

# Cyngor Cymuned Llangynog

## Llangynog Community Council

### Minutes of the meeting of held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Llangynog Memorial Hall at 7.30pm

**Present.** Cllr. P. Morgan (chair), Cllr. A. Young, Cllr. Chambers, Cllr I. Davies, Cllr Hughes, Cllr. G. Evans, Cllr. L. Lewis, CCllr B. Davies

**Apologies. (122)** None

**Declaration of Interest (148)** Cllr Hughes and Cllr Lewis - planning

#### **Minutes (149)**

It was **RESOLVED** by the council, to accept the minutes of the meeting dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 as a true record. The Chairperson signed minutes.

#### **Matters Arising (150)**

PAT testing arranged – next week visual check on hand dryers

Stone walling cost – **action clerk**

Shrubs are being planted in carpark, phone kiosk is going to be painted

Bird feeder- clerk to ask Dolhendre residents for volunteers to feed - will provide storage bin

#### **Chairman's Report (151)**

Cllr Morgan welcomed our newly co-opted member, Cllr Lewis

#### **County Councillors Report (152)**

CCllr Davies contacted the relevant portfolio holder in respect of tarmac being laid on a private road. He received an immediate response, an officer was sent out to look at the incident, he was met by Cllrs Morgan, I. Davies and Evans. The officer was concerned, and is going to investigate, CCllr B. Davies has received a phone call to say that an investigation is being pursued.

During a full County Council meeting last Thurs, County Councillors Elwyn Vaughan and Bryn Davies put forward a motion to put a council tax increase on second homes – 1200 such homes in Powys and long list of people wanting their main home in the county. Average house price is way higher than national average, average wage is far lower than national average. 175% increase was accepted. Holiday lets are not affected. Welsh Gov putting a 20mph speed limit through built up areas.

Reorganising schools proposal – closing schools and opening in Llanrhaeadr.

**Correspondence (153)** OVV online training dates– Cllrs Chambers and Young signed up for Finance courses

#### **Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of office (154)**

A Declaration of Acceptance of office was duly signed by Cllr Lee Lewis.

#### **Finance (155)**

Current Account: £17,863.5

Maintenance Account (Playground Fund): £8483.45

**Income:**

<b>Playground fund</b>	Donation for pop-up Indian	£30
<b>Other income</b>	Cemetery income	£430
	Toilets honesty box (May-14 <sup>th</sup> Sept)	£804.29

**Payments:**

Clerks Wages (Jul & Aug)	£397.20
Cllr Chambers (Paint for toilets from Morgans)	£469.75
HMRC PAYE	£24.40
L. Lewis Toilet cleaning & cleaning products	£548.54
Octopus Energy	£43.10
A Poole (repair work at public toilets)	£220.00
SLCC	£78.00
HelloPrint	£27.58
R. Briscoe (Ebay – toilets donations box)	£27.99
Millsales Direct	£134.94
Hafren Dyfrdwy	£144.47
Llangynog Memorial Hall (room hire – Jan-June)	£53.00
N.Montgomeryshire CIC (Library)	£115.00
British Gas	£44.45 BACS

It was **RESOLVED** by council that the invoices and payments be honoured. **Action Clerk**

**Covid-19 Response (156)**

Still on-going, medicines still being collected. Mike Atherton wanted to thank Council for organising the prescription collections.

Jane Peate, headteacher at Ysgol Pennant contacted CCllr B. Davies concerned that although they were doing their best in school to keep children apart, in bubbles etc, after school children and parents were gathering on the park in large groups, Bryn took the matter to Penybontfawr Community Council who promptly closed the park. This has improved social distancing at school pick-up time enormously.

Cost comparison for toilets whilst they were being used by customers at New Inn

Daily running cost (water and electricity) of toilets:

2019 £4.45/day in Jul Aug

2020 £3.34/day in Jul Aug so no increase in cost of utilities

Concerns regarding not allowing public to council meeting were raised – this is due to hall (public building) regulations and the inability to meet remotely due to poor internet in many parts of the village, cllrs and members of the public are able to join in via Zoom.

