

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of the Cyngor Cymuned Llandrinio & Arddleen Community Council
held on Thursday 18th January 2024 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, Mrs S M Townsen, A E Wigley and T N Davies

Apologies: Cllrs B C Foulkes and M Budden – best wishes were given to Cllr Brian for a speedy recovery 1/2024

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 16th November 2023 had been circulated and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. 2/2024

Matters arising from meeting of 16th November 2023

3/2024 (480a/2023) No request for an Election has been received to fill in the Vacancy in the Arddleen Ward – nominations invited for next meeting.

4/2024 (481/2023) Primesave have now confirmed that they will complete a crossing point opposite the new car park by Friday 9th Feb and all Highway works by the 23rd Feb – Solicitors will send documents for signature ready for after these works are completed. Councillors agreed to open the Carpark once the Highways Works have all been completed at the end of February.

5/2024 (482/2023) Morris Marshall & Poole have now completed the Valuation report re; wayleave at Llandrinio Village Hall.

6/2024 (483/2023) No date has yet been set for a meeting of the Vrynwy/Severn liaison group – NRW and EA have been contacted by residents following the recent flooding as they feel the Reservoirs are not managed to alleviate flooding. Councillors agreed that the levels agreed at the Dams, as set out in Statute, should be reviewed and quickly. County Cllr Lucy will remind County Cllr Jonathon Wilkinson who had agreed to be the Chair of the meeting.

7/2024 (484/2023) Map attached showing the second flight path for the Drone had been circulated and was agreed – estimates cost £280. Clerk to notify local resident's of the proposed flight

Update from County Councillor Mrs Lucy Roberts

8/2024 Cllr Lucy had attended a Budget meeting where Highways Dept were looking at cut backs in the maintenance of unclassified roads – it was felt that this would be a very backward step and lead to further deterioration very quickly.

9/2024 Cllr Lucy had also attended a meeting looking at a Sustainable Powys and trying to encourage communities to take on more responsibility.

10/2024 Cllr Lucy had received several complaints about mud on the road and rang the farmer to ask for a road sweeper.

11/2024 Powys County Council are looking to encourage more people to become Foster Carers and are trying to simplify the process.

Reports from Councillors:-

12/2024 Cllr Leigh reported for the Internal Drainage District to say that the new Contractors rates means that maintenance schedules will be lengthened but more worrying is that the Drainage Engineer has left the role and NRW do not intend filling the position. Clerk to write to Russell George M.S to say that there are already several outstanding maintenance issues and without an engineer this will only escalate.

13/2024 Cllr Stella reported that applications had increased to the Deytheur trust last year due to the increased advertising. She was also concerned that Grants had been given to organization's representing children under the age of 16 and had suggested that the Constitution needs amending.

14/2024 Cllr Stella explained as Chair of Governors at Arddleen C P School that the Head Teacher will be leaving at the end of the school year and they are currently advertising the post.

15/2024 Cllr Leigh as treasurer of Llandrinio Village hall Committee explained that re-structuring of the Committee had taken place. They are currently trialing a new system that will allow booking online and have just completed a new energy audit.

Recreational Routes

16/2024 Footpath volunteers have been invited to training on the Computer Assisted Mapping programme. Countryside Services have also launched a programme to survey all Footpaths – this does seem to be a waste of resources as there is already a backlog of complaints and obstructions. Volunteers have helped in neighboring community of Carreghofa and also Meifod.

Correspondence:-

17/2024 Cllr Mrs S M Townsend attended the Training on 29th Nov – Creating a Community Place Plan and on 13th Dec – Introduction to Community Engagement. Details of Training Events in Jan & Feb have been circulated to all Councillors.

18/2024 Consultation received on Mid and West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority Draft Community Risk Management Plan – invitation to a Webinar received with less than 1 weeks notice

19/2024 details received from Powys County Council Highways Dept of where the money received from the Levelling Up Fund is being spent

20/2024 Invitation to join the Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust Transformation Programme on Wed 13th Dec from 12- 2 in Newtown – forwarded onto Councillors

21/2024 Highways Dept have sent details of how Powys is divided into areas with contact details of the Area Managers

22/2024 Confirmation received from Emergency Ambulance Services Committee that following the response from Llais that there will now be a formal public consultation on their proposals in Mid Wales with more detailed costings.

