

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of the Cyngor Cymuned Llandrinio & Arddleen Community Council
held on Thursday 16th November 2023 at 7.30 p.m in
Arddleen Village Hall and was also accessible via the zoom platform.
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Present: Chairman Cllr Mrs L O'Connor, Cllrs Mrs P M Jones, A A White, Mrs J Donaghy, Mrs L M Roberts, B C Foulkes and T N Davies

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs S M Townsend, M Budden and A E Wigley 479/2023

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 19th October 2023 had been circulated and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. 480/2023

480a/2023 Cllr Mrs N Watkins had written to say that she wishes to stand down as a Community Councillor but offered to continue to help with the Website and the Recreational Walk Leaflet. Nicola was thanked for the contribution she has made to the Community Council.

Matters arising from meeting of 19th October 2023

481/2023 (430/2023) Still waiting for Primesave to complete the fencing in the corner of the Car Park at Arddleen to allow the exchange of contracts.- Councillors also agreed to a request from Primesave for a press photo of the change over. Clerk to notify all Councillors of the date and any that could attend would do so.

482/2023 (431/2023) Harrison's now received confirmation from Scottish Power that quote received from Morris Marshall & Poole is acceptable Re: wayleave at Llandrinio Village Hall. Llandrinio Village Hall. It was agreed that the Community Council would pay for this survey if payment needed in advance. Village Hall Committee unhappy with the loss of the trees in the perimeter fence as this was an important windshield for the building and ongoing maintenance of a new foot link to the new residential development.

483/2023 (432/2023) Cllr Lucy explained re: Vyrnwy/Severn liaison group that a smaller group has been formed with a meeting to be organized in the New Year.

484/2023 (432a/2023) Following the flooding on Fri 20th October a Drone was deployed to video flooding including the gauges at The Wern – this has been sent to NRW. Invoice received for £140.00. NRW had found this footage very useful and it was agreed to repeat the drone flight during the next flood and also to include the flooding by Jayems/A483.

484/2023 (435/2023) Matt Perry, Head of Highways Dept had come to an Open Meeting on Wednesday 15th November at Llandrinio Village Hall to discuss Powys County Council's Options Report on Llandrinio Bridge. He had also offered to meet with residents on Thursday morning at The Bridge which had proved very beneficial as he witnessed the fact that the traffic lights are not stopping vehicles as intended from travelling too fast over the Bridge. It was agreed to request traffic monitoring strips and install a speed camera and also to repeat the request by residents present at the meeting that a New Bridge is included in the Capital Programme. Clerk to also ask for the last structural report of the Bridge.

Mike Adams had also given a presentation on behalf of the Severn Valley Water Management Scheme outlining the work to mitigate climate change and the worsening floods. Residents had voiced their concern that farmland is currently being used as flood storage for longer periods and more frequently and asked that compensation be considered.

Cllr Lucy was thanked for organizing this Open Meeting and the speakers.

485/2023 (453/2023) Clerk attended the Fraud Awareness in Welshpool –new Banking Hub hoping to open in the New Year

486/2023 (461/2023) Problems with the piles in the ditch at The Wern following the flooding are being assessed

Update from County Councillor Mrs Lucy Roberts

487/2023 At a recent meeting held with Cllr Jackie Charlton, Lucy was optimistic that work would be allowed by volunteers to trim back the pavements but a response from the Highways Dept has confirmed that this would not be allowed on any 'B' class roads.

488/2023 Cllr Lucy attended a recent Highways briefing meeting when shortage of staff is a real concern.
489/2023 At a recent meeting with Llais Cllr Lucy explained that the Fire service are still offering to carry out fire checks for householders
490/2023 Following the meeting with Cllr Jackie Charlton an invitation has been received to a Flood Group based around Crickhowell – Cllr Jackie had explained that with the right training and equipment some groups are being allowed to put out flooding signs.

Reports from Councillors:-

491/2023 Cllr Leigh explained that the Llandrinio Village hall had recently held a successful ‘Abba’ concert with the profits split 50/50 with wales Air Ambulance

Recreational Routes

492/2023 Footpath volunteers have been busy helping other communities keep their footpaths clear of vegetation
493/2023 Teams Meeting held with Portfolio Holder Cllr Jackie Charlton re: pavement extension in Arddleen on Mon 23rd Oct 2023.- details had been circulated. Next step is to try and get Funding for a Feasibility Study. Meeting also held on Tuesday 7th Nov with Mr Tim Jones to discuss a Place Plan.- this had been useful and something to be considered in the future.

