

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of the Cyngor Cymuned Llandrinio & Arddleen Community Council
held on Thursday 21st September 2023 at 7.30 p.m in
Arddleen Village Hall and was also accessible via the zoom platform.
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Present: Cllr Mrs L M O'Connor (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs P M Jones, B C Foulkes, Mrs S M Townsen, Mrs L M Roberts A A White, M Budden, Mrs N Watkins and Mrs J Donaghy

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 20th July 2023 had been circulated and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. 361/2023

Matters arising from meeting of 20th July 2023

362/2023 (314/2023) Waiting to hear back from Primesave as to when the work as agreed at site meeting will be completed to allow the transfer of the Car Park. Powys C.C have confirmed that there will be no yellow lines outside the Brynteg bungalows. Clerk completed a Risk Assessment and confirmed with Insurance Company that hedgeline/trees only needs re-surveying as recommended by an Arborist. Clerk to ask Primesave for cost of Car park so that it can be added to the Insurance Schedule.

363/2023 (316/2023) Harrison's now waiting for a quote from Morris Marshall & Poole to provide a survey to satisfy the requirements of the Charity Commission Re: wayleave at Llandrinio Village Hall

364/2023 (317/2023) Update re: Upper Severn Flood Alleviation Plan and Vyrnwy/Severn liaison group- Russell George has reminded Gavin Bown NRW and is looking to reform with County Cllrs Lucy Roberts and Jonathon Wilkinson as Chairmen.

365/2023 (318/2023) Update from staffing committee who have been looking at Clerks Contract and pay scale. Clerk left the meeting and notes were taken by Cllr A A White. It was agreed to increase the Clerk's hours to 10 hours a week and to move to SCP 17 i.e £13.95 a hour and for this to be back dated to the 1st April 2023. New Contract would be drawn up – Clerk to complete a time sheet and also have an Annual appraisal in April each year by the Staffing Committee. Clerk was encouraged to undertake more training via SLCC which would see the SCP increase further.

366/2023 (335/2023) One Voice Wales have confirmed re: revised Standing Orders that the right to exclude members from recording a meeting is part of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Cllr M Budden feels this contravenes current GDPR regulations and will look into this.

367/2023 (337/2023) Clerk had notified NFU of local Charities and they had made a decision to give a Grant of £3000 towards playground improvements at Arddleen Village Hall. Cllr Mrs L O'Connor felt it was unfair that they hadn't contacted all of the Charities given to them by the Clerk and was considering sending a letter of complaint. Cllrs Mrs N Watkins and Mrs J Donaghy asked for it to be noted that they were not in favour of this as the NFU may make another Grant next year.

368/2023 (360/2023) Clerk reminded Housing Dept who have now clarified the situation and contacted the resident re; renting garages at Brynteg.

369/2023 (356/2023) Mr Andy Ellis had provided an estimate of £95 to remove the stone down the passageway by the Village Hall, add a membrane and recover with stone. It was agreed to proceed with this work which would prevent the need to spray next year.

Update from County Councillor Mrs Lucy Roberts

370/2023 Powys County Council have now outlined their School Transformation plans over the next 10 years which includes the closure of Bryn Hafren School and the creation of a new area school for Carreghofa, Llandysilio and Arddleen. The plans had been discussed at the Scrutiny Committee on the 20th sept where Cllr Lucy had pointed out that with the anticipated housing in the villages a 320 pupil area school would not be big enough. The Governors of Bryn Hafren feel the School should not be closed due to problems with accessing any other schools at times of flooding. There is currently good Welsh provision at the School and if it is closed many pupils will transfer across to schools in Shropshire.

371/2023 Completed questionnaires sent in to Powys County Council re: Flood Resilience has meant that there are more properties affected than initially thought and they are working out how best the money can be spent.

372/2023 Highways department have sent out proposals regarding Llandrinio Bridge with the preferred

option being the introduction of bollards to reduce the width to 3.25m. They have agreed to a consultation and Cllr Lucy will ask if this could be an open meeting at Llandrinio Village Hall hosted by Llandrinio & Arddleen Community Council with neighbouring Community Councils and residents invited.

373/2023 Cllr Lucy has queried with Highways Dept why the speed limit has been reduced to 20mph in Llanymynech but left at 30mph in Llandrinio & Arddleen. Part of the existing 30mph zone in Sarnau has been reduced to 20mph and residents feel this should apply to the entire length = Clerk to ask for reasoning behind this.

Reports from Councillors:-

374/2023 (320/2023) There is still ongoing discussion re: leaflet drop asking for volunteers to help with Llandrinio Village Hall. Committee have decided to keep the small committee room for use for the Charity Shop – this has proved a successful income provider for the Hall. The shed will now be used for storage. There was concern over the condition of the multi-sport Court – Clerk will send details of who undertakes the RoSpa Inspections at Powys County Council.

