



Llangybi Fawr Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday 6th November 2023
Llanhennock Village Hall at 7pm

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Present: Cllr Watts, Cllr Statham, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Williams, Cllr Savidge, and Clerk Davies

Apologies: Cllr Rogers, C.Cllr Bromfield and Cllr Marshall

Declarations of interest: None

Members of the public present: Ray Taylor, Jodie Hall, Stuart Johnston, Peter Dale

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

Matters Arising:

228/23 Smart Water: Chair had tried to purchase Smart Water online and it costs £57.90 or £25 with code from Gwent Police. Clerk had prepared a draft poster to advertise the proposed scheme from We Don't Buy Crime team of Gwent Police. The poster was edited and it was decided to send this via email to as many as possible and to post the info on Facebook and noticeboards. We need to gauge how much interest there is in this Smart Water before bulk buying a minimum 100 bottles in order to get the reduced rate of £9.95 per bottle; we also need 75% of homes to sign up in order to get the free village signage from Gwent Police. All Cllrs to spread the word. (Poster attached to minutes on website)

229/23 Crossroads sign Tredunnoch: Jason inspected this signpost and it was removed as it was found to be rotten and about to fall. He has provided a quote for £305 to make a steel post for it and to re-concrete it into place. Cllrs agreed unanimously to this proposal.

Planning:

230/23 DM/2023/01523 Ty Cedrwydd Llandegfedd: no objections were raised about this application for a single storey extension

Local Matters:

231/23 Trees in Llangybi: Cllr Hunt had received a complaint from a resident regarding an "almost systematic deforestation of Llangybi" (ie the removal of all of the trees at the bottom of Ton Road, the changes around Rose cottage, the 'lowering of crown' planning applications, and the large tree that was cut back on St. Cybi.). It was discussed that the trees referred to needed to be pollarded and would regrow. Cllr Hunt to speak to complainant.

232/23 Ditches I Whitehouse Lane: Cllr Williams reported that he had spoken to MCC officer David Lucas on site regarding hedges that have not been cut back by owners for some time (despite MCC writing to them to do so). He also pointed out the problem with ditches along this lane, which have disappeared under the hedges; a spring in the field fills the one ditch which often overflows over the road. In the cold weather this water freezes and the lane is a hazard. Clerk to ask Carl Touhig to visit site with Cllr Williams.

233/23 Actionlog update: Cllrs checked the actionlog and updated those service requests that have been completed, Clerk to chase up other historic issues with MCC.

Correspondence:

234/23 D Day 80th Anniversary: Clerk had circulated the guide from the Pageantmaster Bruno Peek with suggested celebrations of this event on June 6th 2024. Discussion took place regarding possible events locally; Cllrs to speak to local groups regarding possible Fish and Chips events or Beacon lighting. Clerk to post this link with the details on Facebook [D-Day 80 Anniversary Guide v105.pdf](#)

235/23 Public Spaces Protection Order (dog waste) survey: this survey had been circulated to cllrs prior to the meeting and it was suggested that each councillor complete it online individually.

Policy Updates:

236/23 Reviews: Clerk suggested that all policies currently on our website need to be reviewed annually (only the financial regulations, data protection, asset register and standing orders have been reviewed this year) . Chair asked Cllrs to read through the others and any changes could be discussed at the next meeting.

Reports:

237/23 Police Report: The report for October was circulated by email prior to meeting and contents noted.

Updates and any other Information:

238/23 Prison planning application update: Clerk has emailed MCC to add its support to the complaints already submitted by CYP residents association, even though we are not officially consulted on this application. Cllr Rogers had attended the CyP Residents Association meeting. They were concerned about the creeping enlargement of the prisoner population at Prescoed - only a few years ago it was under 200, and now with this proposal the capacity will be increased to 340 or thereabouts. They were also concerned about the increase in traffic movements this application will bring about through the village. Currently about 40% of the inmates go out to work every day ferried by a fleet of minibuses many of which travel through their village, also there is a daily convoy of prison staff in and out at shift change-overs, so the increase will worsen this .

239/23 IRP draft report: This report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllrs allowance is to remain at £156 next year and it has been confirmed that income tax is not payable on this .

240/23 Street name plates: MCC have passed our request for new name plates for Kennet Grange and Glan Y Nant on to the relevant department and we await confirmation.

241/23 Sinkhole Llandegfedd: This appeared in the road near the Farmers Arms and was reported to MCC.

242/23 VAT refund claim: Clerk has made this claim by post again this year (as she was unable to submit it online) as well as re-submitting the Llanhennock claim for the previous 3 years, which was not paid last year.

243/23 Horserider accident: A collision of a car with a horserider was reported this week and the clerk has reminded MCC of the need for Horserider warning signs along Tre Herbert road.

244/23 Mowing schedule in Llangybi Park: MCC have reported that this is on the schedule for the “autumn”.

Finances:

245/23_Raise cheques: the following cheques were raised:

- a) clerk's salary for Oct £347.96 (proposed by Cllr Williams, Seconded by Cllr Watts);
- b) dog waste collection for Oct £168 (proposed by Cllr Watts, Seconded by Cllr Hunt);
- c) donation to St John Ambulance £100 (proposed by Cllr Statham, Seconded by Cllr Hunt);
- d) MCC for grounds maintenance and litter collections £698.41 (proposed by Cllr Statham, Seconded by Cllr Hunt);
- e) Cllr Watts reimbursed for her donation to Royal British Legion of £40 for the two wreathes we ordered for Remembrance Day services in Llangybi and Llandegfedd (proposed by Cllr Statham, Seconded by Cllr Hunt)

246/23 Bank Reconciliation: Cllr Rogers agreed with the accounts prepared in advance of meeting. Documents were displayed on screen and accepted.

Issues to be discussed at next meeting:

- Review of policies

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Date of Next Meeting : Monday 8th January 2024 in Llanhennock Village Hall at 7pm

Note: It was agreed to cancel the December meeting and reconvene in the New Year.

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