23/2024 Details via One Voice Wales of a link to NRW Welsh toolkit on latest Countryside Code Newsletter

24/2024 details from One Voice Wales of Funding received from Welsh Gov to create a One Voice Wales Cost of Living Team looking at what Community Councils and other groups are doing to help with the cost of living crisis and to encourage greater collaboration.

25/2024 Newsletter from Dyfed-Powys Police

26/2024 Details received from Powys County Council of Powys Events Network Development Project with a request for details of Events taking place during 2024

27/2024 Next meeting between Town & Community Councils and Powys County Council is scheduled for Wed 21st Feb at 6 p.m

28/2024 Arddleen Newsletter (circulated to Councillors)

29/2024 Winter Edition of Friends of Montgomery Canal Newsletter for circulation

30/2024 Report received from Llais as to the engagement they had carried out and the various concerns raised by residents

31/2024 Clerk completed a request for a copy of the Electoral Roll as at 01.12.2023

32/2024 Details of Digital training sessions being organized by Digital Communities Wales to help with online safety and also provide help to manage the cost of living

33/2024 details of the D-Day 80 Lamp Light of Peace (£55) to help commemorate the 80th Anniversary on the 6th June.

34/2024 Clerk & Councils Direct for circulation

35/2024 Email from Social Care Children's Services promoting Fostering in Powys

36/2024 Invitation received to a webinar by Go-Safe on Thursday 8th Feb 7 p.m

37/2024 Update from Montgomery Canal Restoration

38/2024 Donation request Urdd National Eisteddfod – noted

39/2024 Consultation by Welsh Government on future spending purposes for dormant assets funding in Wales – Councillors felt that Funding could be used to allow other organisations to carry out an Energy Audit of Community Buildings and also help towards Community Transport.

40/2024 Notification received from The Circuit (Database for Defibrillators) to say that the Defibrillator at Llandrinio may have been used recently – Clerk checked and all ok

41/2024 Consultation received from Powys County Council on the Powys replacement Lcoal Development Plan – Key issues, Objectives and Vision – Councillors felt that it was important that the plan emphasized sustainable buildings and also encouraged smaller sites and also Employment sites in the rural Villages.

42/2024 Donation request received from Marie Curie Cymru - noted

Planning:-

- 43/2024 No update received from Powys Planning Dept re: Penrhos Farm Enforcement. Clerk has also reported that one of the Barns is being used for residential use without planning permission.
- 44/2024 Planning Enforcement Officer has confirmed that he is looking into the non compliance with conditions at the residential dev Sarn Wen Fields and will update shortly.
- 45/2024 Reminder also given re; planning complaint lodged re; Prestbury House
- 46/2024 Acknowledgement received re; planning complaint lodged at Hafren House, Llandrinio
- 47/2024 Powys County Council have updated all Town & Community Councils at a meeting on Wed 22nd Nov and outlined their plan to resolve the issues raised by Audit Wales. Part of this plan was to recruit Planning Enforcement Officers and this has now happened. Clerk to report to County Cllr Jake Berriman that none of the current Planning Enforcement cases have been resolved.
- 48/2024 Planning permission has been granted to;-
- i) 23/1190/HH Conversion & extension of existing garage at Lane End Cottage for Mr & Mrs A Stapleton.
 - ii) 23/0412/FUL creation of new field access at land near Sarnau brook for Mr Edwards
 - iii) 23/1041/VAR Discharge of s 106 at 11 Laburnum Meadows, Four Crosses
- 49/2024 Planning permission has been refused for;-
- i) 21/0186/FUL change of use etc at Unity House, Llandrinio
 - ii) Section 73 application to vary conditions attached to 21/0456/REM at Prestbury House for Mrs C Ellis-Jones.
- 50/2024 Guidance received from Planning Dept re: Public Access to the Planning Portal
- 51/2024 Minutes of Planning Meetings held on Thursday 16th Nov, Thursday 7th Dec and Friday 5th January 2024.
- 52/2024 Formal Planning Complaint lodged re; conditions not being complied with at land adj Trederwen View, Arddleen – developer has now agreed to complete this by the 9th Feb

