

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of a meeting held on Friday 28th April 2023 in Four Crosses Village Centre at 7.30 p.m (also accessible via zoom)

Present: Chairman Cllr Frances Buckingham, Cllrs D M Foulkes, Mrs D Kendall (via zoom) , C M Jenner, D C Harris (via zoom), E A Jones, Mrs V Holloway and 5 members of the public

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs D M E Lloyd & W J Lee 2023/168

Chairman welcomed the members of the Public and invited them to speak
2023/169 3 Pods have now been erected at Laburnum House, Bryn Mawr. These are now advertised on booking.com and were occupied for the first time last weekend. There is no permission granted for the disposal of sewage from these pods and residents are concerned about the increase in traffic these extra holiday units will cause. Residents have reported this 5 weeks ago and have yet to have a reply from the Planning Dept. Chairman explained that the Community Council has also reported a breach of Planning and had an acknowledgement. Confirmation has been received that the Planning Officer has made a site visit. They have promised to reply to County Cllr Arwel by Tuesday 2nd May. It was agreed that if no response is received then County Cllr Arwel will ask Powys County Council to issue a STOP Notice so that all activities cease until a full evaluation has taken place.

2023/170 residents were also concerned that one of the lay-bys constructed as part of the condition of 22/0811/FUL has been built in the wrong location. They have reported this to the Planning Dept and were promised that Highways Dept would make a site visit but have had no response. Clerk to check.

Minutes of the last meetings held on Thursday 23rd March 2023 had been circulated. The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. 2023/171

Matters arising from meeting of 23rd March 2023.

2023/172 (2023/117) Llandysilio School Eco-Committee are thinking they would like a bench to go under the tree planted for the Queens Jubilee to celebrate King Charles III Coronation. Clerk had obtained details of benches made from recycled plastic and it was agreed to buy a coloured picnic table for the children for £365.00. Confirmation had been received that Llandysilio Church are holding a Coronation Cream Tea on Sun 7th May with free admission and a Grant of £100 was agreed. Cllrs were concerned of the negative comments posted recently on facebook with regard to the Community Council not organizing any other events. Cllr Donna offered to set up a Community Notice Post for Notices from the Community Council only. It was agreed that this would be information only i.e no comments invited. It would be good to let the Public know as well that Bleed kits have now been added to the 3 Defibrillators Boxes in the Village. Cllr Frances would also look to update the Press & Media Policy to include comments on Social media.

2023/173 (2023/118) 3 Bleed Kits have now arrived and registered with the ambulance service – Invoice received for £312.98

2023/174 (2023/119) Planning Dept are unable to check the listing of the Golden Lion but confirm that a Hotel and a Bed-n-Breakfast are within the same use class.

2023/175 (2023/120) spray cans have been bought to spray the dog fouling – useful in other parts of the Village but not suitable for use by the Canal. Worst section is between Clifton Bridge and Pontyperson Bridge. Clerk to include in the facebook post that Cllrs will be undertaking ‘Poo Patrols’ to ask dog owners to be more careful and to pick up and dispose of any dog waste and also to ask what would be useful i.e a bag dispenser and/or an extra bin

2023/176 (2023/121) Planning Officer has further replied to confirm that s106 property if it is rented should have a discount of 28%.

2023/177 (2023/122) Summary of complaints sent to Matt Perry Head of Highways and Cllr James Gibson-

Watt.

2023/178 (2023/142) Clerk obtaining a quote to add solar panels to Clubhouse

2023/179 (2023/149) Concerns that NRW are not keeping residents informed of water levels at times of flooding has been referred to Russell George M.S. He is hoping to resume the Liaison Group to also discuss the proposed water transfer & agreed levels of the Dams. Suggestion to arrange a meeting with Julie James Climate Minister.

2023/180 (2023/157) Clerk has obtained alternatives prices from Gwe Cambrian web to host a website – this included a monthly subscription whereas Gloversure only charge for Hosting and any additional work needed is charged per hour. It was agreed to monitor going forward.

Sports & Recreation

2023/181 Thanks to Cllr Arwel for completing the Maintenance log for April – Cllr D M Foulkes offered to complete for May.