Recreational Routes

375/2023 Cllr A A White explained that the work on the Footpaths as part of the Levelling up Fund given to connect Communities to the Canal is almost completed with just 2 outstanding issues in Arddleen. Work has been continuing to clear the vegetation on the existing routes.

376/2023 (323/2023) Cllr Lucy had asked the Portfolio Holder Cllr Jackie Charlton to have a site visit re; pavement extension from Maes Burgedin to Dragon's Bridge. She said it did not justify a 2hr round trip and offered a Teams meeting instead. Whilst this would be accepted Clerk to write and say how disadvantaged the Community Council feels' as it is in the north of the County.

376/2023 Cllr Mrs S M Townsend circulated a draft of possible Recreational routes in Arddleen. These would vary in length and difficulty and the leaflet could be left at the Horsehoes Pub and The Vine Caravan Site and local shops. There was concern that some vehicles park in passing places and the Leaflet will suggest suitable parking spaces. The leaflet would be called 'Active Arddleen'. Cllr Mrs N Watkins outlined prices for A3 foldable leaflet in colour £148 for 500. It was agreed by a show of hands to proceed with the leaflet

Correspondence:-

377/2023 Nature Networks Map received from NRW and Welsh Government – aiming to bring together different habitats and SSSI's to make a protected site

378/2023 Details from Community Ownership Fund for Grants available to Charities to help save any assets which are at risk

379/2023 Thank you received from Powys Citizen Advice Bureau for Grant of £100 given and also highlighting the issue of people 'Living on Empty' and their offer of free energy advice

380/2023 Notification from Powys Family Information service with an offer to publicise any community events

381/2023 Notification from Go Safe of an opportunity to learn more about Community Speed Watch – only 24hrs notice given! – had to be postponed and a new session will be organized

382/2023 Notice of a new Grant being administered by Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations 'Making a Difference' to cover Revenue costs only and must be completed by March 2024

383/2023 Update from Canal & River Trust August 2023 had been circulated

384/2023 Summer Update received from Emergency Ambulance Services Committee

385/2023 Annual report available online from Public services Ombudsman and a public consultation on their proposed Equality Plan 2023-2026

386/2023 Questionnaire received from Powys County Council as to what digital equipment is used at meetings – completed by the Clerk

387/2023 Email form Physical Activity Engagement Officer at Powys County Council with details of a new website 'Lets Go/Amdani Powys' giving details of physical activities taking place

388/2023 Update from Llais unveiling new initiative to amplify Welsh language in shaping health and social care in Wales and also a copy of their First 100 days report

389/2023 Age Cymru newsletter received

390/2023 Resource Pack now available online following the Powys Town & Community Council

Environment and Nature Event held on Wed 14th June 2023.

391/2023 certificate of attendance received in respect of Cllr Jenny who completed New Councillor Induction on Tues 11th April 2023

392/2023 Friends of Montgomery Canal newsletter

393/2023 details from resident of weakened embankment by Wern Farm which have been passed to NRW

394/2023 Notification received of proposals for a new substation and overhead line through the Vrynwy Valley from Green GEN Cymru – nearest consultation is Fri 22nd Sept Llanymynech Village Hall 2- 7 p.m

395/2023 Letter from Arddleen CP School requesting Grant of £1200.00 towards maintenance of village/school playing field and grounds. This was agreed unanimously.

396/2023 Update received from Save Rodney's Pillar – due to its condition the Pillar will need to be dismantled and then rebuilt

397/2023 Invitation from Public Participation Team Administrator asking for contact details of Councillors so that they can pass on information – it was agreed that any information can be passed on via the Clerk.

398/2023 Questionnaire received from Welsh Government with regard to how many Community buildings have RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) – not enough specialist knowledge to complete this.

399/2023 Request for more daffodil bulbs for road from Sarnau towards Meifod – it was agreed to pay for 2 x 35kg bags

400/2023 Invitation from Powys Eco-School Officer asking for local residents to join their cluster groups with local schools.

Planning:-

401/2023 Cllr Mrs L M Roberts explained that Powys County Council have given the owners of Penrhos Farm until the 30th September to submit a planning application which could make use of the existing building.

402/2023 Planning Enforcement complaint lodged in respect of the non compliance with conditions at the residential dev Sarn Wen Fields.- no response since 10th May and planning complaint lodged re: Stage 4 Road safety Audit

403/2023 Minutes of a Planning Meeting (Arddleen Ward) held on Friday 15th Sept at Brynffynon Sarnau. Revised plans have now been submitted together with details of a treatment plant 23/0645/FUL

404/2023 Notification that Application considered 23/0557/FUL – change of use of garage for use as a woodworking business has now been withdrawn at Sarn Wen Field.

