

**Draft Minutes of a Meeting of the Cyngor Cymuned Llandrinio & Arddleen Community Council held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30 p.m in Penrhos Old School and was also accessible via the zoom platform.**  
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**Present:** Chairman Cllr Mrs L O'Connor presiding. Cllrs Mrs P M Jones, Mrs J Donaghy, Mrs L M Roberts, M Budden, Mrs S M Townsend, A A White and A E Wigley,

**Apologies:** Cllrs B C Foulkes and T N Davies 162/2024

**Minutes of meeting** held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 had been circulated and approved. They were signed by the Chairman. 163/2024

**Matters arising from meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

164/2024 (100/2024) Free portrait of King Charles III has been received – Cllr Leigh offered to take this for Llandrinio Village hall. Clerk to ask Penrhos Old School Committee and Arddleen & District Recreation Association as to whether they would also like a portrait.

164/2024 (121/2024) 2 people have come forward interested in the Vacancy in the Arddleen Ward – Voting took place by secret Ballot and Mrs Jennifer Noblet was elected. Thanks would be given to the other candidate.

165/2024 (122/2024) All the documentation has now been signed to allow the transfer of the car park to take place but it was agreed to wait until the road markings have been installed to prevent vehicles from obstructing the crossing point.

166/2024 (119/2024) Cllr Alec had visited Argae by the Boat House, Rhydescyn Lane and had adjusted the gate and also notified the Offa's Dyke Footpath's Officer that new posts are needed and the gate re-hung. NRW have also visited and confirmed that they will repair the leaking Argae.

167/2024 (123/2024) Harrison's have confirmed that the Community Council is now listed as the Custodian Trustee of the Playing Fields but still remain as the owners on the title deeds of the Village Hall. She explained that she will amend this with the Land Registry once everything has been completed. Councillors were satisfied with the response and said the signed Documentation could now be handed to Harrisons.

168/2024 (124/2024) Cllr Lucy confirmed that there had been a brief meeting of the Vyrnwy/Severn liaison group – it has now been agreed to widen the group to include FUW and NFU. The group are looking at whether a 'temporary claw down', with regard to the level of the Dams, could be introduced to help alleviate flooding. Cllrs were concerned over the accuracy of the readings at the Llandrinio Gauge – Clerk will check with NRW & also ask for more details of the proposed Hydraulic modelling.

168/2024 (125/2024) Reply has been received re: Freedom of Information request sent to Powys County Council regarding proposed use of land at the Grange at Arddleen to say that they are still considering the long term future but have let for the next 12 months. Cllr Lucy explained that the County Council has engaged an external Firm to draw up a Policy for the disposal of Land/Assets.

169/2024 (127/2024) Clerk reminded NRW of their promise to re-inspect the piles & collapsing embankment by Wern Farm,

170/2024 (145/2024) Clerk has contacted the Arddleen & District Recreation Association who have requested a Grant towards the maintenance of the Wide Water Wharf. Details of Expenditure have been received and it was proposed by Cllr A Ate and seconded by Cllr Mrs P M Jones that a Grant of £500 be awarded.

171/2024 (146/2024) Clerk attended the Open Morning organized by Arddleen & District Community Association on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April – successful event with over 45 people attending. Clerk ordered new recycling bin for one resident and reported many highway complaints.

**Update from County Councillor Mrs Lucy Roberts**

172/2024 Powys County Council are currently looking for L.E.A Governors in both Arddleen Primary School and Welshpool High School.

173/2024 Cllr Lucy also explained that a Consultation has been launched by the Severn Valley water Management scheme which runs until the 20<sup>th</sup> May – this will be circulated to Councillors.

### **Reports from Councillors:-**

174/2024 (131/2024) Cllr Stella reported as Chair of the Governors at Arddleen School that they had appointed a new Acting Head

175/2024 Cllr Leigh said Llandrinio Village Hall Committee were hoping to apply to the Community Ownership Fund for a Grant towards adding a false ceiling, add double glazing and turn the store room into a small committee room. Also looking at adding Fibre Broadband.

### **Recreational Routes**

176/2024 Cllr Alec said work to clear vegetation had been delayed this year due to the wet conditions but they were hoping to start soon as the weather improves.

177/2024 (134/2024) Thanks were given to Mrs N Watkins who had met with Cllr Stella and is working on a draft of the walking/cycling Leaflets

### **Correspondence:-**

178/2024 Information received from one Voice Wales with regard to the protocol during a Pre-Election Period

179/2024 Details of Training available for May & June circulated to Councillors

180/2024 Standards Committee Annual report received from Powys County Council

181/2024 Information received from Llais as the Professional Standards Authority for Health & Social care Consultation beginning on the 15<sup>th</sup> April

182/2024 Arddleen newsletter – circulated to Councillors

183/2024 Email from the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee to thank everyone for responding to the Consultation and that a decision will be made Mid April.

184/2024 Email from Powys Teaching Health Board who have developed a Campaign to raise awareness of the harms of vaping in young people with a link to resources available.

185/2024 Email from Powys County Council re: 'Nights Out' scheme run by the Arts Council

186/2024 Notification received from Gloversure of an update with regard to Word Press used on the Website

187/2024 Email from Llandrindod Wells Town Council looking for support in their request for a Referendum on the proposal to erect wind turbines - noted

188/2024 Meeting of the Criggion Quarry Liaison group was held on Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00 a.m – they are hoping to renew the white lining during the Spring/Summer. Next meeting Fri 8<sup>th</sup> November.

189/2024 Email from Neil Taunt, NRW, to say that the Hydraulic Model will be updated this Summer and they are also producing flood extent maps using the drone footage. Clerk to also remind Canal & River Trust of their promise to clear one of the Culverts in this next Financial Year.

