

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of the Cyngor Cymuned Llandrinio & Arddleen Community Council held on Thursday 21st March 2024 at 7.30 p.m in Arddleen Village Hall and was also accessible via the zoom platform.
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Present; Vice- Chairman Cllr M Budden presiding. Cllrs Mrs P M Jones, Mrs J Donaghy, Mrs L M Roberts, Mrs S M Townsend, A A White, A E Wigley, T N Davies and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs B C Foulkes and Mrs L O'Connor 115/2024

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 15th February 2024 had been circulated and typo's amended. They were signed by the Vice- Chairman. 116/2024

Vice-Chairman invited members of the Public to speak and the following concerns were raised;-
117/2024 Powys County Council had started ditching work down Rhydescyn Lane – this has left large sections of the lane with no ditch and no drainage –question to be asked as to whether Highways Dept have enough funding to finish the job. County Cllr Lucy said ditching work is one of the items that has been reduced in the Budget for the next financial year. But she will ask if this work can be finished
118/2024 Resident has picked up bags of rubbish that have come from out of the ditch or blown across the lane and asked if litter picking by volunteers could be encouraged – Clerk explained that Highways Dept do not allow this on B or A class roads
119/2024 Gate situated down Rhydescyn Lane as part of the Offa' Dyke Trail has become very difficult to open – Cllr Alec offered to go and have a look the next morning and would also report the problem to Rob Dingle the Offa's Dyke Footpath Officer.
120/2024 Part of Offa's Dyke down Rhydescyn have become eroded over the Winter with water now starting to run across – Clerk to report on the NRW Website.

Matters arising from meeting of 15th February 2024

121/2024 (74/2024) 2 people have come forward interested in the Vacancy in the Arddleen Ward –Clerk will ask for brief details/interests so that a decision can be taken at the next meeting.
122/2024 75/2024 (4/2024) Primesave have now completed a crossing point opposite the new car park and have agreed to add a 'H' marker on the road by the dropped kerb to prevent cars from parking on it. Draft Documentaiton had been sent to Cllr Stella as requested after the last meeting and she had queried 3 of the clauses. These had been checked with Harrison's and the Solicitor's acting for Primesave and were confirmed that they were in line with the s106 agreement. It was agreed that Vice-Chairman Cllr Mike Budden would sign the documentation on behalf of the Community Council and this was witnessed by The Clerk.
123/2024 (76/2024) Wayleave documentation received from Harrison's Solicitors re; Llandrinio Village Hall & Playing Field. It was agreed that Vice-Chairman Cllr Mike Budden and Cllr Alec White would sign the documentation on behalf of the Community Council and this was witnessed by The Clerk.
124/2024 (77/2024) Cllr Lucy explained that a date next week has now been set for a meeting of the Vrynwy/Severn liaison group – the first meeting is to try and establish a format for the Group so that it can move forward. Cllr Lucy had also received details of the Upper Severn Community Based Approach which has been established to look at the effects of flooding on the Upper Severn. It was agreed that Cllr Lucy would be asked to represent Llandrinio & Arddleen Community Council. Mike confirmed that he has been invited to a meeting of Severn Valley Water Management Scheme on Mon 25th March.
125/2024 (79/2024) Freedom of Information request sent to Powys County Council re: proposed use of land at the Grange at Arddleen.- date for response is the 26th March 2024. Cllr Stella explained how Community Land Trusts work.
126/2024 (71/2024) Peter Evans, Environment Agency has replied re: complaint sent of extra stone imported down Varchoel Lane to say that he has visited the site and the extra stone is to repair the track. Clerk to reply that a ground survey needs to be done so that any future repair work can ensure that the levels are not highered.

Update from County Councillor Mrs Lucy Roberts

127/2024 Cllr Lucy had visited a resident who has had problems of the flood water eroding the bank of the ditch by his property and has now exposed some piles – Clerk to ask NRW to revisit the site and to repair the bank.

128/2024 Cllr Lucy had attended an Open Meeting organized by the Canal & River Trust to show the work that had been carried out recently.

129/2024 Cllr Lucy had also attended a meeting to discuss Post 14 Education with the option of Vocational G.C.S.E's

130/2204 Cllr Lucy had also attended a meeting with Llais looking at ways in which the provision of Health care can be improved

Reports from Councillors:-

131/2024 Cllr Stella reported as Chair of the Governors at Arddleen School that they were hoping to shortlist applications for a New Head the following day. The School had been successful competing at the Urdd and will go forward to the Finals to be held in the summer at Meifod.

132/2024 Cllr Lucy reported to say that Llandrinio Village Hall have had an Energy review and are looking at ways to improve energy efficiency such as lowering the ceiling and adding more insulation.

Recreational Routes

133/2024 Cllr Alec had been on a Course to learn about Computerized Mapping and he & the other volunteers have helped to plant the Community orchard. They will also be helping in the Welshpool area as they have secured a Grant from the Ramblers Assoc and will be starting to trim back vegetation in our Community in the next few weeks.

