

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH MAY 2021 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE AT 7.30 P.M.

1. PRESENT: Councillors Karen Bellis (Chairman), Steve Swygart, Gwyneth Dillon, Janet Strivens, Sandra Williams-Blythen, Denbighshire County Councillor Martyn Holland and the Clerk.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Claire Livingston.

3. 'MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO DECLARE PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT DECLARATIONS FROM A MEMBER INCLUDE THE NATURE OF THE INTEREST AND WHETHER IT IS PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL'. (STANDING ORDERS NO 57):
None Received.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE 2021/22 TERM OF OFFICE.

Members elected Councillor Karen Bellis as Chairman of the Council for the 2021/22 term of office.

5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2021/22 TERM OF OFFICE.

Members elected Councillor Janet Strivens as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2021/22 term of office.

6. REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND SUB-COMMITTEES (STANDING ORDER 12).

A. MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT – Councillor Sandra Williams-Blythen.

B. COMMUNITY SHOP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Councillor Janet Strivens.

C. AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY. – Councillor Claire Livingston.

D. MOEL-Y-FAEN QUARRY LIAISON – Councillor Steve Swygart.

E. ONE VOICE WALES – Councillor Gwyneth Dillon.

F. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL – Councillor Karen Bellis.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION.

“THIS PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT AND COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - TIME FOR THIS SESSION IS LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES.”

Dr Hugo Watts of White Oak Property Services reported that his 2021 grass cutting fees to the Council will be reduced from £230 to £205 per cut due to less work involved.

8. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTYN HOLLAND.

A. Work has started to repair the fire damaged areas of Llantysilio Mountain and a Helicopter will be used to transport grass seed and Heather brush. NRW will be funding the project with help provided by the Countryside Services Team.

B. After a local resident raised an issue about a designated local Wild Life site at the Graig near Llandegla I explored the matter a little further. There are over two hundred such sites across the County in various stages of preservation. Not a lot is known about how they were designated but I have asked for an explanation at the DCCs next planning briefing for members.

C. A tree at the Llandegla traffic lights may be dying and so I have asked for the Counties tree officer to inspect it.

D. Sadly there are a large number of Ash trees in our ward effected by Ash Die Back. There is currently an officer doing the rounds in the ward inspecting all ash trees for any signs of the disease. Apparently as the trees come into flower in the spring it is the ideal time to spot the first signs of this deadly infection.

E. A resident reported that a large amount of rubbish had been left behind by motorists in the lay-by as you turn for the Mountain Bike centre. He had collected it and put it in bin bags and I have arranged for the council to collect them. Since lock down rubbish and litter has become an increasing problem. My thanks go to this Community Spirited resident.

F. I have submitted a request to clear the moss and weeds from around the village car park. All the damaged bollards were removed and the padlock has been replaced and the overhead bar is therefore still locked.

G. As you all know we campaigned to keep the Llanarmon Yn Ial/Llandegla ward in its current format when the Boundary Commission undertook its ward boundary reviews in Denbighshire. Sadly we did not win the argument but the new revised ward which will include Llanarmon and Llandegla will be called the Alyn Valley ward. I have asked if the proposed changes will be in place for next year's elections and although DCCs review is over the review in the rest of Wales is taking longer than expected. Hopefully we should know by the end of the year if the changes will be signed off via WG legislation in time for next year's elections.

H. Plans are still progressing to transfer the Counties Archives to a new purpose built Archives in Mold in partnership with Flintshire. Work is now underway to find funding for a possible new DCC museum and historical centre in the old gaol as an alternative use for the buildings. Watch this space.

I. The deadline for the residents to leave the illegal residential caravan site on the A525 will pass on the 5th May. If the site is not cleared the council will then consider what further action they will have to take. I have been invited to attend a meeting on the 24th to discuss those options.

J Highways officers have told all County Councillors of their plans for this year's highways budgets of 2.5 million pounds. Sadly there will be little work done in our ward this year. Rural Councillors including myself have asked the County to review its budget priorities and we are asking for a more money to be put in the Highways budget for the next five years. The next budget round will start in September.

9. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING.

Members confirmed 4th March 2021 minutes as a true record.

10 TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

11. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES UPDATE.

The Clerk received no applications to be considered for co-option for the three vacant seats that exists on the Council and the public co-option vacancy notice remains in place.

12. WEBSITE UPDATE.

The Clerk still awaits for Mr James Farley to complete the newly revamped Council's Website. Members resolved to provide Mr Farley a two week deadline to complete the Council's Website, otherwise the Chairman will call an extraordinary meeting of the Council to appoint a new Webmaster for the Council.

13. FORMER TELEPHONE KIOSK UPDATE.

Councillor Janet Strivens reported:-

- A: The Community Shop Management Committee has declined to relocation of the kiosk outside the shop due to the existing street furniture in situation.
- B. Will now seek the permission of the Head Teacher of Ysgol Dyffryn Ial for the kiosk to be located within the playground.
- C. Seek the permission from BT for the kiosk to be relocated.

14. LLANDEGLA CAR PARK NOTICE BOARD REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT UPDATE.

The Chairman was unable to make enquiries with local tradesmen for a quote to repair the Llandegla car park notice board. Dr. Hugo Watts of White Oak Property Services agreed to look at and cost the required repair work of the notice board.

15. LLANDEGLA MEMORIAL HALL COVID-19 ZOOM PACKAGE GRANT AID.

Following the request from the “Llandegla Memorial Hall” for the Community Covid-19 Zoom Package grant aid, the Members resolved to the grant aid of £100.00.

16. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORWARD FINANCIAL SPEND COMMITMENT.

Resolved to defer to next Council meeting.

17. QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022 CELEBRATIONS.

Resolved to defer to next Council meeting.

18. TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN OR CLERK (STANDING ORDERS NO. 24) – None received.

19. FINANCE ISSUES:-

- A. the Clerk circulated Members with the bank transactions for the year ended 31st March 2021.
- B. First 2021/22 Precept receipt £3,328.00.
- C. Authorised bill payments:-
 - 1. One Voice Wales 2021/22 Membership Fee £92.00.
 - 2. Zurich Annual Insurance Policy £407.84.
 - 3. Llandegla Memorial Hall Covid-19 Zoom Grant Aid £100.00.

20. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-

- A. Planning Application: 17/2021/0223 - Renovation of fireplace and installation of multi fuel stove (Listed Building application) at Plas-yn-Bwlch, Llandegla – No objections.
- B. Planning Application: 17/2021/0243 - Removal of internal dividing wall and installation of a new support beam (Listed Building application) at School House, Llandegla – no objections.

21. TO REVIEW ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED THAT REQUIRES ATTENTION – already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

22. GENERAL COVID 19 UPDATES.

Welsh Government guidelines that online conferencing must be made available to all members of the public who request attendance at the meeting.

23. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS COMMITTEE.

Councillor Steve Swygart reported:-

A: Styles have been replaced on the public footpath beyond the “Top Field” on the B5104.

B. A local contractor, Martin Davies, has agreed to harrow the “Top Field” as requested by Ruth Calcraft, Countryside Officer of Denbighshire County Council.

24. TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF OUTSIDE BODIES FROM COUNCILLORS.

Due to the continued Covid-19 restrictions there were no report received.

25. URGENT BUSINESS UNDER SECTION 100B(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

There was no urgent business for consideration.

26. THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – THURSDAY 1ST JULY 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.