

Minutes of Llangedwyn Community Council Meeting No 322 held on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at the Memorial Hall, Llangedwyn, starting at 7pm

Present: Nick Powell (Chairman); Adrian Phillips; Emma Wilde; Maureen Wilde; Gareth Williams

Also present: Cllr Aled Davies

Clerk to the meeting: Frances Holland

322.1 Apologies

Apologies were noted from Glyn Broadbent and Len Lewis

322.2 Broadband Proposal for Tanat Valley Mr Hywel Mallett joined the meeting to give a short presentation on a proposal for a community based broadband network for the Tanat Valley, based on a scheme now running in Lancashire.

322.3 Minutes of Meeting No 321 held on Tuesday 19th November 2019

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

322.4 Matters Arising

- a) **Standing Orders and Data Protection Policy (321.3.b)** A set of Standing Orders and a Data Protection Policy were adopted for the Community Council. Both to be published on the Community Council website.
- b) **Service Delivery Agreement (321.3.a)** It was reported that, as Llanfechain and Llansantffraid had now withdrawn from the Service Transfer Agreement, the feasibility of continuing with service transfer arrangements was currently under discussion. The CIC arrangements already in place for LLanfyllin Library will continue as before.
- c) **Obstructed Pavements, Llangedwyn (321.4.b)** It was reported that Powys Council had not taken any action to clear the brambles and weeds obstructing pavements in the village.
- d) **Appointment of New Clerk (321.8.b)** There have been no applications to date for the position and Councillors agreed to make further local enquiries.

321.5 Correspondence Sent

- a) Press report of November 2019 meeting to the Advertiser and County Times
- b) Powys Council re problems caused by closure of road between Llangedwyn and Llanrhaeadr in November. No reply received.
- c) Biodiversity Division of Welsh Assembly, to say that, as a very small Community Council with no assets, buildings or land, Llangedwyn considered that Section 6 of *the Biodiversity*

and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty is not consistent with the exercise of its functions. Response received to say that there are no sanctions for this but that each public authority will be open to challenge as to how it complies with the duty.

322.6 Correspondence Received/Business

- a) Welsh Government re responses to National Development Framework consultation. Noted.
- b) Welsh Government on changes to planning and related application fees. Noted.
- c) Powys Wellbeing re North Powys Wellbeing programme. Noted.
- d) Russell George enclosing surgery dates.
- e) Dyfed Powys Police enclosing an invitation to the closing ceremony of the Knife Angel in Powys on Saturday 25th January 2020.

322.7 Planning Matters

- d) **Application for workshop at Penybont Inn.** Reply sent to confirm that the Community Council supported the application as it should enhance the economy in the area; it was not considered that the development would result in any perceptible increase in traffic.

322.8 Finance

- a) Current a/c statement no 281 and Business Reserve a/c statement no 140 received showing balances of £5270.09 and £552.97, respectively. A VAT refund of £84.27 has been made.
- b) Requests for donations received from Urdd National Eisteddfod which will be held in Montgomeryshire in 2022. Tabled.
- c) **Precept 2020** The Clerk circulated a budget for 2020 and, after discussion, it was agreed that a Precept of £3,000 should be requested. This took into account that fact that costs of service delivery were still unclear, and that the salary for the new Clerk had not been decided.

322.9 Any Other Business

- a) **Lack of Maintenance on Local Roads** Councillors expressed their concern, once again, about the dangerous condition of many local roads and lanes; the problem was, it was agreed, noticeably worse in North Powys than other parts of the county. It was put to Cllr Aled Davies that systematic neglect and minimal maintenance of road surfaces/roadside drains over many years has left roads in need of increasingly expensive major repairs. Cllr Davies said that he had just been around the area with an officer from Powys Highways who would be reporting back on their findings and that a small amount of additional funding had been allocated in the draft budget to maintenance in the county for the next financial year.