

LLANGERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:30PM 13TH JANUARY 2021
(MEETING HELD VIA 'ZOOM' DUE TO COVID-19)

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

- 1.1** All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR) and he wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- 1.2** Present: Ann Vaughan (AV), Mark Davies (MD), Diane Roberts (DR), Elen H Edwards (EHE), Einir Williams (EW), R. Emlyn Williams (REW), Gwynfor Davies (GD) and Garffild Ll Lewis (GLL)
- 1.3** Apologies: Gwydion Jones (GJ)
- 1.4** Absent: Gwyn Williams (GW). CR will contact GW to ask if he wants to carry on as a Councillor as he has not attended for a while and has not sent apologies.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration.

3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 16TH DECEMBER 2020

Correct that REW was present. Proposed correct otherwise by EW and seconded by AV.

4 MATTERS ARISING

CR reported that he had been in contact with Keeping Wales Tidy regarding the nature project in the village, no problem is not foreseen with the piece of land proposed. Await confirmation to ensure that the piece of land is free to proceed with the nature project.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 5.1** 0/47988: no objection, support.
- 5.2** 0/48007: no objection, support on the basis that the paperwork is in place.

6 MONITORY MATTERS

- 6.1** Precept 2021/22: EW reported that the invoices for the skips had not been received until last week (although only the invoice for the Pandy Tudur skip has been received for £264 including VAT). This figure was used for the precept.
- Cemetery costs – will need to advertise a tender for this soon. Discussed the figure proposed and keep it the same for the time being.
- EHE discussed the presumed figures in the precept which are half the precept discussed for the year.
- GD had made enquires with the accountant for the VAT but had not heard back yet.
- Discussed clerk wages, agreed to halve the figure noted last year. Agreed that translating costs need to be included at £500.
- Change description from computer to office costs.
- At the moment it is unclear whether an election will be held in May (due to Covid-19 restrictions) again leave this the same.
- DR raised that we need to obtain different insurance quotations this year. EW will deal before May.
- Increase flower costs to £200.
- EHE discussed that there is £860 less in the precept this year. Figure in the bank as at 5th January 2021, £23,177.51. Councillors approved the precept as drafted by EHE. EW will send the precept to the County Council by 22nd January 2021.
- EHE, DR and GD were thanked for their work in preparing the precept.

- 6.2** Clocaenog Fund Grant: now open for grant applications for anything that is going on locally. GLL enquired whether this is open to the Community Council. EHE suggested contacting Eysyllt Adair for more information about this. Councillors to encourage people to apply for the grants, also possible to apply for a grant from Cronfa Bro Cernyw.

7 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Regarding the reserve money that the Community Council has at present, asked if there was a way of using it to support the area to help with Covid-19 side effects.

There is uncertainty about money coming into the County Council due to Covid-19.

Local vaccination centres have been arranged to dispense Covid-19 vaccinations. The priority list will be followed and those at the top of the list had already started having vaccinations. There will be a letter issued in the area by the end of the week to provide a guide of when people should expect to be invited to have their vaccinations.

Position regarding schools is difficult at the moment with pupils learning from home due to Covid-19. This is unlikely to change until at least the beginning of February.

REW reported that Ty'r Ysgol, Gwytherin had recently become vacant, remedial works need to be carried out on the building. Awaiting guidance from the County Council. Gwytherin Centre had received rental monies for the building for many years, more than likely the committee for the centre will make applications for grants from Cronfa Bro Cernyw and Clocaenog Fund.

8 BILLS

- 8.1** Canolfan Cymuned Bro Cernyw, rental of room in February 2020: £5, agreed to pay.

- 8.2** Enlli £18.92, agreed to pay.

- 8.3** Pandy Tudur skip invoice: £220 + TAW. Await for the second invoice to pay.

9 LOCAL MATTERS

- 9.1** EW had been thinking as we have entered another lockdown due to Covid-19, it is likely that many people are feeling lonely and isolated, and the process of re-convening the volunteers in Gwytherin to assist as people have been advised to self-isolate again. Eager to set up something locally such as a drop in café once a week to reach out to local residents and feels that the Community Council should take ownership of this. EHE added that it may be a good idea setting aside some money towards laptops for children that cannot afford one or homes where there is more than one child that need more laptops for the children to be able to do their school work. EW suggested the Council could purchase laptops to rent out, for a small charge.

DR reported that there is a Coffee Club ran weekly in the Church in Llangernyw when rules allow.

Nothing arranged yet, but EW asked the Councillors to think about ideas. Item to go on next month's agenda to give councillors time to think.

GLL had raised the worry that many homes have only one device available for school work when they need more. He will chase the County Council, who is carrying out a study on this, for an update. Regardless of the study's findings, it is likely that there will still be gaps and the Council can discuss what it can do to help.

EW asked if now is the time to update the rules for Cronfa Bro Cernyw, this to be discussed at next meeting. EHE raised that the fund needs to be re-structured under the circumstances so that the monies can be used.

AV reported that the shop in Llanfair Talhaearn is due to re-open in the next few weeks.

DR had received a complaint about recycling lorries still driving around with their sides open therefore the rubbish is blown out. She enquired whether there was litter picking equipment in the village, she will contact Jane Roberts.

Also received a request for a barrier opposite the Graig junction as people had failed to stop on the hill recently due to ice.

Complaints about pot holes on Hafodunos road, asked when these are due to be closed.

REW asked if there was an update regarding the phone mast in Pen y Fron, Gwytherin. EW had discussed with someone else, no dates for this yet.

Tarmac broken locally, he had informed the County Council.

GD asked if there was an update regarding the bank mandate by HSBC. Nobody had received an update, if anything is due to be sent out, it would be sent to GD directly. GD will contact the bank to enquire.

10 NEXT MEETING

24th February 2021 (Virtual Meeting on Zoom)

Meeting concluded 8:50pm

Minutes taken by Enlli Vaughan