



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

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Present: Cllr Statham, Cllr Watts, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Savidge and Clerk Davies
Apologies: Cllr Hunt, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Williams and C.Cllr Bromfield
Declarations of interest:
Members of the public present: Ray Taylor, Jodie Hall, Royston Etheridge
Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by Cllr Statham; Seconded by Cllr Watts

Chairman pointed out the format of the agenda had been rearranged, in order to put all matters which require more discussion at the beginning, so that members of the public need not wait through the whole meeting and the latter points of information could be distributed by email after the meeting, should it overrun.

Matters Arising:

167/23 New website manager: The 5 quotes received were discussed and there was a unanimous decision to choose Jamie McGowan who, as well as being the cheapest, was local to and familiar with the area and being related to the Clerk would therefore have good and easy communications and be reliable. Mr McGowan has good experience of managing websites in his current job and is happy to be flexible with his hours. He will charge £50 per month plus the annual hosting fee

168/23 Speed watch: Cllr Statham referred to the comments last month that the police would not consider installing a permanent speed camera in Llangybi, unless there was data to prove that it was dangerous. He reported that he had learned that there was indeed a fatality due to a high speed road accident in Llangybi; a child was killed about 30 years ago and following this tragedy, the 30mph limit was introduced and the pedestrian island was installed. It was considered that this should indeed be proof enough for the police that the 30mph limit needs to be policed properly.

Planning:

169/23 Ty Perrot Farm DM/2023/00968: This application for stables was considered and no objections were raised.

170/23 Little Cider Mill Barn DM/2023/00463: This application for a new gate was considered and no objections were raised; it was thought to be an improvement on the current gate.

Local Matters:

171/23 Clothes Bank: Clerk had received a request to instal clothes banks in our wards on behalf of Child & Teenage Cancer & Leukaemia Foundation <https://www.ctclf.org/>. Discussion took place for potential sites. It was agreed to ask the Chair of Llangybi Village Hall if one could be sited near the front hedge of the hall. Mr Ray Taylor offered to site one on his land in front of Leat Farm behind the bus stop layby in Llanhennock.

Correspondence:

172/23 Cultural Activities Record: MCC have requested details of any cultural activities or clubs that take place in our wards. They want to create a data base to "help shape and design a Cultural Strategy to be launched in April 2025, that is encompassing and represents the breadth and depth of arts and culture available across the county." Cllr Statham reported that there is an Art Club and a Yoga Club in Llanhennock. Cllr Watts reported that there is an Art Club, Yoga Club, Choir group and Book Club in Llangybi. Clerk to email Chair of the village hall to confirm details.

Policy Updates:

173/23 OVW Climate Change/ Nature Action Guide: OVW had sent a document seeking to give councils around Wales some practical ideas on what they can do on a range of issues such as energy use, water use, protecting nature, finances, chemicals, waste, food, and transport. It also included examples of current good practice. The clerk displayed a few possible ideas that LFCC could adopt and include in its Biodiversity Policy; it is a requirement to produce a report on what we have done to comply with section 6 biodiversity duty. This could be just helping and supporting schemes in local area / information sharing role through local newsletters, noticeboards, or events. The attached list was discussed and it was agreed to adopt the following ideas:

- Set up occasional litter picking days and make a record of the names of current volunteers and the lanes they cover regularly, in order that they may be recognised and thanked for their work and so that additional areas not currently cleared could be managed by additional possible volunteers. Clerk to post on Facebook and to make notices for boards. (Cllr Statham requested litter picking equipment for Llanhennock to be kept in the phone box, likewise Cllr Watts for Llangybi Hall – clerk to ask Sue Parkinson)
 - Change mowing methods in Llangybi Park (to encourage more pollinators etc). C.Cllr Bromfield is to contact MCC to confirm details.
 - Reduce paper waste (don't print agendas and other documents, use the TV to display them instead/ send audit and accompanying documents electronically/ send payments by bank transfer rather than in a letter by post)
 - Encourage people to put up more bird boxes, bat boxes, hedgehog homes, bug hotels.
- Clerk to update biodiversity policy.

174/23 Community Plan- active travel routes: Cllr Savidge explained that MCC have said that the repair of the footpath to Cwrt Bleddyn will not be done because of the extensive work and cost required. The pavement would need to be widened so land would need to be bought; it is collapsing into field; it has drainage issues; fibre optic cables run along it. Hence this plan is abandoned. Clerk produced a draft Community Plan of other points which were all discussed, edited and approved (see attached).

Clerk noted that following advice from OVW course leader on finance and having read other supporting documents, it seems that Community Councils are NOT allowed by law to donate money to maintain churchyards unless the churchyard has been adopted by them. This will be disappointing news for our churches who have been supported for many years as the old councils were unaware of this ruling. Clerk to inform church wardens.

