

**Minutes of the meeting of Llangynin Community Council held
at the Bryn Chapel Hall
on
15 May 2023 7pm**

Present: Councillors Philip Morgan, Alison Wells, Les Murphy, Caroline Jones, Rhydian Davies, George Bulford and County Councillor Dorian Phillips.

In the Chair - Councillor Rhydian Davies

1. **Apologies for Absence** - None
2. **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Jones in respect of all and any matters concerning the Bryn Chapel Hall (of which she is a trustee) and in particular matters 5.4.
3. **To consider application for co-option onto the community council** – an application having been received from George Bulford, it was **RESOLVED** that he be co-opted. He was welcomed to the council. A declaration of acceptance of office was signed, having been provided with a copy of the Code of Conduct.
4. **Minutes of the meetings of 14 November 2023 and 12 March 2023**

It was **RESOLVED** that minutes of the meetings of the council held on 14 November 2023 be approved and signed as the correct record. Proposed by Cllr Morgan and seconded by Cllr Wells. It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that minutes of the meeting of the council held on 13 March 2023 be approved and signed as correct record. Proposed by Cllr Wells and seconded by Cllr Murphy.

5. Existing business:

- 5.1. **Llangynin Park** – the clerk wished to ensure that the councillors remained content with the updated position prior to entering into a binding agreement with solicitors and incurring legal fees. An updated estimate had been provided by JCP Solicitors – which reflected their assessment of the potential for needing to negotiate an easement or the terms of of transfer. The trustees of the park had helpfully responded to queries raised by the council concerning boundaries and the routes of drainage across the park. If the top end of the revised estimate was realized, then this might require use of some reserves in due course. JCP Solicitors would be requiring the sum of £500 on account of costs and disbursements. The members agreed that they were content to proceed with JCP Solicitors and it was **RESOLVED** that this be provided and would be added to the sums to be authorized at item 11.6.5 below.
- 5.2. **Light at Lleifor** – Cllr Jones said that the trial light had not been satisfactory for the purpose of lighting the roadway. On that basis that is an end to this and it is removed from the agenda. Cllr Jones thanked Cllr Morgan for his efforts to find a solution.
- 5.3. **Letter re traffic damage to road and to village signs** – the clerk reported that having sent the letter (on 22 March 2024 to Traffic Management/Road Safety), no response had been received. She had followed up by email seeking a response and by phone. It was understood that the letter had gone to M Jacobs of CCC. Cllr Phillips noted that no response had been provided and he would follow up on behalf of the community

council. There was discussion between members on the apparent worsening of the speeding issue within the village. Cllr Phillips will try to get an attendance by the police at a community council meeting, as no speed enforcement has taken place and no feedback has been given on the reported drive through inspection done by the police relating to recent road accidents. The members wished it minuted that it was recognized that this was a major issue facing the community- and the risk to the community was of serious concern. It was noted that any solution was dependent upon parties other than the community council – ie the county council and the police so it was hoped that considered feedback and support might be provided.

5.4. Update on position re financial assistance for the benefit of the community: Cllr Jones withdrawing from the meeting. The clerk confirmed that the requirements of the minutes of March 2023 had been met in respect of the costs of the electrician (including the formal grant request)– and the grant made to the Bryn as agreed. The invoice for the radiators and LED lights had not been sent to the Bryn Hall as yet. The grant in respect of that sum was still to be made. Cllr Jones rejoining the meeting. The coffee morning was currently postponed after two successful mornings as the April one had not been well attended. The members discussed this with a view to getting this started up again in the Autumn if not before.

5.5. Replacement of stiles with stock proof gates – there was discussion on where this had got to. The clerk to get the two gates delivered by CCC to the front yard of Cllr Murphy's house and arrangements made for installation.

7 The County Councillor's Report – taken out of turn on the agenda with the Chairman's permission.

7.1 Two farms nearby have been bought for tree/conifer plantations – these being Penback and Llechclawdd. There will be an open meeting on this. The date is to be confirmed. Clerk will be notified and will circulate time/date.

7.2 The County Council is taking suggestions by letter or via a survey online on which roads might be exempted from the 20mph limit. Suggestions together with valid reasons will be logged pending guidance being received from Welsh Government in the summer. Suggestions will be accepted until the end of July. [clerk to locate link: <https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/travel-roads-parking/road-safety/20mph-speed-limits/>]

7.3 Cllr Phillips had noted overhanging branches on the road below Rhydyceisiad Chapel. He noted that it was the responsibility of the landowner to prevent branches overhanging the highway below 5m.

Cllr Phillips providing his apologies and leaving the meeting due to family commitments.

6. New Business

6.1. Repairs to bench by bus stop – Cllr Wells confirmed her inspection and that the bench needs 3 new seating planks and 12 bolts. Existing bolts will need cutting off. Plank size 210cm x 19cm x 3cm. Cllr Davies kindly agreed to search online and purchase boards (to be re-imbursed by the community council). Cllr Morgan and Cllr Murphy kindly agreed to assist with the process of replacement.

6.2. Request for dog poo bin at Llanboidy end of village – this was discussed – clerk will contact CCC to establish if they will provide and empty a second bin in the village and also enquire about notices that might be fixed up.

7. Clerk's Report and correspondence not otherwise on the agenda -

7.1. A letter from the Standards Committee requiring data on who had undertaken Code of Conduct Training. Clerk confirmed that she intended to do the training to be provided by CCC in June. Cllr Murphy agreeing to attend also.

- 7.2. The draft minutes of the Carmarthen Area Committee of One Voice Wales had been circulated – this had contained useful information, not least that there is a new online search facility for grant funding.
- 7.3. There is a new standard form drafted for anyone who does not wish to receive the Mandatory Payment – which the clerk will circulate to members.

8. Consideration of Risk Register

The members had been supplied with the current version. Upon consideration it was agreed that its current format was satisfactory and there had been no material changes to the risks faced. It was agreed however that the risk register would be re-assessed in line with progress of the purchase of the Park.

9. Planning Matters – none

10. Finance and Payments (Contractual and invoiced).

- 10.1. Budget Monitoring: the clerk took the members to the monitoring spreadsheet and the current bank balances (£6525.22 in the current and £5830.4 in the instant access savings accounts) were noted. Receipt of first tranche of precept in the sum of £3033.34 was also noted.
- 10.2. The members agreed that the clerk would continue to be paid on a monthly basis with a report made to each meeting.
- 10.3. It was noted that the donation to Urdd Gobaith that had not been made as at the last meeting (minute 9.4) had been made after the clerk made further enquiries, paid on 2 April 2024.
- 10.4. The Footway Lighting Charge invoice referred to at minute 9.6 of the March minutes was noted as having arrived dated 22 March 2024 and was paid in accordance with the Financial Regulations.
- 10.5. Confirmation of payment of clerk's wages monthly (and HMRC) in March and April 2024.
- 10.6. Payments for authorisation:
 - One Voice Wales – membership 22-23 - £53
 - Fees of the internal auditor – £67.50
 - Hall hire for coffee morning in March 2024 - £20
 - Hall Hire for the Community Council meeting May 2024 - £20 [plus any electricity usage at the meeting]
 - Costs on account payment to JCP Solicitors of £500 as per the figure confirmed by JCP
- 10.7. Noted that ICO DD payment of £35 will be collected on or about 17 May 2024.

11. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9 July 2024

Meeting closed 20:45