134/2024 (82/2023) Cllr Stella has been working on the walking/cycling Leaflets – it was agreed that she would approach Printing Firms to help her collate the information into a leaflet..

Correspondence:-

135/2024 Email from Friends of Montgomery Canal looking for volunteers to join their Committee to help with a variety of roles

136/2024 Details from Powys County Council of a Webinar on the 21st March to focus on working together to achieve positive outcomes for the community to help make a Sustainable Powys – more details at the next meeting.

137/2024 Information from Gloversure to explain that their hourly rate has increased

138/2024 Invitation from Vibrant Vyrnwy Community & Volunteer Development Officer to a Tree Nursery Open Day on Wed 27th March

139/2024 Details from P.A.V.O of a new Digital Volunteering Pathways Project helping to break down the barriers to digital

140/2024 Also details from P.A.V.O of a new Skills for Sustainability project for the benefit of voluntary organisations in Powys

141/2024 Details received of the Urdd Fund for All offering places for children at a Summer camp

142/2024 Update following meeting with Powys County Council & Community Councils on Wed 21st Feb to say that Powys County Council Planning Department will now have a Duty Planning Officer from the Monday 26th Feb who can offer free general planning advice and support by telephone.

143/2024 Survey sent by Age Cymru looking at the current experiences of people aged 50+ in Wales – can be accessed via their website or by ringing 029 20431555

144/2024 Latest Report received from Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report – Councillors noted that the payment to Councillors of £156 is now mandatory and it was agreed that Councillors can also be reimbursed for the cost of office consumables up to £52.00 by submitting receipts to the Clerk.

145/2024 Donation request from Arddleen & District Community Association together with a copy of their Audited Accounts. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs P M Jones that a Grant of £2000 be given and this was seconded by Cllr M Budden. Clerk to check whether the is also needed for the Wide Water Wharf.

146/2024 Invitation had been received from Arddleen & District Community assoc to an Open morning they are planning on Sat 6th April 10.30 to 12 noon to try and encourage new residents in the Village to meet others

Planning:-

147/2024 Planning Department have responded to letter sent re: outstanding Enforcement cases. It was noted in the case of Penrhos Farm that a Certificate of Lawfulness is to be submitted to formalize the current use. Cllr A A White declared an interest in the planning enforcement in respect of Hafren House and left the meeting. The Planning Officer had concluded that there had been no breach of Planning but it was agreed to ask whether they had actually visited the site as there is a large extension – copy also to be sent to the Built Heritage Officer.

148/2024 Planning permission has been granted for the discharge of S106 at Neathwood, Trederwen Lane

149/2024 Planning Dept have acknowledged the notification of a new entrance opposite The Brambles and will investigate

Financial Matters:-

150/2024 Bank balance as at 21st March 2024;-

Current Account £ 622.82

Deposit Account £21221.53

Bank statements were checked and initialed by Vice-Chairman Cllr Mike Budden.

151/202 Permission granted to pay;-

i) Arddleen & District Community Association £2000.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112

ii) Mrs C E Davies Salary + Expenses 01.01 – 31.03.2024 £1422.37 under L.G.A 1972 s112

iii) H M Revenue & Customs P.A.Y.E & N.I £570.37 under L.G.A 1972 s112

iv) Membership of One Vocie Wales £281.00 under L.G.A 1972 s112

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

152/2024 Budget as at 21st March 2024 was discussed and agreed.

Complaints:-

153/2024 Engineers have responded re: Llandrinio Bridge to say that the repairs will hopefully be scheduled the same time as re-surfacing work and as much notice will be given of the closure. They have, however, confirmed that The Bridge will not have to shut again for the structural inspection.

154/2024 Complaint received of potholes on Laburnum Meadow – passed onto Highways Dept

155/2024 Complaint received of overflowing Dog Bin by Bridge 104 in Arddleen. This had been emptied by volunteers but it was now felt that this should be the Canal & River Trust who should liaise with Powys County Council who empty bins on the playing fields regularly.

156/2024 Clerk to report a pothole on the approach to Prestbury House from the A483 – this is a repeat offender and has been reported several times.

157/2024 Clerk read out details of road closures during the coming weeks on the A458 and the A483.

158/2024 Cllr Lucy is still pursuing the cleaning of the pavements – Powys County Council have now confirmed that volunteers should not do this and that perhaps they will look at charging for this service going forward....

159/2024 Vehicles are again parking on the verge by Wiltshire House which is very dangerous if a H.G.V is approaching the roundabout – Cllr Lucy has passed on to the PCSO.

160/2024 Clerk to report again the problems with the flooding by Jayems which also floods the A483 to NRW via their website

161/2024 Cllrs felt that the new trees planted on the Four

osses Roundabout were too tall and blocked the view of oncoming vehicles – Clerk to complain to the North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency.

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

114/2024 Notification had been received that the A483 will be closed from past Penrhos Junction to Four Crosses Roundabout to allow re-surfacing works for 2 weeks from Mon 19th Feb working 7p.m to 7 a.m

Meeting closed 9.15 p.m

Date for next Meeting – 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