCC intends to carry out further specialised surveys/investigations and act upon the results of those investigations as deemed appropriate.

10. Amenities / Mwynderau

Toilets:

Mr E Rees had reported that on two of his scheduled visits he had found toilets blocked. He dealt with the problems but believes the ongoing problem is toilet tissue being used to line the 'seat' and for hand drying. Noted.

Old Church:

The Clerk advised that the benches would need some attention as the varnish was peeling and that ash saplings were growing in 'lean-to' area of the church.
Cllr B Rees kindly offered to look at the maintenance issues raised.

Millenium Pavillion:

Cllr G Evans and the Chairperson had cleared the gutters and cleaned the boards in the Millenium Pavillion. The Chairperson raised concerns about the condition of the tree behind the Pavillion.
Cllr B Rees agreed to look at the condition of the tree.

11. Ongoing Projects

SLt Lawrence

No response had, as yet, been received from letter sent to relatives of SLt Lawrence. The Clerk would try to find telephone number.

Mr Leigh – Bench

Mr Leigh had been in contact and was looking at designs. He would be very happy to donate the bench to the Council to enable long term maintenance.

War Memorial – Cllr B Rees

Cllr Rees advised that having spoken to a company which produced plaques the advice had been not to use the Council logo as it was too detailed. The proposed text would be in bi-lingual and the cost would be in the region of £350 plus VAT. The company would provide an image for approval.

Defibrillator – Chairperson

The Chair advised that the equipment had been tested and was powered and working but had yet to be installed in the box. There was some confusion over the need for a code to access the box and she would follow this and provision of notices, up.
ACTION: Chair to take forward

Emergency Planning – Cllr J Hawkes

Deferred

Speedwatch – Cllr C Lewis

No new information available.

12. Events / Digwyddiadau

It was noted that a flag would be needed for St David's day.

13. Meeting reports / Adroddiad

None.

14. Correspondence / Gohebiaeth + e mail correspondence

Correspondence to ACTION

Post Office Consultation, proposed mobile service at Llechryd, Thursday, 13.45 – 14.45

The Council agreed to support the proposals.

ACTION: Contact PO BY: Clerk

Resource Efficient Wales, Welsh Government service which offers free impartial energy advice to households.

It was *agreed* that the Community Council could put up posters in the communities.

ACTION: Contact REW BY: Clerk

Correspondence NOTED

Guide to Taking Part - The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons / Canllaw i Gymryd Rhan - Goleufeydd 90ain Pen-blwydd y Frenhines

It was agreed that neither village was in a suitable location to provide a beacon.

OneVoice Wales Training information

Mark Williams MP, surgery dates poster

Ceredigion County Council – development control committee minutes

Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914–1918

Manifesto: Climate Change Commission for Wales Manifesto / Comisiwn Cymru ar y Newid yn yr Hinsawdd

15. Exchange of information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

Cllr K Symmons asked that dog fouling signs be replaced.

ACTION: Chairperson

It was queried if an invitation had been received to the County Council dinner. It was generally agreed that this was later in the year.

Fly tipping was again a problem at recycling centre.

ACTION: Inform CCC BY: Clerk

16. Date of next meeting – 07.03.16 - 7.00pm

There being no further information to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30pm