2023/182 Scottish Power will not accept the meter readings submitted which include photographs. Clerk has requested someone to go and read the meter but this has been refused. She will contact Ofgem to complain.

2023/183 Llanfechain Football Club have been reminded for the final Booking Fee of £80

2023/184 Invoice received from Clira Ltd for £72.00

2023/185 RoSpa Reports now received. The report for the Play Area has highlighted the need to repair part of the standing platform – Clerk will send details to Cllr Arwel so he can prepare an estimate. The other issue is the surface of the Play Area deteriorating – Clerk to obtain estimates for patching work or replacing.

2023/186 Copy of Insurance and Risk assessment received from Mr Andy Ellis.

2023/187 Football Club had been asked to come and give an update – they have confirmed that the Football Goal will be removed for the summer to allow the re-seeding. Clerk to check that if the goal posts are removed then they are secured in a safe place and to ask for a written update of the Club's progress and copy of the Accounts for the next meeting so that the charge for the use of the Pitch can be set.

2023/188 It was agreed to run 2 Tennis Courses during the School summer holiday – Clerk will also see if there is a trainer available who could offer training on the outdoor equipment.

2023/189 Legionella Assessment Report has been sent to Dakro Environmental who have responded with a quote much higher than Clira. Clerk has requested log in details to access the records held at Clira following each visit. Clerk will also check to see if monthly checks are mandatory.

2023/190 Email had been circulated to Councillors re; a Rounders Team wishing to use the reserve pitch on a Tuesday night. Agreed as £10 a night plus £10 for the Clubhouse

2023/191 Notification from Powys County Council of 100% rate relief

County Cllr Arwel update

2023/192 (2023/131) Powys County Council are now delaying any proposed work on the Garages at Llys Rhysnant for 12 months – Residents would rather the garages were demolished for extra parking.

Planning

2023/193 Planning Dept has responded to say that the location of the 3 proposed machinery sheds at Carnbwl/Domgay Hall could have been assessed for flood – Clerk has replied that they should have been as this will have an impact on other resident's.

2023/194 Work to remove the hedge row has been carried out re: 22/2012/RES – Erection of 24 affordable housing (land adj The Street) – Section 106 agreement requires the owner to transfer the amenity land to either a Management Company or the Community Council. Cllrs felt that they would not wish to take on this obligation as the ground as too fragmented.

2023/195 Complaint received of pods being built at Laburnum House – Clerk contacted Planning Dept to see if this is permitted development and was sent the relevant guidance which still does not make it clear. Enforcement Complaint submitted to ensure that the Planning Dept visit the site to check the construction of the pods.

Correspondence

2023/196 Cllr Donna has booked in for 2 x training in April – Clerk emailed re; lack of handouts and these will be resent to Cllr Frances for her training back in January.

2023/197 Information received on the 27th March for an event Police & Crime Commissioner was holding in Theatr Hafren on Wed 5th April – Clerk has queried why short notice

2023/198 Invite to take part in the grounds spring clean at Llandysilio School on Sat 22nd April 9 – 3p.m – volunteers needed

2023/199 Email from Public Participation facilitator at Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust asking if there any local events at which they could attend

2023/200 Invitation from Powys County Council to an Environment and Nature Event at Royal Welsh Showground on the 14th June

2023/201 Reminder from Powys County Council that the consultation on the Powys Well-being plan-closes on the 19th April

2023/202 Notification of a fund operated by Welsh Gov and National Lottery Heritage Fund to deliver – Coetiroedd Bach – creation of forests

2023/203 Friends of Montgomery Canal newsletter

2023/204 Air Ambulance update received via Russell George M.S and details of the meetings were circulated. Cllr Frances attended one of the meetings in Welshpool and found it very informative and well attended. The need to retain the Air Ambulance due to the absence of any Hospitals was made very clear by those who attended.

2023/205 Suggestion of a virtual Allotment Officer's Forum on 27th April 2023

2023/206 Request received to renew the battery & pads in the Defibrillator that was given by N.I.B's to the Community Council and which was placed in Old School House – Invoice for £230.81. It was agreed that this would be reimbursed.

