



Llangybi Fawr Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday 5th February 2024
Llangybi Village Hall at 7pm

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

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

Declarations of interest: None

Members of the public present: Anna Sargent, John Love, Ray Taylor, Jodie Hall, Steve Savidge, Stuart Johnston

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

Chair invited Anna Sargent to speak before the meeting began formally.

27/47: Openreach Full Fibre Broadband: Anna Sargent from Openreach attended the meeting and discussed the voucher pledge scheme called the Tredunnoch Exchange. It was proposed that 42 postcodes (around 400 properties) are eligible for this voucher scheme which will provide full fibre broadband to these properties. Each household eligible is entitled to a £4500 voucher. The Government has proposed that by 2026, 85% of the country will be able to access full fibre (currently not halfway yet). 84 properties need to apply for the voucher scheme in order for the commercial build to begin. Currently 38 properties have applied with the understanding that once the full fibre is built they are committed to purchasing a full fibre broadband service. The deadline for Openreach to make the financial decision is around 12 weeks (Easter). If enough residents sign up for the voucher scheme it takes around 12 months to survey, repair existing equipment and build the full fibre broadband to each individual doorstep. Leaflets were handed out to councillors and members of the public, these were also circulated by the clerk on local Facebook pages prior to the meeting with the link needed for individual households to check whether they qualify for the Tredunnoch Exchange.

Matters Arising:

28/47: Finance Query: Cllr Savidge queries finances regarding postage reimbursement and established this was postage refund to Clerk Davies.

29/47: Llangybi Playground Park: Cllr Hunt discussed the meeting that took place with Cllr Watts, C.Cllr Bromfield and Nigel Leaworthy (MCC). It was agreed all existing park equipment to be reviewed, cleaned and refurbished, plus 3 more items to be installed (already pre-selected) by MCC. Cllr Williams suggested asking whether the prison could help facilitate the refurbishment of the play equipment. Clerk is to liaise with Fay about the possibility of the prison's assistance. In addition Cllr Hunt suggested the LFC Council to buy play equipment suitable for those with disabilities and these to be installed by MCC. Resident group had fundraised £2000 and council had set aside £9000 for the refurbishment of Llangybi Park. Cllr Hunt also highlighted the vast presence of bamboo and bracken that needs cutting back and was asked by parents for the hedge to be cleared so that parents have a clear line of sight for both areas of the park. Clerk to seek contractor (Jason) to provide quote for hedge clearance. Cllr Hunt offered to attend site visit to provide details of areas needing bracken clearance. During meeting residents asked if goal posts could be added to park and MCC would install. A quote had been received from Pat and Ray (local blacksmiths) for £100 for each steel goalpost (painted white). It was decided the decision to purchase the goal posts would be deferred to our next meeting.

30/47 Smart Water: Clerk displayed table that showed 67 residents were interested in purchasing a bottle and joining the scheme. It was unanimously agreed by LFCC to place order for 100 bottles and first opportunity would be given to those that registered interest in the scheme. Clerk to purchase 100 bottles from police.

Planning:

DM/2024/00036 7 Cwrt Ffynnon Gybi, Llangybi: no objections were raised regarding this application for an external heat source pump

DM/2023/01649 Mill Barn Cwm Dowlais Farm, Llanbadoc no objections were raised regarding this application for a first floor extension to the existing dwelling

DM/2023/01575 High View, Candwr Road Llangattock: LFCC have concerns with this substantial development. It was suggested the Design and Access statement may be inaccurate in quoting the existing floor area as 130sq m; and concerns were raised that the floor area will be substantially increased for a building with an agricultural tie. In addition, questions were raised as to whether the occupier is an agricultural worker? Also, if approved, concerns were highlighted on the access to the livery yard, with roads being blocked by construction workers parking and delivery vehicles, could delivery times be limited?

Local Matters:

31/47 Event tent Llandegfedd : Chr Savidge made a bid towards a gala tent to create cover for Llandegfedd village events. The Llandegfedd village committee would match fund to purchase the tent. The gala tent would be owned by the Llandegfedd village committee and be stored locally and used by local residents. The tent would cost approx £750. Llandegfedd village committee were asking for half that as a donation. Cllr Watts proposed shared ownership with LFCC so all communities could benefit from its use and be an asset for LFCC. It was unanimously agreed to defer to next meeting for further discussion.

32/47 Speedwatch : John Love reported the speed of traffic travelling through Llangybi had not been deterred by the introduction of the 20mph speed limit signs and questioned the need for speed watch to be implemented. It was agreed to request liaison with C.Cllr Bromfield regarding access to speed watch equipment.

33/47: Future Housing Development: John Love has concerns regarding the future housing development in Llangybi and has asked for indication on future housing developments within the area. It was suggested to arrange a public meeting with C.Cllr Bromfield to discuss future community housing development plans when these are available.

