

LLANBOIDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 10th MAY 2023 AT 7.30 PM IN LLANBOIDY MARKET
HALL

PRESENT: Owain Young (OY), Susan Evans (SE), Rhiannon Davies (RD), Rodney Williams (RW), Dorian Phillips (DP), Nigel Thomas (NT), Delyth Dent.

APOLOGIES: Julie Thomas (JT), Eleri Jones (EJ).

IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Davies (CD), Clerk.

Dan Scannell (DS) has sent an email of resignation from the Council to the Clerk. This was noted by members. DP knows of someone who is interested – Ben Anthony – and it was **AGREED** to co-opt Ben Anthony to the Council. DP proposed and OY seconded. This was **AGREED** unanimously.

ACTION: DP to invite Ben Anthony to join the Council.

Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 5th April and 3rd May.

Minutes of both meetings were **ACCEPTED**. The Clerk was congratulated on the notes from last week's meeting with Tilhill and neighbours of Penback by RW.

Matters arising from April Minutes:

Village toilets – bills have been queried.

Footpaths – following the Community Council visit recently the farmer has not yet cleared the footpath at Maesgwynne.

Clerk access to bank account- The Clerk has received statements now but not yet got access to online banking.

Biodiversity Action Plan. OY still to speak to Erica Vernon.

ACTION: OY to speak to Erica Vernon.

Shared Prosperity Fund. Clerk has received a query about the finances in the application she submitted which she has responded to. No further news as yet.

Declarations of interest – no changes except that OY has now become the Community Council representative on Ysgol Bro Brynach's Board of Governors.

1. Highways Update.

DP has asked for a meeting with Head of Highways as he feels there is too much paperwork to be completed to report potholes and other highway issues. Most potholes have been filled to date but there are new ones to be reported at Sarnau, Trwyn y Graig, Nant yr Eglwys and Llanglydwen hill. DP has had quite a few complaints about car springs, mountings, tyres etc getting broken by condition of roads.

ACTION : CD to write to Highways to let them know about the complaints about damage to vehicles.

RW has had comments about street lights not working in the village. DP informed members that anyone can report these.

2. Planning.

PL05829. Consultation on change of use. OY proposed the Council object on vehicular access and safety grounds as the wall is a Council wall supporting the road. NT seconded this. It was AGREED the Clerk will write to voice the Council's concerns on safety grounds and because of the retaining wall. The other applications and decisions were noted. It was commented that it was disappointing that PL04559 was refused.

ACTION: CD to write to Planning to voice concerns on the PL05829 application and express our disappointment at the refusal of PL04559 as there is a similar diversification scheme just down the road.

3. Section 137 Grant Applications.

Clerk brought to the attention of the members that in addition to the grant applications there was also a request for a contribution towards funds for a little girl in Clunderwen. It was noted that this

was not a grant request and therefore not to be considered now but that individual members could contribute.

Ysgol Bro Brynach. Discussion about whether or not to fund the heating costs for the school. OY proposed no contribution and SE seconded because the request was for heating costs which should be covered by funding from the local authority. DD proposed that a contribution is given instead towards the PTA.

ACTION: Clerk to write to the Chair of Governors explain that the Council can't contribute towards heating costs which are already covered by the local authority budget but we will fund the PTA fundraising efforts – they could amend the application for a specific project or for the PTA. Hold fire for now until we hear back.

Wales Air Ambulance. AGREED to give £500.

Eisteddfod yr Urdd. No donation as already given previously.

Cylch Meithrin. £1000.

Llanglydwen. £1000.

St Brynach Church. £1000.

Llanboidy Hall. £1000.

Trinity Chapel. £1000.

Capel Cefn y Pant. £1000.

Llanboidy TOW team. £1000.

Sports and Social Club. £1000.

Y Cardi Bach. £500

Llanboidy Football Club. £1000.

AGREED to spend £10,000 and await a further application from the school for now.

ACTION: CD to send grant funding to the above organisations.

4. Common Land - Lleinau.

It was noted that a visit to the site was made by members recently.

5. Tender for Grass Cutting.

It was **unanimously AGREED** to accept Matthew Rogers' quote. RW nominated and OY seconded.

ACTION: CD to contact Mathew Rogers.

6. Correspondence.

The large amount of correspondence was noted and the Clerk drew attention of members in particular to the communication from Audit Wales that the Council is subject to a full audit this year (for 2022-23), that a new set of model Standing Orders are to be circulated by One Voice Wales (not yet received) and that there are interesting grants for tree planting under Coedtiroedd Bach. It was commented that it may be possible to use this grant to plant more trees at Lleinau but that we should first prepare our Biodiversity Plan.

7. Accounts for Payment.

NT requested that the Clerk provide figures for her salary to members in future. She explained that she had previously been asked not to include these on the agenda but verbally reported what her salary for the month was along with tax paid to HMRC.

ACTION: CD to verbally inform members of her salary at each meeting.

8. Super fast Broadband.

DP gave an update. The Box that has been put by Caneirw Cottage has to be moved as there's too much water where it is currently. It is likely to be coming back to the village. It is also likely to be 5 to 6 months before they start connecting properties to superfast broadband.

9. Electricity Contract with Utility Aid.

The Clerk had circulated copies of the new contract from December 2023 which has been signed by the Clerk as agreed in the April meeting. This was APPROVED by members

10. Electricity cost of running the defibrillator in Llanglydwen.

EJ had asked for this to be brought up and it was agreed to delay discussion until she was able to be present. The item to come to next meeting.

ACTION : CD to agenda this item for June meeting.

11. Insurance renewal with Zurich – request to sign a Long Term Agreement to reduce annual cost.

The Clerk had circulated the letter from Zurich, our insurers, outlining what will be the savings if we sign a three year long term agreement. This was APPROVED unanimously. OY nominated and SE seconded.

ACTION: CD to sign long term agreement with Zurich.

12. Offer from Age Cymru Dyfed to run IT sessions in the village.

OY suggested the school could be used as this would be free. DP also suggested it could be funded as one of the sessions funded through the taster sessions grant which the Clerk had obtained for Llanboidy Market Hall. The Clerk will follow this up.

ACTION: CD to contact Helen Bantock of Age Cymru Dyfed.

13. AOB.

DP gave feedback about the new bin system which has increased the percentage of recycling in the county. Discussion as to whether the bottle bank will be removed.

DD – bench still to be replaced – this has dropped off the agenda over the past few meetings and a small group of members had been tasked with sourcing a new bench. This will be added to the Agenda for the June meeting.

ACTION: CD to add this to June agenda.

OY. Feedback after meeting with Tilhill from people who have worked with Tilhill and stated that some of the facts Tilhill gave were misleading. A small group of neighbours and concerned citizens is being formed to deal with Tilhill. Some of neighbours have still not heard back. OY has written to Julie James AS and has had a response. Contact Tilhill re closing date for consultation and that lots of neighbours who still haven't been contacted. Open meeting to be considered.

The Clerk informed members that we had been sent 2 tickets for YFC Rally on Saturday May 13th. DP took them.

RW – asked if we were giving mugs out for the Coronation. DP and RW – will follow this up.

ACTION: DP and RW to follow up the purchase of coronation mugs.

SE asked how much it cost pa for electricity for toilets. The Clerk informed her that last year it was £506.

**Next meeting date & time: Wednesday 7th June 2023 @
7.30pm, Market Hall, Llanboidy.
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