



Llangybi Fawr Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday 13th February 2023
Llangybi Village Hall at 7pm

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CLERK Debra Davies 07966 622085

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

Apologies: Cllr Dean

Declarations of interest: None

Members of the public present: Ray Taylor, Jodie Hall, Marie Sian Mayo, Steve Baldwin, Matt Theyry

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

Comments from members of public:

Chairman invited the members of the public to speak before the meeting agenda began:

25/23 Steve Baldwin- objected to the proposed planning application for Celebration Cottage for several reasons:- the property has been extended twice already and the new proposals would leave very little garden space and the buildings would look incongruous, not in keeping with the rural character of the area; 6 new parking places would give a total of 9 which he said contravenes usual planning rules of one per bedroom and the extra traffic would greatly impact the outdoor environment; new first floor windows would overlook his property.

26/23 Marie Sian Mayo- complained about the state of repair of the bridleways around Cwrt Perrot farm and Llandegfedd area which is a popular riding area; as a horserider there are currently no circular routes which are navigable on horseback and riders are forced to ride on busy roads such as the Usk road and Tre Herbert lane , which is very dangerous. C.Cllr Bromfield commented that the bridleway at Cwrt Perrot farm is the responsibility of the landowner and an enforcement order has been sent to him but he has not responded yet. She will check what time limits are usually set for responses.

27/23 Matt Theyry- as a member of the working party he gave an update on the plans for the proposed new playground in Llangybi park. There is still a great appetite to proceed with this project; plans are underway; one company has been consulted but the fees are prohibitively high; the community will be consulted to establish age demographic of children and their preferred options for the park , using an online survey; Cllrs Watts and Hunt are on the working party group; Cllr Hunt explained about possible grant applications and that an official body such as Llangybi Village Hall Committee would be better placed to apply for the grant; MCC actually own the land of the current park and need to be consulted, Cllr Bromfield will find out who to contact; the plans will be attempted in stages as money becomes available; Cllr Rogers reported that LFCC have set aside £5000-£7000 for the project and would welcome regular updates on the project.

Matters Arising:

28/23 New Dog Bins and contract : Sue Partridge had sent examples of smaller litter bins which she could purchase for us; these were discussed but no decision made. Cllr Savidge to check if posts are needed and what type of ground the bins will be on, before choosing which bin to purchase.

29/23 Rural footpaths volunteers meeting: A meeting was held on Jan 16th in Llangybi hall with Tom and Morag from MCC and was well attended; over 30 local residents have volunteered to help clear and maintain local footpaths. Notes of the meeting are attached. Four group leaders have volunteered to attend a training session in March before work can begin.

30/23 Defibrillator, Llanhennock: Cllr Marshall had spoken to Phil Hill who has a defibrillator for Llanhennock and can supply a heated cabinet for £473.83 +VAT; he felt this price was only marginally higher than other quotes he had received and felt that since the defibrillator was being donated free we should purchase from Phil. This was agreed by all. It was also agreed that a lockable cabinet was not necessary as this extends time of access to the device. Llanhennock Village Hall Committee have agreed it can be fixed to the village hall wall using their electricity supply. Cllr Marshall to organise purchase and fitting and liaise with Cllr Statham (who chairs the Village Hall Committee).

31/23 Bank Mandate: This process is finally complete and now Cllrs Rogers, Watts, Savidge and Williams are the official signatories. The Clerk was also told by HSBC that she would be able to complete bank transfers on behalf of LFCC online subject to approval at the council meeting; she had completed an online application form in order to add her as a signatory and then would need to apply to be able to make bank transfers. Chairman was unsure whether this would be ethical and would like assurance from HSBC about the procedure and whether it would comply with our financial regulations, since two signatures would not be required. Clerk to check this with HSBC and OVW.

Correspondence:

32/23 Biodiversity policy: Rachel from OVW had emailed to say that our biodiversity report was due last December. Clerk has sent the Biodiversity Policy from our website and Rachel agreed it was acceptable provided it was dated; a report needs to be written every 3 years. Clerk has updated the document.

