



Llangybi Fawr Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday 2nd October 2023
Llangybi Village Hall at 7pm

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Present: Cllr Watts, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Williams, Cllr Savidge, C.Cllr Bromfield and Clerk Davies

Apologies: Cllr Statham and Cllr Marshall

Declarations of interest: None

Members of the public present: Ray Taylor

Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by Cllr Rogers; Seconded by Cllr Watts

Matters Arising:

207/23 Poppies: Cllr Watt to collect wreaths from RBL and Cllr Savidge will collect Llandegfedd one from her.

208/23 Defibrillator sessions: Llandegfedd and Llangybi sessions were excellent. It was suggested to donate £100 to St John Ambulance and all agreed. New pads are needed for Llangybi defibs and possibly CYP too; Cllrs Rogers and Savidge to action.

Planning:

209/23 Llangybi Castle House DM/2023/01268 and 9: This application was considered and no objections were raised. However, there was discussion and concern from some regarding access roads, visibility splays and extra volume of traffic; also, as it is a listed building they trusted that MCC and relevant authorities would address the conservation issues and insist that the original walls would be preserved; and consider how this application ties in with the previous applications to develop this site.

210/23 St Cybi Ave DM/2023/01258: This application for a two storey extension considered; no objections raised.

211/23 Drive at Dunedin DM/2023/01330: This application for a two storey extension considered; no objections raised.

Local Matters:

212/23 Crossroads sign Tredunnoch: This sign is leaning and needs attention. Clerk to get a quote to strengthen it.

213/23 Road signs/ drains: Cllr Watts reported that road signs on Glan Y Nant and Kennet Grange are missing and the Parc Road sign needs repainting; also some drains in Glan Y Nant are still blocked, although some were cleared. Clerk to report to MCC. She also reported further complaints about the centre of Llangybi looking tatty; this has been discussed before but LFCC do not own the land in front of the old post office and it is up to the owner to maintain it.

214/23 Hedges/verges: Cllr Williams reported that the hedges around the water works need to be cut back, they were not cut last year either and are a hazard to vehicles. Clerk to contact Welsh Water. He also reported the verges in Ty Isaf lane are caving in and blocking drains; drains need to be cleared and the road cleaned. Also hedges along Candwr road need to be cut back by the water works junction. Clerk to report to MCC.

215/23 Gutter debris: Cllr Hunt reported excessive debris and vegetation along the main Usk/Caerleon road by Cefn Llech. MCC have cleared parts of the road but not all of it. Clerk to report to Carl Touhig.

216/23 Blocked drains: Cllr Savidge had taken photos of mud and debris through Llandegfedd village coming down from the farm and green lane due to blocked drains. Clerk to report to MCC.

Correspondence:

217/23 Smart Water scheme: Lisa from Gwent Police "We Don't Buy Crime" team gave a talk to Cllrs last month about their Smart Water Scheme for safer neighbourhoods. The solution contains a unique forensic code, so marked stolen

items can be easily returned to owners; it also has a 100% conviction rate in court cases. The smart water can be bought online for around £60, but Gwent Police can offer a kits at a reduced rate of £9.95 per bottle and offer free signage for the area, if we can get 75% of homes in a ward to register for the scheme. Each bottle can “mark” up to 80 items. 74% of burglars said they would avoid a “smart water” signed house/area. Information can be found here [2075 62 wdcb safer neighbourhood booklet a5 eng nocm.pdf \(gwent.police.uk\)](#) .

All agreed the scheme should be offered to our residents. C.Cllr Bromfield to talk to Lisa about a further meeting for public to attend and sign up, possibly prior to next council meeting.

Policy Updates: None

Reports:

218/23 Police Report: The report for Sept was circulated by email prior to meeting and contents noted.

219/23 Enforcements: Clerk has been told that these lists are no longer circulated whilst MCC debate the data protection issues.

Updates and any other Information:

220/23 Speed Watch: MCC have told C.Cllr Bromfield that they will revisit this issue of traffic calming through, Llangybi in January to allow time for the effect of the new 20mph speed limit to be monitored first. She would still like to set up a volunteer list in preparation to monitor speeds; clerk to appeal for helpers on Facebook again.

221/23 Dual Litter bin: Cllr Hunt has asked Sue Parkinson if we can purchase 2 dual litter bins from her grant funding for the dog fouling campaign.

222/23 Clothes Bank: This has been moved behind the hedge of the village hall so it is less obtrusive; it was full within the first week of installation and will be emptied weekly.

Finances:

223/23 Raise cheques: the following cheques were raised:

- a) clerk's salary for Sept and reimbursed for new printer £477.16 (proposed by Cllr Rogers, Seconded by Cllr Hunt);
- b) dog waste collection for Sept £210 (proposed by Cllr Rogers, Seconded by Cllr Hunt);
- c) payment of mandatory allowances to Cllr Statham £156 and Chairman Savidge £ 656 ;
- d) HMRC £72.20 (proposed by Cllr Rogers, Seconded by Cllr Hunt);
- e) accountants fees £36 (proposed by Cllr Rogers, Seconded by Cllr Hunt);

224/23 Bank Reconciliation: Cllr Rogers agreed with the accounts prepared in advance of meeting. Documents were displayed on screen and accepted.

Issues for next meeting:

225/23 VAT refund claim: Clerk has created a spreadsheet for this claim which amounts to £878, but has had difficulty accessing online application.

226/23 Actionlog update: Clerk circulated the actionlog list to Cllrs; many issues are longstanding and she would like to know if any issues, such as blocked drains, have been completed and should be closed. Cllrs to investigate and report back.

227/23 Public Spaces protection Order(dog fouling): a survey is to be completed next meeting after Cllrs read the information document.

Meeting closed 8.45 pm

Date of Next Meeting : Monday 6th November 2023 in Llanhennock 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