34/47: Suspicious activity in Llanhennock: Jodie Hall and Ray Taylor reported suspicious activity in the early hours of Monday 5th February with motorbikes driving up and down residents addresses of Llanhennock wearing balaclavas. This suspicious activity was reported to the police. Residents have asked to post a Facebook message to raise awareness and be vigilant of this suspicious activity and to contact police with any further reports. Clerk to report in all facebook community groups.

35/47 Dog bag dispensers: Cllr Hunt had picked up dog poo dispensers from Sue Parkinson and has been replacing broken bins in Llangybi. In addition Cllr Hunt has been distributing out to local residents walking dogs in the area. There are around 30 dispensers still left and these were to be divided after the meeting with Chr Savidge to hand out in other community areas.

Correspondence

36/47: Hosting New Website Manager: Clerk Davies confirmed the website domain **llangybi.org** had been repurchased by Andrew Dale and that the website and connected emails would be available to reopen and setup over the coming days. Chr Savidge questioned if there would be a backlog of emails to look through, but it was reported that any emails to llangybi.org addresses have been bouncing back since 3rd Jan. Furthermore it was decided the 3 website quotes for the future maintenance of Llangybi.org would be decided prior to the next LFCC meeting. Clerk would send all quotes via whatsapp and then all cllrs would settle on and be in agreement before next meeting.

Policy Updates and Reports:

37/47 Training Report: Clerk had circulated drafts of the 2024 training report and had implemented amendments suggested from the Cllrs prior to the LFCC meeting. These were approved and signed off ready to be placed on website as soon as possible.

38/47 Risk Report: Clerk had distributed drafts of the 2024 Risk report to all Cllrs and had made alterations recommended prior to the LFCC meeting. These were approved and signed off ready to be placed on website as soon as possible.

39/47 Police Report: The reports for January had not yet been received, concerns were raised whether these were being sent to the website emails and therefore unobtainable presently. Clerk agreed as soon as Police report was received it would be circulated to all Cllrs.

Updates and any other Information:

40/47 Meeting Dates for the Diary: LFCC meeting dates were sent out prior to the meeting and have been adjusted to avoid bank holidays. Clerk to send to all Cllrs and put up in noticeboards in all community areas. It needs to be sent to Alison Itani who has kindly agreed to put up notices in Tredunnoch, in the absence of a Cllr to represent them.

41/47 Pot Hole in Llandegfedd Clerk had sent emails to MCC and Carl Touhig to report and a service request number has been received. Clerk to chase up when these will be rectified.

42/47 Pothole on Llanhennock Hill: Clerk Davies informed LFCC that this has now been filled in poorly, clerk to update action log.

43/47 Wales Audit fee scheme for community council 2024: Cllr Rogers asked prior to the meeting for this to be circulated to highlight the estimated fees for the audit this year. Clerk displayed fees and all Cllrs agreed price seems to be very reasonable.

44/47: Closed footbridges: Cllr Williams had beforehand highlighted the closed footbridges that will affect the LF community areas and these were displayed to LFCC. Clerk to find out schedule and when they are going to get done?

45/47: Potholes/Uneven road surface:

Clerk has reported potholes to MCC on Candwr Road, Llangattock; Treherbert Road, (Coed y Paen) and uneven road surface on Usk Road from Llanybi to Usk.

46/47: Enforcement on Llandowlais Farm: Cllrs have queried the planning approval at Llandowlais Farm, Llanybi as it appears development has taken place prior to approval on the 24th January. Cllrs have concerns further development has proceeded before approval date with equipment and containers in place before Christmas and unsure if they are of agricultural purpose. Clerk to check with enforcement officer the circumstances of the equipment and if there is any breach of planning development, approved by the council in Jan 2024.

Finances:

47/47_Raise cheques: the following cheques were raised:

a) clerk's Davies salary for Jan plus holiday pay of £513.60 (calculated at 10/12 of annual allowance totalling £789.88 (proposed by Chr Savidge , Seconded by Cllr Watts);

b) clerk Burdge salary for Jan £195. 40 (proposed by Chr Savidge , Seconded by Cllr Watts);

c) dog waste collection for Jan £168 (proposed by Chr Savidge , Seconded by Cllr Watts);

d) Llanybi village hall rent for Oct 2023-Feb 2024 inclusive £64 plus Llanybi Post Office rent Aug 2023-Mar 2024 £528.00 totalling £592 (proposed by Chr Savidge , Seconded by Cllr Watts);

Meeting closed at 9pm

Date of Next Meeting : Monday 4th March 2024 in Llanhennock Village Hall at 7pm

All members of the public are welcome to attend meetings. If remote access is required, 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