



Llangybi Fawr Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday 7th November 2022
Llanhennock Village Hall at 7pm

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LLANGATTOCK N.C.

CLERK Debra Davies 07966 622085

Present: Cllr Watts, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Rogers, Cllr I. Williams Cllr Dean, Cllr Savidge, Cllr P. Williams, C. Cllr Bromfield (remotely) and Clerk Davies

Apologies: Cllr Marshall

Declarations of interest: Cllr Watts, Cllr Dean

Members of the public present: Peter Dale, Dan Finch, Ros Morgan

Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by: Cllr Hunt Seconded: Cllr Watts

Matters Arising:

136/22 Road signs Llangattock: Correspondence ongoing with Libby Johnes at MCC on this matter. C. Cllr Bromfield will speak to her about our suggestion.

137/22 Dog waste bins/ Dog Fouling: Cllr Hunt reported he has ordered more dog waste bags at £47; also, MCC are supplying stickers saying "if this bin is full, please use nearest litter bin or put it with your own household waste", but he thought these were unnecessary as they will fade or fall off. Cllr Savidge explained that there are still no successful bidders for the contract to empty the dog waste bins. MCC are also considering the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order to set out dog controls such as, requiring owners to clean up after their dogs; stipulating specific places where they must be on a lead; and stipulating specific public places as dog exclusion areas. The only area in our wards to be considered is the playground in Llangybi, which is already a "NO DOGS" area. The Dog Fouling meeting minutes have been circulated to all Cllrs. C. Cllr Bromfield reported that MCC are consulting on combining dog waste and normal litter bins.

138/22 Broken footbridge: The second of the two bridges we reported broken in Llandegfedd was repaired within two days! The other broken bridge is now dangerous and the tape put up to close it has blown away. Clerk to inform MCC.

139/22 Rural footpaths: In response to our enquiry about the many ongoing unresolved issues of many overgrown footpaths and broken signs and footbridges, MCC have said that they "have recently employed a full time Community Links Officer; he will be working with volunteer groups enabling them to survey their area and undertake minor maintenance and promotion of their local rights of way. In addition, grant funding has also been received from Welsh Government, which they are using to purchase furniture and bridges for volunteer groups to install over the next two years." MCC asked if we LFCC would like to start a local community volunteer group. Clerk to put notices on Facebook pages to see what appetite there was for this. Cllr P. Williams will contact the ramblers group and asked for more info regarding the funding of this. Clerk to check.

Cllr Savidge reported that the green lane in Llandegfedd is covered in silt and debris and impassable by foot, also the bridge is now underwater. The lane does have a 30mph sign, so maybe it is classed as part of the highways. Clerk to report this to MCC.

General discussion took place about the many blocked drains in lanes which have all been reported to MCC over the years and have not been cleared. C. Cllr Bromfield will speak to Carl Touhig at MCC again.

Correspondence:

140/22 Statutory Training Plan: All CCs are required to produce an annual training plan schedule for Cllrs. OVW have supplied templates for us to complete. Discussion took place about the range of courses available from OVW and their content. Chairman suggested that for this year, new Cllrs ought to consider the induction course (which Cllr Savidge has attended and recommended) and/or module 1 and 2. These courses are online and cost £35 each; we can claim a 50% bursary up to £100 worth per year. Cllrs to let clerk know which dates they would like to attend.

141/22 Royal British Legion Grant: This charity has a grant scheme for veterans and their families who are struggling to pay their energy bills; it is a non-repayable emergency grant of up to £2,400 a year; there is no set cut-off and that it wants to help as many people as it can. Clerk to put website link on our Facebook pages.

142/22 Ramblers Campaign: a rambler's organisation has asked us to promote their campaign to improve footpaths and access to nature and ask everyone to sign their pledge which will be presented to Wales Gov this autumn. Clerk to post on Facebook pages.

143/22 The Circuit: A resident questioned whether Cllr Marshall was taking over as guardian of the Llangybi defibrillator and whether his contact details are with The Circuit (a national database for ambulance services). Cllr Marshall is dealing with this. Defibrillators must be checked every 90 days.