405/2023 Planning permission requested for 23/1181/OUT erection of an affordable dwelling, detached garage and all associated works at land west of New House Farm, Sarnau – this is a resubmission of 22/1946/OUT which was refused as too far outside settlement boundary) It was agreed to maintain Objection as not a logical extension of the settlement boundary of Sarnau and affordable housing now available in Llandrinio, Arddleen and Four Crosses

406/2023 Response received from Planning Dept to the issues raised in May 2023 which including Planning Officers report on why the s106 was removed at Hunters Chase and an apology to Cllr Brian Foulkes when he was trying to make contact with the Planning department in vain.

407/2023 Details had been emailed to Councillors with regard to 23/1041/VAR Discharge of s106 at 11 Laburnum Meadows, Llandrinio and 23/1136/VAR application to discharge s106 at Neathwood, Llandrinio – letters of Objection have now been sent to both as affordable housing should be a condition which is ongoing.

408/2023 Notification received from Planning & Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) that the non-determination by Powys County Council of 21/0186/FUL Unity House, has been taken to the Planning Inspectorate.

409/2023 It was noted that the Pavement outside Hunters Chase has now been completed.

410/2023 Planning permission has been granted to 23/0381/HH demolition of conservatory and replacement with single storey extension at Henfryn Llandrinio

411/2023 Planning permission requested for 23/1055/FUL Erection of 14 residential dwellings and all associated infrastructure at land at Trederwen view, Arddleen for Primsesave Properties Ltd. Councillors agreed to Object to any further development as this exceeds the growth outlined for Arddleen in the current Local development Plan which runs until 2026 and until the current infrastructure is upgraded no further development should be considered.

412/2023 Confirmation from Powys County Council that they will have the land which forms part of the

Grange, Arddleen back in their control from March 2024 and are currently assessing the potential development opportunities.

413/2023 Clerk to notify Planning Dept that garages are being extended opposite Portland and whether these affect the curtilage of Llandrinio Hall which is Grade II* Listed.

Financial Matters:-

414/2023 Bank balance as at 21st September 2023;-

Current Account £ 1254.22

Deposit Account £26128.55

Bank statements were checked and initialed by Chairman Cllr Mrs L O'Connor

415/2023 Permission granted to pay;-

i) Four Crosses Evergreen Club £100 under L.G.A 1972 s137

ii) Mrs C E Davies (reimbursement Gloversure Invoice) £59.86 under L.G.A 1972 s112 (replacement cheque)

iii) Mrs C E Davies Salary + Expenses 01.07 – 30.09.2023 £1174.44 under L.G.A 1972 s112

iv) H M Revenue & Customs P.A.Y.E £281.40 under L.G.A 1972 s112

iv) Mrs C E Davies reimbursement for 2 signs for Car Park £167.10 under L.G.A 1972 s112

v) Llandrinio Village Hall £16.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112

vi) Arddleen & District Community Association £24.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112

vii) Arddleen CP School £1200.00 under L.G (misc Purposes) Act 1973

viii) Mrs C E Davies (reimbursement Viking) £148.73 under L.G.A 1972 s112

ix) Mrs C E Davies Petty cash Imprest £50.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112

x) Mrs C E Davies (50% membership SLCC) £88.50 under L.G.A 1972 s112

416/2023 Budget as at 21st September 2023 was discussed and agreed.

417/2023 Confirmation from Pensions Regulator that Re-declaration of Enrolment duties has been completed

418/2023 Revised Return submitted to Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales showing that no payments were made in respect of care costs.

Complaints:-

419/2023 Lighting Dept have confirmed that they have not yet adopted the Street Lighting at Badgers Field but when they do that the lights will be switched off during the night in line with their current Policies

420/2023 Extra recycling bins ordered have now been delivered

421/2023 Reply received from Highways Dept re; speed hump by Laburnum Meadows to say that speed cushion is within permitted tolerances and is doing the job for which it was intended

422/2023 Complaint received of in-considerate parking down the cul-de-sac by the Old Chapel in Arddleen – Clerk passed on to the PCSO

423/2023 Potholes down Trederwen Lane passed onto Highways Dept

424/2023 Severn Trent reminded as to when the sewer pipe will be moved at Sarn Wen Fields Residential Estate. NRW are now using Contractors who are able to clean the ditch by hand.

425/2023 Complaint received of overgrown hedge in the Llandrinio Playing Field obscuring visibility – passed onto Hall Committee who have trimmed it back

426/2023 Clerk reminded NRW re; promise to clean the new cut by Jayems – notice has now been given to landowner's with work to start shortly.

427/2023 Cllr Lucy had forwarded a complaint to Highway Dept of the pavement getting narrower from Crbatree Corner in both directions due to encroaching vegetation.

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

Meeting closed 9.30 p.m

Date for next Meeting – Thursday 19th Oct Penrhos Old School
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