

**Draft Minutes of a Meeting of the Cyngor Cymuned Llandrinio & Arddleen
Community Council held on Thursday 17th November 2022 at 7.00 p.m in
Arddleen Community Hall and was also accessible via the zoom platform.
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Present: Cllr E A Wigley (Chairman), Mrs P M Jones, T N Davies, Mrs L M Roberts, Mrs L O'Connor, A A White ,Mrs S M Townsend, B C Foulkes , M Budden plus 2 representatives from the Canal & River Trust and 2 residents.

Apologies:- for H V Jones and Mrs N Watkins were accepted. 452/2022

Chairman welcomed Richard Harrison, Principal Project Manager and Katie Woodroffe from the Canal & River Trust together with Christine Palin (Secretary Friends of Montgomery Canal) 453/2022.

Richard explained that their Project is using 14m from the Government's 'Levelling up' Fund. The work will involve the creation of 3 nature reserves, dredging of 4.4 km of Canal and 3 road crossings where there are dropped bridges. They are currently looking at the options for Williams Bridge (by Newbridge) which may involve a realignment of the road or a restricted speed limit. Repairs need to the Vrynwy Aquaduct at Newbridge will not fall under this scheme but a separate bid for money is being made to the Lottery Foundation. The nature reserve in our area is proposed by Back Lane, Pool Quay. They have made a request to extend the Project to March 2025 as planning permission is needed for some aspects of the work. They are currently carrying our feasibility studies to assess all the options available with a view of decision by December and a bid to Mid Wales Growth Fund for more money if needed. They promised to give more updates as time progresses.

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 20th October 2022 had been circulated and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. 454/2022

Matters arising from meeting of 20th October 2022

455/2022 (408/2022) Zoom meeting held with Engineer from Canal & River Trust re: unblocking the culverts on the Montgomery Canal at The Wern. They are currently in discussions with NRW re: funding – Clerk will ask for further update following a meeting held with CRT & NRW on the 14th Nov. Clerk had also obtained a quote from a local resident to fly a drone – cost approx. £100 per hour. It was agreed to go ahead and ask that the levels on the gauge boards are recorded.

456/2022 (409/2022) Details of Planning Training available had been circulated.

457/2022 (410/2022) Gloversure have promised a Draft website will be available week commencing 14th Nov – training has been arranged for Cllrs Nicola and Mike plus the Clerk on Fri 25th Nov at 11.15 a.m

458/2022 (411/2022) Cllr Brian had obtained a price for 2 signs for Llwyn Perthi to replace the Alfrey Meadows at Arddleen. It was agreed to proceed with a plain option.

459/2022 (421/2022) Cllr Brian had submitted a Grant application for extra signage to show the Neighbourhood Watch area. He also offered to go to the next meeting of Bausley with Criggion Community Council to explain how the scheme operates to see if they are willing to join. The recent spate of burglaries in the area was very worrying but Neighbourhood Watch helps to make others aware.

460/2022 Cllr Hubert Jones, Brian Foulkes & the Clerk had attended the Criggion Quarry Liaison meeting on Fri 11th November. Local resident's had contacted the Clerk as they previously had held a separate meeting – Andrew Bower was happy for them to be included but at the request of the Commuunity Council. It was agreed that 2 of the residents would be invited. It was also noted that they had offered a trip up to see the rare flowering plants and that this would be arranged in the Spring.

Update from County Cllr Mrs Lucy Roberts

461/2022 Problems with the change of Policy re; School Transport are continuing with a review now agreed.

462/2022 Cllr Lucy has been notified that the B4393 will be closed from Llandrinio Village Hall to Maerdy Bridge to allow re-surfacing work and also Llandrinio Bridge will be closing in the New Year – more details and dates to follow.

463/2022 Complaints had been received of a dirty pavement from the Punch Bowl to Llandrinio Bridge which Cllr Lucy has passed onto the Highways dept.

464/2022 Cllr Lucy has received a request to extend the 30mph to Sylfaen and will look into whether this would be allowed if additional street lighting was added.

465/2022 Complaints about the use of the shooting ground at Haimwood on a Saturday have been received – 28 days are permitted and a suggestion was made that a log is kept.

466/2022 Powys County Council Assist Phone number is 0345 602 7050 which will try and help people during the current cost of living crisis and also offers practical advice.

Reports from Councillors:-

467/2022 Report in connection with Llandrinio Village Hall to follow.

Recreational Routes

468/2022 (424/2022) Clerk has arranged to meet with Evans Construction, Pant to prepare a quote for the extension of the pavement to Dragon's Bridge in Arddleen.

469/2022 Cllr Alec explained that at last the volunteers in the Footpath Team will be able to start as materials have now been bought – new volunteer has also joined.

Correspondence:-

470/2022 Notice received of workshops organized by Welsh Gov on democracy and diversity – nearest is Llandrindod wells 12th Dec

471/2022 Details from Powys C.C of White Ribbon Events to help combat violence against women

472/2022 Consultation from Welsh Gov as to modernization of electoral administration – more details to follow

473/2022 Poster received from Welsh Gov outlining the services available at a Pharmacy.

