



Llangybi Fawr Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday 6th March 2023
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 Marshall, , Cllr Savidge, Cllr Statham,
Cllr I. Williams, and Clerk Davies

Apologies: Cllr Dean, C. Cllr Bromfield

Declarations of interest: Cllr Hunt

Members of the public present: Ray Taylor, Jodie Hall

Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by: Cllr Williams Seconded: Cllr Statham

Comments from members of public:

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

51/23: Jodie Hall – reported that many vehicles driving down Llanhennock hill drive across the newly painted hatched area, directly into the bus stop before pulling out onto the Usk road; she is concerned about the high possibility of a collision with vehicles exiting from the Sor Brook lane. Llanhennock CC had requested the hatched area in order to try and prevent such collisions, but if drivers are ignoring this then it was suggested that maybe MCC can provide a physical barrier instead. Clerk to speak to Highways.

Matters Arising:

52/23 New Dog Bins and contract: Two new litter bins for Llandegfedd have been ordered and Cllr Savidge has identified existing posts they can be fixed to. Still awaiting confirmation that MCC will empty them free of charge. The contract form with Merlin to empty the 5 dog waste bins in Llangybi was approved and signed by the Chairman.

53/23 Defibrillator: Chairman completed the application form for the PADS from Jacks appeal, which will be delivered once they have received the cheque for the cabinet. Cllr Hunt will contact an electrician about connecting it to the hall's supply. Cllrs Savidge and Rogers pointed out that the pads need replacing on Llandegfedd's and Coed Y Paen's defibrillators. Clerk to contact Wales Ambulance. Cllr Watts suggested we should organise training on the use of defibrillators for residents. Clerk to arrange.

54/23 Green Lane: There was a misunderstanding in the last meeting over the issues with the green lane by Cwrt Perrot Farm and other bridleways; apparently no enforcement order has been issued on Cwrt Perrot Farm. LFCC apologises for the error in the last minutes. MCC Highways are actually responsible for this "green lane" (which was once a highway) but have said they do not have the funds to clear it. In addition, it was reported that the bridleway from Llandegfedd village up passed Cwrt Perrot farm and the Old House to Graigwith and down through Dale wood does seem to be clear. Cllr Savidge reported that she will be meeting with Carl Touhig and Mr Dowd at Cwrt Perrot to discuss the issues.

55/23 Castle Farm: Several Cllrs attended a site meeting at Castle Farm and reported that the Royal Commission of Ancient Buildings requires a survey. Cllr Rogers noted that the development is rather large and away from the main Llangybi settlement. Cllr Williams pointed out that these are redundant farm buildings and worthy of saving, so this may be the best way to preserve them, since they have no other use as farm buildings. Cllr Hunt expressed concern over the need for the upgraded access road, when there is a perfectly good driveway currently. This was debated; others felt that there is already an access route and the owners merely want to formalise it.

56/23 Portaloo in layby: MCC had reported that no permission had been granted to site a welfare unit in the layby but that Mon Housing Association had been working in the area. However Cllr Watts said that the unit was still in position and was placed there for builders working on a house next to the village hall. Clerk to report back to MCC.

Correspondence:

57/23 Coronation celebrations: As requested bids for funding have been received for the planned Coronation events in each of the villages as follows:

Tredunnock requested £580 for a hog roast and musical entertainment.

Llandegfedd/ Llangattock requested £500 for venue hire, food and coronation mugs for children.

Coed Y Paen requested £250 for Coronation mugs and prizes for the children (the pub will provide food etc).

Llanhennock requested £1882 for Hog roast, food items, decorations, toilet hire, candy cart, prizes and craft materials for children (marquee and benches supplied free). They suggested that Tredunnock residents would probably attend as well and anticipated a turn out of 300 as last year.

Llangybi have not put in a bid yet (Cllrs Watts and Hunt to check with village hall committee asap)

Discussion took place as to how to allocate the funds set aside for this event fairly. It was decided to do so according to % of electorate per village. This would be as follows:

Llangybi 42% (£1050); Llandegfedd 13% and Llangattock 8% (£525) ;Tredunnock 13% (£325) ; Llanhennock 13% (£325) and Coed Y Paen 11% (£275). It was suggested that maybe Llanhennock and Tredunnock communities would prefer to hold a joint event and pool their allocations.

