

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00 P.M. VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE.

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

2. MEMBERS OBSERVED A MINUTE'S SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE COUNCILLOR BOB BARTON WHO PASSED AWAY ON 22 NOVEMBER 2020.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Sandra Williams-Blythin.

4. MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO DECLARE PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN ITEMS OF BUSINESS ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA (STANDING ORDERS NO. 57): None received.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION.**

No issues were raised from the member of the public in attendance.

5. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTYN HOLLAND.

a) We have had two more incidents of fly tipping on the Back road between Llandegla and the B5431. A white van was seen leaving the area by a local resident who was put walking and that rubbish was tipped twice in the same place. I reported the incident and it was investigated and removed within 24hours.

b) On New Year's Eve large numbers of people ignored the lock down and travelled to some of the Country Parks and Forests in our ward. This created grid lock on the Forestry road at Moel Famau and large numbers of visitors on the Horseshoe Pass, Llandegla Forest, Nerquis Forest, Bryn Alyn and Eryrys.

I had spoken with the police and Countryside Services early in the week regarding my concerns about the potential number of visitors on New Year's Eve on Moel Famau.

Traditionally people have gone to the top of Moel Famau to see the New Year in and with pubs closed and parties cancelled I anticipated greater numbers than usual and if this happened it could have ended up being a Super Covid Spreader event.

The Police closed the roads to Moel Famau and there was a police presence there all day and until 3.00am the following morning. I would like to thank the local Police for all their work over the Festive Season and New Year.

c) Because of the Covid Lock Down I have asked the County to close a number of key Lay-bys including the one on the A525 near the entrance to the Mountain Bike Centre.

d) As you are aware we have asked for the last few speed bumps to be removed from the Llandegla village centre. Although this was funded by a grant from Welsh Government it has been agreed that the road is unsuitable for speed bumps especially during snowy conditions. The County has found the budget to pay for the work and they had suggested that the work would be undertaken in March/early April. Because of the possibility of snow I asked for this to be brought forward. It will now be completed by the end of January. This is not perfect but understandable during these difficult times.

e) I attended a high level meeting yesterday where the impact of the new strain of Covid on Denbighshire was discussed. Infection rates are sadly increasing in North East Wales including Denbighshire and this is having a major impact on DCCs ability to provide key services. We must encourage everyone to abide by the lock down regulations and more importantly stay safe and keep well.

f) Welsh Government are once again trying to impose yet another tier of local Government on Wales namely Corporate Joint Committees which will be regionally based and include far more unelected members/appointees.

When Wales is facing additional financial pressure because of Covid to spend even more tax payers money on a power grab from Cardiff is unjustified and a dangerous move and an attack on local accountability.

g) Can we ask everyone who uses the bins in the various grave yards across the ward to please ensure that plastic flowers etc are not placed in the Green Bins!!

#### 6. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING.

Members confirmed 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 minutes as a true record.

#### 7 TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

A: Members resolved to discuss the various uses and location of the adopted former BT Telephone Kiosk in Llandegla at the next Council meeting.

B. the Chairman will make enquiries with local tradesmen for a quote to repair the Llandegla car park notice board.

C. Mr Barry Evans, Treasurer of St. Tegla.s Church thanked Council for the grant aid of £500 towards the cemetery grass cutting costs.

D. Following the recent death of Councillor Bob Barton the Members elected Councillor Janet Strivens as Vice-Chair of the Council.

#### 8. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES UPDATE.

A. the Clerk reported that there were no applicants received for the two vacant seats that exist on the Council.

B. the Clerk will now declare the “Vacant Seat Notice” following the recent death of Councillor Bob Barton.

#### 9. WEBSITE UPDATE.

Councillor Janet Strivens reported that Mr James Farley has 50% completed the new website of the Llandegla Community Council.

#### 10. TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN OR CLERK (STANDING ORDERS NO. 24): None received.

#### 11. FINANCE ISSUES.

A. the Clerk circulated Members with the bank transactions for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

B. Final 2020/2021 Precept receipt £3,335.00.

C. Members approved the schedule of payments received prior to the meeting:-

1. White Oak Property Services for Hedge Cutting £230.00.

2. AVOW wages admin fee £12.50.

3. Clerk’s salary for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 £560.40.

4. HM Revenue & Customs PAYE for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 £140.00.

C. To set the Council’s 2021/2022 Precept requirement. Following the circulation of the Council’s Precept spreadsheet provided by the Clerk, the Members resolved to set the Council’s 2021/22 Precept requirement at £9,984.00 which equates to £32 on the 312 Council Tax properties within the Llandela Community Council area on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. The required “Precept 2021/22 Precept Form” was duly completed and signed for Denbighshire County Council.

## 12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-

A. Planning Application: 17/2020/0319 - Conversion, restoration and extension of existing building to return to a habitable state including a two storey side and rear extension, single storey front extension, change of use of land to form extended domestic curtilage, formation of access provision of parking area, landscaping and associated works at 12 Tai Newyddion, Llandegla – no objections.

B. Planning Application: 27/2020/0869 - Proposed two storey pitched roof extension at Pendinas, Water Treatment Works, Ruthin Road, Llandegla – no objections.

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

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

Councillor Steve Swygart reported -In late November, I received the fruit bushes and herbs from Keep Wales Tidy. I kept them under my carport until these were planted out in a raised bed by a representative of theirs at the bottom of the Top Field by the old bench in early December.

I then received three fruit tree saplings (old North Walian varieties of damson and apple) that I planted in the same location in mid-December.

We have had the mail from Ruth Calcraft at the AONB, but I fear that the new variant of COVID may preclude further activity on the project. I will make contact in order to ascertain what can be done. I'll also involve Hugo to get some quotes for work.

I note that the entrance to the Top Field is now becoming very muddy again due to a combination of excessively wet weather and the limestone chippings we put down some 2 years ago now being trodden into the ground. These will need replacing with another half-tonne bag from somewhere like Morgan's in Ruthin - approximate cost £60 not including VAT. I'd like to propose that we do this in the next couple of weeks.

## 15. TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF OUTSIDE BODIES FROM COUNCILLORS:-

A. Cllr. Williams-Blythin – Memorial Hall Management – no report supplied.

B. Cllr. Strivens – Community Shop Management Committee – recently received Wind Farm Funding for the Café.

C. Cllr. Livingston – area of outstanding natural beauty – nothing to report.

D. Vacancy – Moel-y-Faen Quarry liaison Committee – Members elected Councillor Steve Swygart as the Council's representative on the Committee.

E. Cllr. Gwyneth Dillon – One Voice Wales – there will be virtual training courses available.

F. Cllr. Bellis – Parochial Church Council – nothing to report.

## 16. ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION BY COUNCILLORS.

Denbighshire County Councillor Martyn Holland agreed to raise the following issues with Denbighshire County Council:-

A: Illegal snares found on the Llandegla Mountain behind the Ponderosa.

B. Full five litre petrol can found over the Llantysilio Mountain before Christmas.

C. Blocked drains in Llandegla village.

D. The parlous condition of the speed bumps - the snowplough lifted the edge of a couple and brought the bolts of the ground, leaving them in a dangerous condition.

## 17. THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021 AT 7.00 P.M. VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING.