



Llangybi Fawr Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday 9th January 2023
Llanhennock Village Hall at 7pm

COED Y PAEN Chair Graham Rogers 07775 644527
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LLANGYBI

Vice Peter Marshall 07415892161
Cllr Andy Hunt 07976 721650
Cllr Caroline Watts 07779503052
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CLERK Debra Davies 07966 622085

Present: Cllr Watts, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Dean, Cllr I. Williams, and Clerk Davies
Apologies: Cllr Savidge, C. Cllr Bromfield
Declarations of interest: None
Members of the public present: Peter Dale, Stuart Johnston, John Love, Faith Pike, Jodie Hall, Ray Taylor, Neil Statham
Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by: Cllr Watts Seconded: Cllr Hunt

Co-option of new councillor: Chairman Rogers introduced Mr Neil Statham who offered to stand as the new councillor for Llanhennock ward and was unopposed; he is currently Chairman of the Llanhennock Village Hall Committee. Cllr Marshall proposed that Neil be co-opted on to LFCC and Cllr Hunt seconded the proposal. Cllr Statham was duly elected and joined the council.

Points raised by Members of Public:

Chairman offered members of the public to speak first.

1/23 RLDP; Mr John Love (supported also by Mr Stuart Johnson)- urged the council to write to MCC asap to oppose the 3 proposed development sites in Llangybi (maps showing the areas were displayed on screen – see attached). He noted that there are only two more consultation opportunities to speak out on the matter before decisions are made. He pointed out that Llangybi has lost all of it's services, namely it's post office, shop, garage and school and the bus service is very poor, so as such should not be labelled as a "main village" in the RLDP proposals. Mr Love has lived in Llangybi for 55 years and noted the numbers of residents has risen from about 150 to 400; parking has also become a problem in more recent housing developments as more people drive (partly due to a depleted bus service). He also explained that previous developments in Llangybi over the last decades have helped to worsen water drainage problems that now occur, as more and more of the lower land in Llangybi is now covered in impermeable ground thus increasing flooding, as water is unable to drain away naturally; this is particularly noticeable down Ynys lane by the church. Cllr Watts added that raw sewage is regularly seen coming up through drains on Ynys lane during heavy rainfall. Mr Love also pointed out that the proposed sites are currently used for agriculture and is good farmland which should not be developed upon. Faith Pike added that those fields are also very boggy, so to build and remove yet more permeable ground will exacerbate flooding issues.

2/23 Allotments report; Faith Pike – gave the annual report from the Allotment Association. 10/12 plots are currently in use; 2 vacancies are advertised at £35 pa; rather than leave 2 vacant they may be used as community plots by planting any spare seeds people have; there has been an issue with weeds, but people have worked together to resolve this, so there is a good community feel now; the shed has been cleared and painted; ongoing issues with brambles around the plots which needs to be cut back.

3/23 Partridge Field ; Peter Dale- reported several residents ask him about the outcome of the planning application; however MCC have not made a decision yet. Clerk to chase up with C. Cllr Bromfield.

4/23 Playground project; Faith Pike- enquired whether the playground project was still going ahead. Cllr Hunt reported that he had spoken to members of that committee and they are putting a plan together and will report to LCC (who have offered to help fund the project) soon.

Matters Arising:

5/23 Dog Bins: Clerk showed details of various litter bins that Sue Parkinson had sent her, that could be purchased for Llandegfedd village. Cllr Hunt pointed out that if we purchase litter bins to be also used as dog waste bins, then MCC would have to empty them, not Merlin, and he said that MCC have criteria for whether they will empty bins or not

dependant on population density etc. Clerk to get confirmation from Sue before a decision is made on whether to buy litter bins or specific dog waste bins.

6/23 Rural footpath volunteers meeting: Clerk reported that a meeting has been arranged on Monday Jan 16th at 6.30pm in Llangybi Village Hall, for all those who wish to volunteer to join a footpath working party, to meet with MCC's Community Links Officers and discuss plans to maintain and repair footpaths in our wards. All welcome. Clerk to advertise on Facebook pages.

7/23 Noticeboard: Cllr Dean reported that a new noticeboard for Tredunnock has been ordered.