Financial Matters:-

- 53/2024 Bank balance as at 18th January 2024;-
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| Current Account | £ 567.79 |
| Deposit Account | £29401.44 |
- 54/2024 Permission granted to pay;-
- i) One Voice Wales (Training Cllr Mrs S M Townsend) £38.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112
 - ii) Llandrinio Village Hall £16.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112
 - iii) Mrs C E Davies (reimbursement ink cartridges) £159.36 under L.G.A 1972 s112
 - iv) Audit Wales £245.00 under Audit Commission Act 1980 s6
 - v) Mrs C E Davies (Salary 01.10 – 31.12.23 + backdated adjustment in hours & pay) £2463.01 under L.G.A 1972 s112
 - vi) H M Revenue & Customs £603.40 under L.G.A 1972 s112
 - vii) Mrs C E Davies Petty Cash Imprest £50 under L.G.A 1972 s112
 - viii) Andrew Ellis £95.00 (Membrane in alley in Arddleen) under L.G.A 1972 s137
 - ix) Arddleen Community Association £24.00 (Hire of Hall) under L.G.A 1972 s112
- 55/2024 Councillors discussed the Precept & Budget for 2024/2025 – it was proposed by Cllr A A White and seconded by Cllr Mrs P M Jones that the base levy for N=a Band D property would increase to £27.86. This is the first increase in 4 years.
- 56/2024 Clarification received that Councillors do not have to declare the £156 received as a Councillor Allowance to HMRC
- 57/2024 Notification of Section 137 limit for 2024/25 set at £10.81 per Elector

Complaints:-

- 58/2024 Clerk to remind Hugo Van Rees, Estates manager for Powys County Council for an update in relation to the letting of the Grange Arddleen.

59/2024 No work has yet been done to trim the overgrown hedge by The Haven , Crabtree Corner – Owners have said that Powys County Council need to send a sweeper to the pavements first.

60/2024 Clerk to repeat request to switch on extra street lights by West Winds Llandrinio

61/2024 Complaint of black smoke at The Grove Bagleys Lane noted at the beg of November

62/2024 Cllr Lucy will remind Highways Dept to change the timing of the traffic lights at Llandrinio Bridge so that they turn to red and stop vehicles.

63/2024 Highways Dept has confirmed that a Structural Report on Llandrinio Bridge will be carried out in 2024 – Clerk to try and find out approximate timings and whether the Bridge will need to close for this survey.

64/2024 Unfortunately no action yet by NRW to clean the Sarn Wen Ditch at Sarn Wen Fields

65/2024 Complaint received of potholes along Rhos Common down to Hendre Lane – passed on to Highways Dept

66/2024 Criggion Quarry reminded for when the white lining will be renewed

67/2024 Complaint received that 20mph sign is too close to the A483 Junction – Cllrs felt that speed needs to reduce to 20mph in order to negotiate this tight bend.

68/2024 Potholes have been reported down the Wern – Clerk has passed onto Highways Dept

69/2024 Clerk to report that the trench down Trederwen Lane which has already been filled once by Powys County Council has sunk again.

70/2024 Clerk to report on NRW website a problem with the construction of a deep pool at Burgedin Hall which will have an effect on waterflow in our area.

71/2024 Similarly extra roadways being constructed down Varchoel Lane will also impact on the drainage and flooding down the Wern.

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

Meeting closed 9.15 p.m

Date for next Meeting – Thursday 15th February Penrhos Old School

Thursday 21st March Arddleen Village Hall

Thursday 18th April Penrhos Old School

Thursday 16th May Llandrinio Village Hall

Thursday 20th June Llandrinio Village Hall

Thursday 18th July Llandrinio Village Hall

Thursday 19th Sept Arddleen Old School

Thursday 17th Oct Penrhos Village Hall

Thursday 21st Nov Arddleen Old School