Cllr Watts reported that several residents had complained about the unkempt state of the patch of land in front of the old post office. It was noted that this is privately owned and currently up for sale, still pending planning permission; it would not be appropriate for LFCC to pay for maintenance of this area, although it will continue to look after the area by St Cybi's well.

Reports:

175/23 Feedback from Courses: Cllr Statham attended a course on GDPR. He reported that he did not learn a great deal that he didn't already know, but advised that cllrs should not use their private emails for council work and good practice is to delete all emails monthly, as the clerk holds copies on the council laptop.

176/23 Police Report: The report for July was circulated by email prior to meeting. The increased number of burglaries was noted. Reminder that the "We Don't Buy Crime" group will give their presentation to the councillors prior to the September 11th council meeting at 6pm.

177/23 Enforcements: Clerk will circulate these once received .

Updates and any other Information:

178/23 Defibrillator sessions: Free training sessions delivered by St John Ambulance have now been arranged for the following dates:

**Llangybi Village Hall on Wed 4th October 6-8pm;
Llanhennock Village Hall on Tues 17th October 6-8pm;
Carpenters Arms CYP on Thurs 16th November; and
Ty Capten Farm Llandegfedd in Sept (date to be confirmed).**

There is a **max of 15 places** per course; contact the clerk (07966 622085 or d.davies@llangybi.org) to book a place.

179/23 Mowing schedule: C.Cllr Bromfield not present to update council on this matter

180/23 Churchyard upkeep: see point 174/23

181/23 Coronation events: A report on these events with photos has now been uploaded to our website.

182/23 Give way signs: MCC have re-painted the road marking at the Llandegfedd crossroads and are currently considering the request for give way signs.

183/23 Drains in CYP: These have now all been cleared (the service request was submitted 2 years ago!)

184/23 Jubilee bench: The Jubilee Bench has now been installed in Tredunnoch; thanks go to ex-councillor Tony Chivers and Phil Morgan for their hard work. Clerk noted that it was unfortunate that no volunteer has come forward to represent Tredunnoch as a councillor yet.

Finances:

185/23 Raise cheques: Chairman and Councillors reviewed and approved paperwork for the following cheques to be raised and signed:

- a) clerk's salary for July £348.16 (proposed by Cllr Statham, Seconded by Cllr Watts);
- b) dog waste collection for August £168 (proposed by Cllr Statham, Seconded by Cllr Watts);
- c) Planning Aid Wales £150 for training course for all Cllrs (proposed by Cllr Statham, Seconded by Cllr Watts);
- d) Llangibby Village Hall for Post Office Rent (Dec 16th to July 28th) £496 (proposed by Cllr Statham, Seconded by Cllr Watts);
- e) Mike Hughes for repairs to noticeboard £140 (proposed by Cllr Statham, Seconded by Cllr Watts);
- f) One Voice Wales subscription (previous cheque has got lost in post, it was decided not to cancel the cheque as this would incur charges, but if both cheques get cashed trust OVW to give a refund) £237 (proposed by Cllr Statham, Seconded by Cllr Watts);
- g) request from Cllr Statham, who is Chair of Llanhenock Village Hall committee, to pay for a new TV for the hall, which is used by the council to display documents in meetings in order to save paper printing and is widely used in community events in the hall too. It was agreed by all to reimburse Llanhenock Club and Reading Room £369 (proposed by Cllr Savidge, Seconded by Cllr Rogers).

186/23 Bank Reconciliation: The clerk prepared monthly bank reconciliation to the date given per bank statement (10 July) and had submitted the account details to Cllr Rogers to check them prior to the meeting. Cllr Rogers agreed with the accounts prepared.

Any Other Business:

187/23 Junction :Mr Ray Taylor asked if there was any update from MCC following his request to have a solid barrier to prevent cars crossing the hatched painted area at the bottom of Llanhenock hill. He also asked if he could install red cat's eyes across the lane which he owns; he said that cars exiting the lane are at risk of colliding with cars travelling fast across this hatched area from uphill. Clerk to chase up with MCC Highways.

188/23 Footbridge in Llandegfedd: The broken bridge has now been repaired.

189/23 Potholes in Nantsoar road: These potholes have now been filled in only days after reporting them.

Clerk said she would collate a list of all the council's achievements since May 2022 to update the website and would archive the old council's list.

Meeting closed 8.30 pm

Date of Next Meeting : Monday 11th September 2023 in Llanhenock Village Hall at 7pm

All members of the public are welcome to attend. If remote access is required, please notify clerk in advance to arrange this.

If any members of the public require to see these minutes in Welsh please contact the clerk: d.davies@llangybi.org