Correspondence:-

494/2023 Email from Canal & River Trust asking for a letter of support re: Heritage Lottery Bid to repair Vyrnwy Aqueduct which had been sent by the Clerk.
495/2023 Details of Grants available for businesses in Powys with the aim to create new jobs or secure existing ones- more details <https://businesswales.gov.wales/>
496/2023 Details of a Course being offered by Powys County Council ‘Eat Smart Save Better’ giving quick and healthy meal ideas – nearest one is Welshpool Library Tues 28th Nov at 2 p.m – limited spaces so booking essential
497/2023 Powys County Council conducting an online survey <https://www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/day-opportunities-review> with regard to the day opportunities available in the County. More coordinated details are needed countywide of the warm spaces available such as The Cabin. Cllrs were also reminded that Meals on Wheels, based in Welshpool, is available for residents.
498/2023 Update from the Powys Eco-School Cluster Meetings
499/2023 Details of Training Dates received from One Voice Wales for Nov and Dec – Cllr Mrs S M Townsend has been booked onto the Community Engagement Training and the Community place Plan.
500/2023 Confirmation received that each individual Councillor is exempt from declaring any allowances paid as a Councilor’s allowance up to £156.00
501/2023 Updated payscales received from NALC for 2023-24 adding £1 across the board wef 01.04.2023. It was agreed that the Clerk would move to this new pay rate effective 01.04.2023 i.e. £14.95
502/2023 Unfortunately another burglary had occurred in Sarnau – Police urging everyone to be vigilant. Cllr Brian Foulkes, as the Neighbourhood watch Co-coordinator explained that he all the Funding for signs has already been allocated so it was agreed to go ahead and order the signs – approx. cost £110. Cllrs Neil Davies and Alec White offered to help Brian put the signs up. Clerk to contact Rural crime Team to see what advice they would offer to residents following these burglaries.
503/2023 Donation request from Wales Air Ambulance - noted
504/2023 Notification from Royal Mail that the Post Office at Sarnau & Arddleen will close from the 9th Nov 2023 due to the Postmistress retiring.
505/2023 Donation request received from Penrhos Church – it was agreed to Grant £250.00 as per the Precept.
506/2023 Email received from cruse Bereavement Services detailing their new phone number 0300 1111003
507/2023 Consultation and newsletter received from Police & Crime Commissioner.
508/2023 Email from Emergency Medical Retrieval Transfer Service to say that all responses to the consultation are appreciated and currently being evaluated.

Planning:-

509/2023 Update re: Penrhos Farm Enforcement – no decision made as yet on the Certificate of lawfulness.

Residents had reminded that part of the Barn is being sued for residential purposes – Clerk to file a formal Complaint.

510/2023 Reminder given re: 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. Application now received to include the Stage 4 Safety Audit – this highlights the fact that the central dome needs to be changed to try to prevent vehicles travelling across it rather than around it and also that the drainage on the crossing points needs re-evaluating as dirt/debris has accumulated on the kerbs. It was agreed to object to the discharge of this condition until the issues identified in the report have been dealt with.

511/2023 Reminder also given re; planning complaint lodged re; Prestbury House

512/2023 Powys County Council will update all Town & Community Councils at a meeting on Wed 22nd Nov and this will include proposed action following the Report by Audit Wales

513/2023 Planning permission requested for 23/1625/FUL Change of use of an existing commercial building to detached residential dwelling and all associated works at Enfield Workshop, Hendre Lane for Mr B Foulkes – Planning site meeting held on Thurs 16th Nov at 9.30 a.m – no objections.

514/2023 NRW are requesting a condition to 23/0645/FUL conversion of agricultural unit into 2 residential units and installation of sewage treatment plant at Brynffynon Sarnau to say that more details are needed to show that the effluent can be safely discharged

Financial Matters:-

515/2023 Bank balance as at 16th November 2023;-

Current Account £ 946.30

Deposit Account £22528.55

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

516/2023 Permission requested to pay;-

i) Mrs C E Davies (Reimbursement SPD Global for Drone) £140.00 under L.G.A 1972 s137

ii) Mrs S M Townsend (reimbursement Daffodial bulbs) £99.20 under L.G.A 1972 s137

iii) Mrs C E Davies (reimbursement paper) £18.99 under L.G.A 1972 s112

iv) Penrhos Church £250.00 under L.G.A 1972 s214 (6)

v) Arddleen & District Community Assoc (Hire of Hall) £24.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112

Complaints:-

517/2023 Complaint received of overgrown hedge onto pavement by The Haven , Crabtree Corner – Chairman will speak to the owners

518/2023 Complaint received of broken manhole cover on Trefanney bank following the clearing of the ditch – Clerk referred to Hafren Dyfrdwy

519/2023 Clerk reported mud on road opposite West Winds to the Highways Dept following the maize Harvest. Clerk to request that streetlights AD157 and 158 are illuminated to help pedestrians on this section of pavement due to the ongoing problems with mud.

520/2023 Similar problems down Rhos Common – Clerk contacted land owner to request a road brush

521/2023 Complaint received of the 'Road Flooded' sign at Crabtree Corner not erected quick enough and positioned in the middle of the road making it difficult for residents to get around

522/2023 Cllr Lucy received a request for a mirror at the top of Bryn Teg which was referred to Highways Dept

523/2023 Potholes on the Trawscoed Estate, Llandrinio and a blocked drain down Hendre Lane have also been reported to the Highways Dept

524/2023 2 more accidents were reported at Maerdy bridge – both due to a rear end collision with vehicles waiting to turn right for Llandrinio

525/2023 Complaint that the bus shelter at Llandrinio is looking very dirty with rubbish in it – volunteers will be requested to come forward to help keep it clean

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

Meeting closed 9.15 p.m

Date for next Meeting – Thursday 18th Jan 2024 Arddleen Village Hall