474/2022 Details received from Powys County Council of a Grant available under the THINK Transport issues community fund looking at helping transport issues.

475/2022 details received from Powys County Council of a dedicated website www.powys.gov.uk/costofliving to offer advice

476/2022 Thanks you received from Arddleen & District Community Association for their Grant and also to say that work on the playground will commence 21st Nov

477/2022 Update from Emergency Ambulance Services Committee to say they are discussing the proposals to re-locate the Air Ambulance base at Welshpool at its meeting on the 8th Nov and that a final decision will be made on the 8th Nov. Notice also received of a dedicated website <https://savemidwalesbase.co.uk>

478/2022 Minutes received of the Powys County Council update to Community Councils on

the 20th October together with details of the current leadership team.

479/2022 Notice received from Powys County Council that the cost of the uncontested Election in May is £431.57 for Arddleen Ward and £356.76 for the Llandrinio Ward – Invoice to follow.

480/2022 Revised proposals published from the Boundary Commission for Wales

481/2022 Notice that Powys County Council have opened the call for Candidate sites for inclusion in the Replacement Local development Plan – open from 1st Nov to 13th Dec 2022

482/2022 Request from Arddleen C P School for the Community Council to appoint another School Governor – Cllr Mike Budden agreed to take on this role.

483/2022 National Association of Local Council's have published their revised pay scales for Clerk's w/e 1st April 2022 which adds £1 across the board. (Clerk currently £11.93 and they propose increase to £12.73) It was agreed to proceed with this pay rate from the 1st April 2022.

484/2022 Letter received from Arddleen CP School requesting a Grant of 50% of the maintenance of the Playing Field i.e £1150.00. This has been Precepted and was agreed.

485/2022 Notice received that the hourly rate charged by Gloversure will increase to £71 + VAT.

486/2022 Notification received from friends of Montgomery Canal that they are looking for volunteers to help with a towpath survey.

487/2022 Invitation received from Wales Air Ambulance to a meeting of supporters – 3 sessions available in Welshpool Town hall on Tues 22nd Nov – Cllr Brian Foulkes is hoping to attend.

488/2022 Email received from Citizen Advice Bureau advising of the services they offer – usage is up by 39%

489/2022 a Bullying & Harassment Guide had been received from one Voice Wales which it was agreed to adopt.

Planning:-

490/2022 Minutes of Planning site meeting held on Fri 28th October 2022 at Cleveland, Llandrinio. It was noted that the Ramblers had also responded.

County Cllr Lucy has called the application in to the Planning Committee for consideration.

491/2022 Planning site visit planned for Fri 25th Nov at 9.00 a.m in respect of 22/1603/FUL – ground mounted solar farm at Coppice Farm, Penrhos for R & E J Bowker. It was noted that a Footpath crosses the site which should be signed from the road as a condition of a previous application.

492/2022 Planning permission has been granted to 22/1504/DECC in relation to the overhead electricity line and 22/1346/FUL change of use at Burgedin lock Cottage.

493/2022 Cllr Lucy explained that she had been consulted with regard to 22/1924/CLE Section 191 application in connection with the Haulage Yard at Penrhos – she noted the concerns raised of manufacturing being carried on at the site.

494/2022 Work is progressing on the car park as part of the development at Cae Heulog, Arddleen – Clerk to check with developers that a height barrier will be included with a suggested height of 2.5 m

Financial Matters:-

495/2022 Bank balance as at 27th November 2022:-

Current Account £ 852.88

Deposit Account £23258.57

Bank statements were checked and initialed by Chairman Cllr A E Wigley.

496/2022 Permission granted to pay;-

- i) Llandrinio Village Hall £13.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112
- ii) Mrs C E Davies (reimbursement Viking stationary) £95.89 under L.G.A 1972 s112
- iii) Mrs C E Davies (50% cost of SLCC sub) £72.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112
- iv) Arddleen C P School £1150.00 under L.G (misc Purposes) Act 1973
- v) Arddleen & District Community Association £50.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112

497/2022 Notice from Powys County Council that Precept Forms will not be available until the 25th November

Complaints:-

498/2022 Clerk has reminded North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency re: flooding on the A483 due to lack of maintenance of the new Cut by Jayems

499/2022 Shinglers have confirmed that they will move the sewer pipe at Kings Acre to allow the maintenance of the Sarn Wen brook – Clerk to remind Hafren Dyfrddwy for a timescale for this.

500/2022 Powys County Council Highways Inspector has been to see the overgrown verge which is preventing any storm water from entering the drains in Sarnau.- work is currently being planned to remedy this.

501/2022 Cllr Lucy had reported potholes at Trawscoed which have now been repaired.

502/2022 It was noted that a farmer had filled in ponds and tipped soil in a flood plain at Haughton – Clerk to write to Russell George with the details.

Chairman's Remarks & invitation to any members of the public to speak

Meeting closed 9.05 p.m

Next Meeting; Thursday 19th January 2022 Llandrinio Village Hall at 7.30 p.m