2023/207 Insurance Renewal received from Zurich insurance for £987.74

2023/208 Annual Plan for Year ending 31st March 2023 had been circulated and was agreed.

2023/209 Update received from the Canal and River Trust – disappointing to know that there are 7 major leaks in our area waiting for repair.

2023/210 Details of free places on Nature Wise Eco-literacy Courses which are running online from April to Aug

2023/211 Powys County Council asking for comments on their Policy of servicing/treating roads during the Winter – Clerk will circulate details.

2023/212 details from Planning Aid Wales of Planning courses available during May

2023/213 Written statement received from Rebecca Eans, Minister for Finance & Local Government who is setting up a working group on how to improve democracy at the grass roots level – Clerk to reply to say cost of Elections is a deterrent.

Accounts

2023/214 Bank Accounts at 28th April 2023;-

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| Current Account | £ 300.20 |
| Sports & Recreation Acc | £ 2717.26 |
| Deposit Account | £27259.23 |
| Parc Hafod | £27732.46 |

Bank statements were checked and initialed by Chairman Frances Buckingham.

2023/215 Permission granted to pay;-

- i) Clira Ltd (legionella March 2023) £72.00 under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976
- ii) Mrs C E Davies reimbursement Bleed kits £312.98 under 1972 Act s112
- iii) Mr DM E Lloyd £19.96 (spray cans) under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976
- iv) Mrs C E Davies reimbursement Defib battery + pads £230.81 under 1972 Act s112
- v) Zurich insurance £987.74 under L.G.A 1972 s112
- vi) One Voice Wales Training £35.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112
- vii) Old school House £100.00 under L.G.A 1972 s137

2023/216 Annual Return for Year ending 31st March 2023 was approved and signed by the Chairman.

2023/217 Statement of Assurance and Risk Assessment were also discussed and agreed.

2023/218 Clerk asked that if Councillors do not wish to take the mandatory £156 allowance if they could

please email to let her know by the 18th May 2023. It was agreed that if any Councillor elects to take this payment and subsequently resigns/retires then a pro-rata refund would be expected. No refund is expected in the case of death. Clerk to produce a draft policy to reflect this.

Complaints

2023/219 Severn Trent have been reminded for results of the survey of the sewers

2023/220 Highways Dept have confirmed they will straighten the 30mph sign at the bottom of Courthouse and replace the sign damaged in the road collision

2023/221 Complaint received of dead wood falling from oak tree in passageway by Play Area – Clerk passed onto Powys County Council as they own the property in which the oak tree stands

2023/222 Complaint received of HGV's travelling through the village – passed on to PCSO

2023/223 Thanks were passed on to Mr Clive Ashton and Mr Glyn James for removing the debris at the butt of the hedge on the pavement leading from Domgay Chapel to Morrison's Local – good to see residents taking a pride in their area.

2023/224 Powys County Council complain of restricted budgets yet were mowing the grass along the Bypass late March and this week had 7 men using the gully emptier. Cllr Arwel explaining that this was using money from the Trunk Road Agency Budget but it was annoying that blocked gulleys in our area could not be unblocked while they were in the area.

2023/225 Clerk to report to NRW that part of a leylandi tree behind The Stores has fallen into the Sarn Wen ditch – this needs to be removed before a blockage occurs.

Any other business

2023/226 Cllr Arwel explained that Powys County Council are looking to sell the plot of land adjacent to the Village Workshops. Whilst this is being advertised for Employment Purposes there was no clause to prevent anyone from seeking a change of use to residential. Cllrs felt this should be used for Employment or for Allotments.

2023/227 Footpath volunteers have been able to continue their work to add gates and improve the footpaths linking to the Canal as part of the Levelling-up Funding. Clerk to find suggested guidance for any walkers using these routes particularly in relation to any dogs.

2023/228 Whilst there is a sign saying Llandysilio/Four crosses on the bypass the name Llandysilio does not appear on any other signage in the Village – Clerk to ask Highways Dept if it was possible to add this

Meeting closed 9.40p.m

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| Next Meeting:- | Thursday 25th May 2023 Four Crosses Village Centre |
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