Reports:

144/22 Police Reports for Sept and Oct: These were circulated prior to the meeting; no further comments.

145/22 Newport/Mon Ovw area committee: Cllr Marshall attended this and his meeting notes were read out. There was some discussion about where other defibrillators could be positioned, eg in the pubs. There are free defibrillators available, but outdoors they need a heated cabinet.

146/22 MCC Cost of Living meeting: Cllr Marshall attended the Usk meeting with C.Cllr Bromfield, who said it was essentially a brainstorming of ideas and actions that have been taking place across Monmouthshire and she would like to hold a local Llangybi meeting.

Finance/Policies:

147/22 Governance review: Financial regulations were all updated in May 2022. It was decided to give all 6 churches in our wards a donation of £400 and increase donations to the Royal British Legion to £60. Proposer: Cllr Rogers
Seconder: Cllr Watts. Cllrs Watts and Savidge have the poppy wreaths ready for the remembrance services.

148/22 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation: Clerk had prepared the accounts and reported that they reconciled with the balance in the account. Balance is currently £24820.00

149/22 Raise cheques: Chairman and Councillors reviewed and approved paperwork for the following cheques to be raised (Cllr Rogers and Cllr Watts signed all cheques):

-clerk's salary for Oct £285.10 (proposed by Cllr Hunt, Seconded by Cllr Savidge);

-dog waste collection for Oct and Nov £351 (proposed by Cllr Hunt, Seconded by Cllr Savidge);

- reimbursement for key cutting to Cllr Watts £12 (proposed by Cllr Hunt, Seconded by Cllr Savidge);

- annual grounds maintenance to MCC £634.92 (proposed by Cllr Hunt, Seconded by Cllr Savidge);

150/22 Clerk's Contract: Chairman explained that the clerk salary has been paid at the incorrect rate since May (according to scale point 7 of the new Salary Scales from NALC) so the difference will be back paid; she had also worked an extra 40 hours in May and on average 2 extra hours per month. Chairman proposed a change to her contract to 32 hours per month back paid to May and 40 hours overtime pay. This was approved by all and Chairman to contact the accountants with the exact figures. Clerk's contract has been corrected and signed.

151/22 Independent Remuneration Panel draft annual report for 2023/4: This had been circulated; all councils must pay their members £156 a year towards the extra household expenses of working from home, also £52 a year for the cost of office consumables or enable members to claim full reimbursement.

Planning:

152/22 Croesonen cottage Tredunnoch DM/2022/01407 : this application has already been passed at MCC. Clerk will ask for an extension in future when applications arrive more than 21 days before a meeting.

153/22 Cwmbran Tennis club DM/2022/01005: Cllr Hunt suggested that hooded lights should be used to focus the light only on the tennis court.

154/22 New House Farm DM/2021/01628: This is an appeal on a retrospective application. No extra comments were made.

155/22 Pentopyn House DM/2022/01480: No comments to be made for this retrospective application.

156/22 Forest House DM/2021/01932: The new drawings for this gateway were noted. Cllr Rogers wished to ask MCC whether the hedges would be replanted along the splays to replace the 16metres of hedging removed,

157/22 Erddig, Llandegfedd DM2022/01523: Cllrs did not believe these solar panels would be in keeping on this listed building; it was felt that the solar panels should be of a sympathetic design if they are allowed.

Local Matters:

158/22 Caerydor oak tree plaque: It was agreed to pay Jason Griffiths £50 to erect the post and plaque.

159/22 Obstructed bridleway: Cllr Rogers had reported this in August. It has been inspected by David Lucas from MCC and he will arrange a site meeting with the farmer concerned and Welsh Water next week.

160/22 Lime Kilns: It was reported by a resident that this listed building on Glen Usk Road has become severely overgrown with ivy which could damage the stonework. The owner has been asked to clear the ivy.

161/22 Pavements: Cllr Rogers reported that pavements in Coed y Paen were covered in moss and slippery. Clerk to inform MCC.

Any Other Business: None

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 5th December in Llangybi Village Hall at 7pm