

MINUTES OF THE LLANDEGLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30 PM VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE.

1: PRESENT: Councillors Karen Bellis (Chairman), Steve Swygart, Gwyneth Dillon, Janet Strivens, Sandra Williams-Blythen, Denbighshire County Councillor Martyn Holland, Mr Gwyn Davies (Clerk) together with observers Mrs Elizabeth Parker-Clark and Hugo Watts.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Claire Livingston.

3. 'MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO DECLARE PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT DECLARATIONS FROM A MEMBER INCLUDE THE NATURE OF THE INTEREST AND WHETHER IT IS PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL'. (STANDING ORDERS NO 57).
Councillor Karen Bellis declared personal interest on agenda item 19A below.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION.

"THIS PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT AND COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Dr. Hugo Watts reported whilst strimming the "Community Field" recently on the amount of dog waste on site which is unpleasant under any circumstances. Members resolved to complete a risk assessment of the "Community Field" with the view of the provision of adequate signage and litter/dog bins on site.

5. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARTYN HOLLAND.

A: The County are planning this year to surface dress the section of the A542 from the Ponderosa to the cattle grid at Tai Newyddion.

B. I have already circulated the revised X51 bus service timetable. Sadly Arriva are another company that are suffering from a shortage of HGV drivers and our thanks go to the local bus companies that have stepped up to fill the gaps in these important services.

C. Can I just remind the Council that you need to consider how they will use the commuted sum funds? If we do not use it we may lose the funds.

D. I had a report of fly tipping in the old quarry in Old Gate Lane. I contacted DCC who removed the offending settee the following day.

E. I have asked the County to cut back the hedges in Old Gate Lane which have become very overgrown. The Counties contractors who cut the roadside verges etc were late starting this year but they should be finished by early September.

F. I have received reports of cars speeding in Old Gate Lane and to help resolve this issue I have asked the County to move the 30mph limit further up the lane so that it is not missed as you enter the lane from the A525.

G. I have chased the grass cutting and bush trimming in Trem Y Grug which has sadly become an annual event!!

H. Garden waste was fly tipped as you enter the slip road for Old Gate Lane from the A525. I have reported this incident and it should have been removed by now.

I. I am working with the Community and the Community Council to see if we can install planters around the village car park to replace the concrete bollards that were recently removed.

J. the Ash Die Back survey is ongoing and I have asked the County to let me see a copy of the report as soon as it is available. Sadly we have possibly the largest concentration of Ash Trees in the County in our ward and once these have to come down it will have a massive impact on our landscape.

6. TO CONFIRM AND THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Members confirmed 1st July 2021 minutes as a true record.

7 TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA.

Already covered elsewhere within the minutes.

8. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES UPDATE.

A: Members were circulated with the “Pen Profile” from one applicant to be considered for co-option onto the Community Councillor, namely Mrs Elizabeth Parker-Clark. After consideration the Members resolved to co-opt Mrs Parker-Clark as a Member of Llandegla Community Council.

B. The remaining two vacant seats notice on the Council will be re-published.

9. WEBSITE UPDATE – TO AGREE ON THE WELCOME PAGE PICTURE.

The winning Website picture will be announced at the annual Llandegla Show on Saturday 4th September 2021, after which the picture will be released for the “Website Welcoming Page”

10. FORMER TELEPHONE KIOSK UPDATE.

Councillor Janet Strivens agreed to the following with regards to the former telephone kiosk:-

A: Seek permission to relocate the property within the village of Llandegla.

B. Seek costs for the relocation of the kiosk.

C. Seek confirmation if planning permission is required to relocate the kiosk.

11. LLANDEGLA CAR PARK NOTICE BOARD REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT UPDATE.

No progress since the previous Council meeting.

12. LLANDEGLA FETE AND PRODUCE SHOW, SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2021.

A. Councillors Karen Bellis and Sandra Williams-Blythen reported on the events schedule for the forthcoming Llandegla Fete and Produce Show.

B. Councillor confirmed that the top park gate will be open for the event car park.

C. Members agreed to grant aid towards the costs of the event when received.

13. MEMORIAL FOR THE LATE BOB BARTON.

A. Councillor Gwyneth Dillon had a lengthy chat with Mrs Mary Barton who is in favour of the possibility of purchasing a bench seat in the Community Top Field, with a plaque to Bob. It can be used then by any member of the Community. It will be nice to sit and look at the wildflower meadow.