58/23 New Woodland: LFCC have been sent details of plans to create a new woodland at Cwrt Perrot farm. This was studied and approved by all.

59/23 Training survey: Cllrs went through the answers for this online survey for OVW.

60/23 IRP report: This document has been circulated and points out that Cllrs will have a mandatory payment in 2023/4 of £156 towards household expenses for working from home. In addition £52 can be claimed for office consumables or full reimbursement of items bought.

Reports:

61/23 Police Report : the report for February will be circulated by email when it has been received.

62/23 Enforcements: these had been circulated and were noted with no further comment.

63/23 OVW course: Cllr Rogers gave feedback on his recent session on basic finance. Points of note: if a council fails to get its request for a precept in on time it will not receive a precept at all; also, it had been mentioned that a typical amount to keep back in reserves each year is between 50-100% of the normal precept amount (Clerk noted that this year's spend had been exactly our precept amount); another important point was that councils can only act on things that they have a legal right to do, or according to section 137 rules (i.e. a certain value per electorate, plus costs of running the council).

Finance/Policies:

64/23_Raise cheques: Chairman and Councillors reviewed and approved paperwork for the following cheques to be raised and signed:

a) clerk's salary for Feb £337.96 (proposed by Cllr Savidge , Seconded by Cllr Watts);

b) dog waste collection for March £156 (proposed by Cllr Watts; Seconded by Cllr Hunt);

c) defibrillator cabinet for Llanhennock to Jacks Appeal £565 (proposed by Cllr Savidge, Seconded by Cllr Watts);

d) Tony Chivers reimbursed for concrete for phonebox £100 (proposed by Cllr Marshall , Seconded by Cllr Watts);

e) Jason Griffiths for moving and repairing phonebox £470 (proposed by Cllr Marshall, Seconded by Cllr Williams);

f) Del Heath for moving and transporting phonebox £120 (proposed by Cllr Marshall , Seconded by Cllr Savidge);

g) Membership fees OVW £237 (proposed by Cllr Marshall, Seconded by Cllr Savidge);

65/23 Social Media Policy and Communications Strategy: these had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved by all. These will be uploaded to the website.

66/23 Risk Report: This policy was reviewed and minor alterations were made; the edited document will be uploaded to the website.

Planning

67/23 Walnut Tree Farm DM/2023/000243 (Cllr Hunt declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion)

The retrospective application for this shepherd's hut was approved by all.

68/23 Place Plan for Llangybi: Cllr Hunt proposed that it would be a good idea to create a place plan in order to safeguard against future large planning applications for example, in order to proactively determine our future. Cllr Williams thought it would cost between £10-15k to set one up ; it is a very lengthy and complex process which needs to be approved by Wales Gov; he felt it unlikely that our community would be subject to large development anyway. Cllr Statham pointed out that MCC is adopting a cluster approach to Place Plans and will circulate a link to their webpage; small communities could possibly work together. All agreed this would be a very big task.

Local Matters:

69/23 Detritus on Glen Usk Road: this organic matter along the verge has been reported to MCC highways as it is 3 feet into the highway in places

70/23 Moss on pavements: This was reported back in Nov 2021 on the pavements throughout Llangybi and has now been cleared by MCC. Cllr Rogers reported that the Coed Y Paen pavements had also been cleared.

71/23 Reservoir plans: Cllr Watts had been speaking to the manager at the Watersports Centre, who wished to speak to the council about his proposed plans for the site. Chairman pointed out that the previous planning applications had been rejected, but he would speak to Mr Burt.

72/23 Slippery surface in playground: the area where basketball is played in Llangybi play area has been reported as dangerously slippery. MCC have been informed.

Any Other Business:

73/23 Resignation: Cllr Dean has formally tendered her resignation as Cllr for Tredunnock. Clerk will inform MCC and issue vacancy notices for the boards and website

74/23 Young Farmers appeal: a letter had been received asking for a donation, but chair reminded all that individual donations are not usually offered.

75/23 Meeting dates for 2023/24: Clerk had collated a diary of dates for next year which was approved by all. Dates to be displayed on boards and uploaded to website.

76/23 Roadsigns: Cllr Savidge requested that horse rider danger signs be put on the next agenda.

Meeting closed 9 pm

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 3rd April 2023 in Llangybi Village Hall at 7pm

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