8/23 Drains and Ditches: Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Carl Touhig about the many blocked drains and ditches that have been reported over the last 2 years which have not been cleared. He had done a site visit in Nov and given a report to the clerk of the work to be done. Clerk had spoken to him this week for an update and he says the vactor machine is scheduled to cover the lanes in our wards. In addition, the wall over the culvert on Glen Usk road has dangerous cracks in it and needs to be removed and replaced with a fence and hedging.

Correspondence:

9/23 "Yes Cymru" campaign: Clerk had received a request for funds from this campaign. This was rejected.

10/23 Training Dates: Clerk issued a list of dates from OVW. Cllr Hunt chose to go on the induction course on Feb 6th.

11/23 OVW area meeting: Chairman Rogers will attend this meeting on Jan 19th and report back.

Reports:

12/23 Police report Dec: This was circulated prior to the meeting; reports noted; no further comments made.

Finance/Policies:

13/23_ Raise cheques: Chairman and Councillors reviewed and approved paperwork for the following cheques to be raised (Cllr Rogers and Cllr Watts signed all cheques):

a) clerk's salary for Dec and expenses for postage; £354.28 (proposed by Cllr Hunt, Seconded by Cllr Williams);

b) dog waste collection for Jan; £195 (proposed by Cllr Marshall, Seconded by Cllr Williams);

c) rental for Llangybi Village Hall for the Post Office use back dated from Sept 2021; £1044 (proposed by Cllr Marshall, Seconded by Cllr Hunt);

d) HMRC for clerks PAYE; £283.94 (proposed by Cllr Marshall, Seconded by Cllr Hunt);

e) Accountants fees; £36 (proposed by Cllr Marshall, Seconded by Cllr Watts);

14/23 Bank Reconciliation: Clerk had prepared the accounts spreadsheet (circulated prior to meeting) and this reconciled with the current bank balance (as of Dec 29th 2022) of £18,954.60

15/23 Precept request: Clerk had sent of the form for the precept request agreed in the last meeting, which will be £15,000

16/23 Internal auditor: Clerk reported that Mrs Rachel Bundy (audit manager at UHY) had quoted £250 to do the internal audit for LFCC this year; she had previously done the accounts for Llanhennock CC. All agreed that she be appointed.

17/23 Accident book: Clerk has produced a new accident form book, as required, which was shown to council and approved by all.

Planning

18/23 Apple Tree Farm, Usk Road (DM/ 2022/ 01760): No objections were raised to this application for a polytunnel.

19/23 Old Barn, Tre Herbert road (DM/ 2022/ 01658): No objections were raised to this application for PV solar cells.

Local Matters:

20/23 Blocked bridlepath: Cllr Williams reported that the bridleway on the green lane by Cwrt Perrot farm has been blocked at both ends with locked gates. The green lane had been very overgrown and impassable anyway and the previous farm manager had allowed horses to use his cow path, but this is now also locked and out of use. Clerk to report to MCC.

Any Other Business:

21/23 Defibrillator at Llanhennock: Clerk had received an email from Jacks Appeal charity explaining that the defibrillator (which Llanhennock CC had donated money towards) kept at Cheshire Home, and for public use, was no longer available for public use. Cheshire Home manager said insurance would not cover them if a member of public used it and it was faulty. Jacks Appeal have offered LFCC the defibrillator if a new place can be found to put it. Cllr

Statham suggested we purchase a cabinet and put it on the village hall wall (he will check with Village Hall Committee) and it could be connected to their electricity supply. Chairman proposed that LFCC would pay for the installation cost and all agreed. Cllr Marshall to chase up costs of cabinets etc.

22/23 Llandegfedd Reservoir: Chairman Rogers had written a response to MCC, on behalf of LFCC, regarding the amendments proposed for the planning application for change of use of the two buildings at the reservoir. He pointed out that the amendments were insufficient and did not satisfy the requirements of LDP Policy NE1, because they have not demonstrated that they would not have an adverse effect on the SSSI.

23/23 Bank Mandate: Clerk had taken the mandate to HSBC again, but since Cllr Dean and Williams are to be removed from the form this page needed to be reprinted and resigned by Cllr Watts; this was done and clerk will return to HSBC.

24/23 Thankyou letters : Clerk reported letters and emails of thanks have been received from Llandegfedd, Tredunnoch and Coed Y Paen churches for our donations.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 13th February 2023 in Llangybi Village Hall at 7pm