B. the Clerk agreed to make enquiries with suppliers of bench seats and memorial plaques for the relevant supply and price of the equipment.

14. COMMUNITY TOP FIELD FUTURE WORKS.

Members discussed the following works for the top field future works:-

A: Part Flower Meadow.

B. Seated benches.

C. Picnic tables.

D. Waste litter/dog bins.

E. Information boards.

F. Signage.

15. QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022 CELEBRATIONS.

Councillor Janet Strivens agreed to source a local supplier to price “Commemorative Mugs” to celebrate the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee 2022.

16. PLANTERS FOR LLANDEGLA CAR PARK.

Councillor Karen Bellis provided Members with an email details from Mrs Shelagh Williams requesting Community Council support for Flower Planters for Llandegla Car Park. Members resolved for the Community Council to support the project together with the annual ongoing work supplied by the Llandegla Gardening Club. Councillor Bellis agreed to communicate with both Mrs Williams and the Gardening Club that the Council would grant aid the respective projects.

17. TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN OR CLERK (STANDING ORDERS NO. 24).

None received.

18. FINANCE ISSUES.

A: The Clerk circulated Members with the bank transactions for the period covering 1st April to 31st August 2021.

B. Bank balances:-

1. HSBC Current Account £6,831.60.

2. HSBC Saver Account £23,001.96.

C. Second 2021/22 Precept Receipt £3,328.00.

D. Authorised bill payments:-

1. Clerk’s salary for the quarter ended 30th September 2021 £560.20.

2. HM Revenue & Customs for PAYE for the quarter ended 30th September 2021 £140.00.

3. AVOW for PAYE administration work for the quarter ended 30th September 2021 £12.50.

4. White Oak Property Services for two times £190.65 community grass cutting = £381.30.

19. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

A: Application: 17/2021/0671 - Details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of dwelling submitted in accordance with condition no. 1 of outline permission 17/2015/1153/PO (reserved matters application) on land at (part garden of) 2 Queens Cottages, Llandegla – objection due to the following reasons:-

1. The proposed dwelling is far too tall (height wise) in relation to the neighbouring properties and will intrude on their privacy.

2. The proposed dwelling is out of character with the surrounding properties.

3. The development does not fit in with the surrounding area as it would be over powering for the site.

B. Application: 17/2021/0792 - Erection of extension to existing agricultural building at Llyn Rhys, Bryn Eglwys Road, Llandegla – no objections.

C. Application: 17/2021/0793 - Erection of extension to existing agricultural building on barn adjacent Nant-yr-Hafod, Llandegla – no objections.

D. Application: 17/2021/0761 - Conversion and extension of outbuilding to form one holiday accommodation unit. Installation of a septic tank. Formation of off road parking. Lanscaping and associated works at Hafod Lon, Llandegla – no objections.

E. Application: 17/2021/0745 - Erection of an agricultural implement and tractor store at Dafarn Dywyrch, Llandegla – no objections.

20. TO REVIEW ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED THAT REQUIRES ATTENTION.

A. The mobile Post Office will attend Llandegla on Thursday mornings between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

B. Following information received from the Denbighshire County Council Digital Officer, Philip Burrows, Members resolved to invite Mr Burrows to the next Council meeting to discuss the “Internet in Rural Areas”.

C. Denbighshire County Council are in the process of supplying “Horse Rider” warning signs within the community.

21. GENERAL COVID 19 UPDATES.

Due to the continued Covid-19 pandemic, Members resolved for the next Council meeting in November be held by Zoom conference.

22. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS COMMITTEE.

Councillor Steve Swygart reported that the Countryside Warden - Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB is arranging for a section of the “Top Field” to be harrowed followed by the planting of wild flowers.

23. TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF OUTSIDE BODIES FROM COUNCILLORS:-

A. MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT.

There have been no meetings since the previous Council meeting.

B. COMMUNITY SHOP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The Annual General Meeting of the Llandegla Community Shop Management Committee will be held on 25th October 2021.

C. AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY.

No report supplied.

D. MOEL-Y-FAEN QUARRY LIAISON.

Resolved to remove item from future agenda of the Council.

E. ONE VOICE WALES.

No meetings held since the previous Council meeting.

F. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

Ongoing services have taken place in Llandegla Church since the previous Council meeting.

24. URGENT BUSINESS UNDER SECTION 100B(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

There was no urgent business for consideration.

25. THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE.

26. PLEASE STAY SAFE AND WELL UNDER THE CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.