190/2024 Donation request from Llandrinio Church towards the maintenance of the cemetery – Cllr Lucy declared an interest by virtue of being a member of Llandrinio Church Committee and withdrew from the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr A A White and seconded by Cllr Mrs S M Townsend that a Grant of £500 be given.

191/2024 Donation request Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod - noted

192/2024 Annual report for the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 had been circulated and was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

193/2024 Email from Powys County Council to say that the recent Webinar on a Sustainable Powys is now available to view if anyone missed the meeting.

194/2024 Invitation from friends of Montgomery Canal to the Canal Forum on Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Royal Oak, Welshpool at 2.30 p.m. Newsletter also received.

### **Planning:-**

195/2024 Clerk has contacted Built Heritage Officer re: extension at Hafren House, Llandrinio and

196/2024 Notice that the refusal of the Section 743 application to vary condition 5 and remove conditions 6 & 7 at Prestbury House has been taken to Planning Appeal

197/2024 Clerk reminded Planning Dept re; discharge of condition 16 attached to P2016 1016 re; Safety Audit of Mini-Roundabout

198/2024 Email from Planning Department to say that an amendment has been received in the description of the application for a Certificate of Lawfulness re; Penrhos Farm to include Agriculture. It was agreed to Object to this application – there is insufficient land for a building of this size to be used for Livestock and it will warrant a change of use if used for Agricultural Contracting. Clerk to also write to Chairman of Planning Committee, Matt Perry and Planning Ombudsman to point out that Planning Enforcement has still not taken place.

### **Financial Matters:-**

199/2024 Bank balance as at 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024;-

Current Account       £ 379.44

Deposit Account       £17221.53

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

200/2024 The increase in Clerk's Salary has triggered automatic enrolment into NEST and an Employers Contribution is due of £46.02 and Employee of £61.36. Clerk has paid the Employee contribution to the Community Council. It was agreed that a Direct debit to NEST could be step up and in the meantime the Clerk has paid the contribution due.

201/2024 Annual Remuneration Return completed – letter also sent to each Councillor regarding the allowances and how they should be treated in respect of P.A.Y.E. It was agreed not to seek reimbursement from Mrs N Watkins as she stood down as a Community Councillor part way through the Year, as Mrs Watkins is still helping the Council with the Website and in producing a walking Leaflet,

202/2024 Permission granted to pay;-

i) Arddleen & District Community Association (Wide Water Wharf) £500.00 under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976

ii) Llandrinio Church £500.00 under L.G.A 1972 s214 (6)

iii) Mrs C E Davies (reimbursement of NEST payment) £107.38. under L.G.A 1972 s112

iv) Trevor Davies (renewing fence posts Llandrinio Church Carpark) £76.00 under s19 (3) L.G (misc purposes) Act 1976

### **Complaints:-**

203/2024 (155/2024) Dog Bins on the Canal have now been emptied – Clerk has written to Canal & River Trust to try to get an undertaking that these will be emptied more regularly going forward. Complaint also received of dogs, not under control, on the Canal. CRT have responded to say that dogs do not have to be on a lead just under control – request made for more signage. It was agreed to monitor over the Summer months to see how often the bin is emptied.

204/2024 (158/2024) Update re; Cleaning of the pavements – Local contractor has offered to quote for the work

205/2024 Clerk reported the repeated flooding by Jayems on the NRW website

206/2024 Pothole leading to Prestbury House has been logged – more potholes reported down Trederwen Lane

207/2024 Flooding of Penthryn lane has been reported – this has been impassable for motorists and pedestrians for most of the Winter months

208/2024 Clerk requested bollard at junction to Arddleen School to be re-illuminated – reply received that no signs in Powys are being illuminated as part of the energy saving project. Clerk to ask if Solar energy could be used.

209/2024 Cllr Lucy reported vehicles straddling the traffic calming opposite Laburnum Meadows and using the verge in the process

210/2024 Eight new fence posts have been put into the fence around the Llandrinio Church car park – Invoice to follow – thanks were given to Mr Hubert Jones for arranging this work.

211/2024 Another gateway and hedge removed by the Hollies, Wern – Cllr Lucy will report to the Highways Dept and also that large vehicles are now eroding the verges opposite the gateways.

212/2024 Clerk will also notify planning Dept that the existing gateway opposite The Brambles, Sarnau has been made wider.

213/2024 Clerk to ask NRW whether the water quality has been measured by Llandrinio Bridge and checked whether it is safe for bathers/canoists. Many of the Camp sites by the River will have visitors who will swim in the water.

214/2024 Cllr Lucy has reported a large pothole close to Gwernowddy to the Highways Dept as it was impassable for a resident using a wheelchair.

215/2024 Complaint had been received of tractors speeding through Llandrinio – Clerk requested reg number and day/time

216/2024 Cllrs felt that the speed limit signs had been changed in total three times in Sarnau which was a total waste of resources.

217/2024 It was also noted that the road between Deytheuir and Collfryn had deteriorated so badly that a local Tarmac Firm had repaired it t their own expense.

218/2024 Clerk to report several potholes down the Wern which are clearly visible now that the water has subsided – biggest is 5 ft x 2ft

219/2024 Clerk to remind Highways Dept for a date to repair Llandrinio Bridge – temporary barrier is inadequate

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

Meeting closed 9.15 p.m

**Date for next Meeting –**

<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Llandrinio Village Hall</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Llandrinio Village Hall</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Llandrinio Village Hall</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Arddleen Old School</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Penrhos Village Hall</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Arddleen Old School</b>