

LLANBOIDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20TH 2023 AT 7.30 PM IN LLANBOIDY
MARKET HALL

PRESENT: Owain Young (OY), Susan Evans (SE), Eleri Jones (EJ), Rhiannon Davies (RD), Rodney Williams (RW), Dorian Phillips (DP).

APOLOGIES: Nigel Thomas, Delyth Dent (DD), Julie Thomas, Dan Scannell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Davies (CD), Clerk.

MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETINGS: Minutes to be confirmed. RW nominated and EJ seconded.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

As previously noted. There were no new declarations of interest.

1. Highways Update:

Members expressed their views on the poor state of the roads in the area with a great many potholes everywhere. It was **AGREED** that members would continue to report all issues to DP as previously, wherever possible providing the postcode for the problem.

Road surfaces. DP read out the list he has made of roads with poor surfaces which he has already provided to CCC – he will now resend this to the County Highways department as no action has been taken. It was **AGREED** that DP will provide the Clerk with the list and she will write also.

ACTION: DP and CD to contact CCC re state of roads.

Speed restrictions: The consultation on speed restrictions in Llanboidy village is out to the public now. DP asked that members send individual responses to the County Council. DP has asked for restrictions at Cefn Branle, Rhydowen, and Pontyfenni to be added and he asked that members individually support these.

ACTION: Clerk and members to write to CCC.

2. Planning:

The Clerk apologised for having included some applications and decision which were not from the ward. The following applications were discussed and no objections lodged.

PL05355 – West Regwm. No objections.

PL05333 – Penpontbren. No objections.

PL05243 – Llaindelyn. No objections.

PI05366 – The Caravan, Springwells Farm, Llanboidy. No objections.

ACTION: Clerk to send a letter of support.

PL05379 – Telecommunications mast. No objections.

ACTION: Clerk to send on the Emily Dent weekly planning emails to everyone.

3. Section 6 report.

The Clerk introduced the paper she had produced for the members and outlined the Council's responsibility in relation to the Environment Act 2016 to produce a Biodiversity Action Plan and to report on the same every three years.

ACTION: CD to get hold of a model Biodiversity Action Plan which could be used as a template.

There was a discussion that there may well be people with relevant skills in the community who could help with this and it was AGREED to put something on the Llanboidy Group FB page asking for people who might be interested once a model for the Plan had been obtained. DP suggested that CD contact Rachel Barber, Clerk of Llangynin CC. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk prepare a report on Section 6 explaining that the Council had not yet taken any action but that we were proceeding with preparation of a Biodiversity Action Plan.

ACTION: CD to obtain model Biodiversity Action Plan, contact Clerk of Llangynin and complete report on section 6.

4. Superfast Broadband Updates:

DP reported that he has had contact with Voneus and that Glenevin, their partners, were due to be fully mobilised by the end of March. There has therefore been some progress.

5. Play Area in Llanboidy:

The Clerk and DP reported on the progress to date and explained that consultations with the community were to take place this week and next. All Councillors were invited to be present if possible.

ACTION: All members to attend consultations on new play area.

6. Correspondence:

The Clerk drew the attention of members to the most important pieces of correspondence which had been forwarded to members. There was some discussion on the consultation on the revised Local Development Plan and the need to ensure plots for possible development in the plan, as part of the need to address the need for affordable housing for local people wishing to remain and work in the area. It was **AGREED** that members would try to attend the consultation session on the LDP in St Clears in March. It was also **AGREED** that CD and OY be delegated to complete the training needs survey. In relation to the forthcoming Review of Town and Community Councils DP explained to the Clerk that Llanboidy CC has Councillors from two areas: 6 from Llanboidy and 4 from Pontyfenni and it was noted that the review would enable members to take a view on whether the number of Councillors was appropriate or needed increasing or decreasing.

ACTION: Members to attend the consultation on the LDP and CD and OY to meet to complete the Training Needs Survey.

7. Accounts for Payment:

All payments presented by the Clerk were **AGREED** as follows:

DANFO – toilet cleaning £162

SLCC membership £112.

Clerk's salary for January and February, Clerk's expenses for e.g. stationery, stamps, and payment of tax to HMRC.

It was noted that the public conveniences are still locked because of repairs which have not been completed because of difficulty in obtaining parts. It was **AGREED** that OY speak to Nigel Thomas who has the key and ask him to open them.

ACTION: OY to contact NT to ensure the toilets were opened.

8. Bank Account:

Members **AGREED** that the Clerk become a bank signatory in order to enable more effective management of the finances, provided this was possible. The Clerk to check that it is possible for a Clerk to be a signatory. In the meantime it was **AGREED** that EJ set up CD for online banking so she can prepare timely financial reports for the Council.

ACTION: CD to check it is possible for a Clerk to be a signatory of a bank account.

9. Coronation of King:

There was a discussion as to whether the Council should commemorate this in some way as they did the Queen's Jubilee. It was felt there was not enough time to arrange anything of substance but that the Council would support any other initiatives in the community.

10. AOB:

Community Car. OY reported that he has spoken to Rod Bowen and that he is applying for a grant to be available in June or July. It would be helpful for LCC to get a charging point in Llanboidy. Rod Bowen will supply the charging point. DP will speak to Tom Evans from CCC re permission for a charging point.

ACTION: DP to speak to Tom Evans.

Footpaths. DP has held a meeting in Efailwen re clearing footpaths. People from Login have gone as far as possible but need support from the Llanboidy end to link up and go further. It was **AGREED** to advertise a date for volunteers to meet and do this and 18th March was suggested. DP to speak

to landowners first before advertising for volunteers. Could meet up at Frowen to then clear through to Maesgwynne.

ACTION: DP to speak to landowners.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 2023, 7.30 P.M. LLANBOIDY MARKET HALL.