**Fibre broadband (157)**

Concerns were raised - if people drop out – what would implications to the council be?

What will costs be for installation and for the service? **Action Clerk**

Could ask other communities CICs produced that have sorted out a similar project **Action Cllr Young.**

**Powers of delegation – clerk able to make payments via BACS (158)**

It was RESOLVED to give the clerk the powers to make payments via BACS when necessary

**Co-option application form (159)**

The SLCC example was discussed. It was decided to use Page 1 of the template with a space for the applicants signature. **ACTION CLERK**

### **Playground - wildlife garden completed (160)**

Still waiting for a missing post to arrive from Keep Wales Tidy. This is for the trellis.

### **Planning (161)**

**Planning Applications:**The Waen, Llangynog SY10 0HA proposed First Floor Rear Extension Ref. No: 20/1515/HH

**Resolved** to give no objections **ACTION CLERK**

**Planning Decision Notices:** None

### **Ysgol Pennant Governor's report (Cllr Hughes) (162)**

Cllr Hughes gave a report : Governor meetings are currently online. Covid-19 risk assessment is a working document and is constantly being amended. Parents are very confident with the procedures and staff. Play park in Penybontfawr now shut which has helped enormously with social distancing after school.

Another meeting was held regarding PCC ideas of reorganising schools. They are proposing that Ysgol Pennant is closed and a new Welsh medium school to open situated in the present Llanrhaeadr school with an additional extension. This is heartbreaking news for parents – such a special, nurturing place. This view seems to be shared by many in the community, once you lose a school, it won't come back and there will be a knock on affect. Ysgol Pennant offers amazing opportunities. Llanwddyn children travel a long distance as it is to get to Pennant, many will not make the journey to Llanrhaeadr causing a decline in numbers of children in the area being educated through medium of Welsh.

CCllr Bryn Davies stressed that he wants to keep Ysgol Pennant open.

It was announced that Cylch meithrin's Capital Grant funding for a new building had been redacted by PCC as Ysgol Pennant was now earmarked for closure. Bryn was unaware of this announcement and promised to find out why.

### **Bala Road accident (163)**

The recent accident of a car going off the side of the road and falling down to the old Bala Road happened where the road was resurfaced, and the embankment was lost due to the works. Man at meeting Clive Jones – clerk to email Clive Jones to check that the work discussed at the meeting with Cllrs Morgan, Davies and Evans will be dealt with.

### **Speeding traffic through village (164)**

Complaints received about the speed of traffic coming through the village 2 or 3 years ago – a community speed watch was set up, it was RESOLVED to see if we could restart it.

Cllr Young to ask volunteers if they want to take part again.

### **River bank behind Dolhendre giving way (165)**

Concerns raised by residents that river bank giving way behind houses. They reported to Environmental

Housing dept of PCC to be informed - **Action Clerk**

**Response from PCC regarding ditch at the Waen (166)**

Disappointing response  
It was RESOLVED to close the matter

**Highways (167)**

Fallen trees - Cwm Rhiwarth – chase up, stump has been moved slightly but needs taking away, Blocked culverts – Cwm Rhiwarth & by Rhydyfelin **Action Clerk**  
Cllr Chambers to check if they've been cleaned  
Old Bala Rd – mud from building site blocking drains and entering properties.- Speak to Tommy **Action Clerk**  
Chapel bridge – Ask to keep traffic lights **Action Clerk**

**Footpath bridge between Pen Craig and Glan-yr-afon (168)**

Rotten plank on the bridge – report **Action clerk**

**Revolution Bike Park Woodland restoration Plan (169)**

Information and maps provided RESOLVED to give no objections **Action Clerk**

**Newsletter (170)**

Draft being compiled by Cllr Chambers,  
Include card with defibrillator access code

**Members Points of Information (171)**

Ysgol Pennant – response to PCC plans

The next Council meeting will be held in Memorial Hall, Llangynog on Tuesday 20th October 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended 10pm

Signed ..... (Chair)

Date.....