33/23 Coronation Celebrations/ Mugs: Residents have enquired as to whether Coronation Celebrations will be arranged and whether LFCC has any funds to support it. Chairman pointed out that funds had been allocated in next year's budget for the event. It was suggested that each community that wishes to hold an event should apply to LFCC before March 7th with the proposal and costings for their event (including any costs for buying commemorative mugs). This will be considered at the next meeting and payments will then be made when the invoices or receipts have been received (as happened last year). Cllr Savidge reported that Llandefedd villagers have a meeting next week to discuss their plans; she presumed the main cost would be for a portaloo. Cllr Statham said that Llanhenock Village Hall Committee will be meeting shortly.

34/23 Precept: This has been confirmed at £15,000 for 2023/24

35/23 Palace Garden Party: Cllr Watts has completed the form to propose ex-councillor John Love to be nominated to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party for his excellent service for many years to Llangybi CC. The nominations are all put into a ballot by OVW.

Reports:

36/23 Police Report Jan: This was circulated prior to the meeting; reports noted; no further comments made.

37/23 OVW area meeting Jan 19th: Cllr Rogers reported that the meeting was quorate, so a new chair and vice chair were elected; Rachel Carter from OVW gave a presentation on biodiversity policies, which has been circulated to all.

Finance/Policies:

38/23_Raise cheques: Chairman and Councillors reviewed and approved paperwork for the following cheques to be raised and signed:

a) clerk's salary for Jan and expenses for printer paper and ink £400.36 (proposed by Cllr Marshall, Seconded by Cllr Statham);

b) dog waste collection for Feb £156 (proposed by Cllr Marshall, Seconded by Cllr Savidge);

c) Planning fees for moving phone box £300 (proposed by Cllr Marshall, Seconded by Cllr Watts);

d) new noticeboard for Tredunock £408 (proposed by Cllr Marshall , Seconded by Cllr Hunt);

e) Training fees by OVW £105 (proposed by Cllr Rogers, Seconded by Cllr Statham);

39/23 Welsh Language Policy: This had been circulated prior to the meeting and was duly approved: proposed by Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr Statham.

Planning

40/23 Tower Lodge, Coed Y Paen DM/2023/00036 No objections were raised to this application for an extension and garage conversion

41/23 Celebration Cottage, Candwr road DM/2023/00014: (see point / 23 above) The concerns raised by Steve Baldwin were noted and will be reiterated by council to MCC.

42/23 Castle Farm north, Llangybi DM/2023/00038 and 00032: Cllr Watts felt that there was a large development potentially being created at this property (under these 6 applications) and a site visit would be needed to assess the full impact of the proposed renovations and extensions. Cllr Williams to arrange a date with the owner; March 3rd 9.30am was suggested. C.Cllr Bromfield to ask MCC for a further extension for LFCC to respond to the application.

43/23 Castle Farm south. Llangybi DM/2023/00047 and 00046: as above

44/23 Castle Farm Llangybi access DM /2023/00059: as above

45/23 Castle Farm Bungalow, Llangybi DM/2023/00062: as above

46/23 Hillcrest CYP DM2023/00159: No objections were raised to this application for an extension and garage

Local Matters:

47/23 Place Plan for Llangybi: Cllr Hunt suggested that a Place Plan be set up for Llangybi to safeguard against any future large developments in the village. Cllr Williams said that this would require professional help and would be very costly. Discussion deferred to next meeting

48/23 Playground plans: Already discussed; see point 27/23 above.

Any Other Business:

49/23 Whitehouse lane: as an update on the previous issue here, Carl Touhig has written to all farms on this lane explaining their responsibilities in keeping ditches in the lane clear and hedges cut back etc

50/23 Portaloo in layby: Cllr Rogers reported a complaint about a builders portaloo being parked in the layby opposite the village hall in Llangybi, taking up parking spaces. Clerk to ask MCC if builders had been given permission.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 6th March 2023 in Llanhennock Village Hall at 7pm