



MINUTES OF MEETING
held at the Community Meeting Room, Llanddowror
At 7.30 pm on Monday 14th September 2015

1 Welcome to Mrs A Crewes as the new North Ward Councillor

2 Apologies for Absence:

151/15 Apologies Received: Clerk, M J Cory
Absent: Cllr W P Evans

Declarations of Personal Interest:

152/15 Gwyn Owen - Agenda Item No 6(c) ref Solar Panels at Castle Lloyd
Mark Tucker - Agenda Item No 9(f) ref Resignation of Clerk
Mark Tucker - Agenda Item No 10(f) ref Old Mill Timber Yard

3 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th June 2015

153/15 Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

4 Correspondence received and sent since the last Ordinary Meeting:

154/15 The following correspondence was discussed –

- (a) Reply to Llanddowror resident regarding the state of Llanddowror – emails received from resident have been replied to, setting out the achievements of the Community Council over the past few years.
- (b) Dyfed Powys Police were contacted by resident of Llanddowror regarding the volume of traffic on the Old Trunk Road. DPP contacted the Clerk who in turn contacted CCC who have indicated that traffic counters will be placed on the C3236 (Old Trunk Road) near to Stg Teilo's Church.
- (c) NRW – proposed changes to the automated warning process at Llanddowror with the new Flood Risk Maps online.
- (d) A letter of resignation from the Clerk had been received. Further discussion to take place under Agenda Item No 10 - Administration.
- (e) Barclays Bank's proposed closure of the St Clears Branch

5 Finance and Accounts:

155/15 The following information was presented to Members:

- (a) Accounts Paid; Clerk's Salary £312.00, HMRC 78.00 (June)
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Clerk's Expenses £79.78 (June-July)
Clerk's Expenses (July-Sept)
Newhall Janitorial Supplies £11.81
Bank Charges £4.16
- (b) Accounts Due: It was Resolved to pay the following - Clerk's Salary £312.00, HMRC PAYE £78.00 (Oct) Clerk's Expenses £25.50 (Sept), transfer of £2,500 to NS&I Account to part cover end of year Invoices as resolved in previous meeting. Rob Jones – £700.00 Verge Grass Cutting Llanmiloe, Cost of advert for position of Clerk; (TBA)
- (c) Accounts Received; Precept £4833.33
- (d) Bank Reconciliation; A copy of the Bank Statement was made available for Members' information together with a copy of the Cash Flow Forecast to 30/12/15.
- (e) Final Audit of End of Year Accounts; The accounts were approved by the Council BDO advised that some minor amendments be made and signed by the Chairman.
- (f) Closure of Barclays Bank St Clears Branch: a letter has been received stating that the Branch will be closed in November.

6 Planning:

156/15 Planning information received since the last Meeting, including:

- (a) Picton House Hotel Appeal; The result was made available to Members who expressed their disappointment at the Appeal not being upheld. A letter of support is to be sent following a further enforcement notice served on Picton House.
- (b) Land adjoining Woodend, Llanmiloe – W/32544 – Planning Application Consultation for Residential Development
- (c) Potential Planning Application for Parc Cynog – Solar Energy – W/32580 – Planning Application Consultation

7 Training:

157/15 Carmarthenshire County Council - Code of Conduct Training 4th/9th June
These Courses were attended by Cllrs J S Hewens, T Paradice, D A Howells, W M Tucker and the Clerk.

8 Events:

158/15 Meetings, Local and National Events – including:

- (a) 20th June - Blue Eliffant 'Picnic in the Park' – attended by Cllr T Paradise and Guest, also the Clerk.
- (b) 24th June - Joint Council's Meeting attended by Cllr T Paradise
- (c) 30th June - One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting attended by Cllr W M Tucker.
- (d) 3rd October - One Voice Wales AGM – Cllrs J S Hewens and W M Tucker unable to attend.
- (e) 5th November - NRW Networking Event for Flood Volunteers to be held in Swansea. On Thursday 5th November - Cllr W M Tucker agreed to attend.

9 Administration:

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- (a) Co-option of Councillor for the South Ward – application received from Mr F Roberts; Mr Roberts to be approached regarding co-option onto the Council.
- (b) Community Meeting Room – Computer Classes: an email was sent to Members asking for assistance in running these classes which could take place during October. Councillor D Howells agreed to 'open up and close down the MR for classes.
- (c) Public Conveniences update – Toilet supplies have been supplied by Newhall and they have been paid. A Toilet Cleaning Rota has been organised and Members were asked if they could join the group of residents who voluntarily clean the PCs.
- (d) NRW Grant for small scale projects; Members were informed that a Grant of up to £15,000 was available.
- (e) Website; the Council's website is now up and running but needs some 'tweaking'. Cllr W M Tucker agreed to help with its operation.
- (f) Resignation of Clerk: A letter of resignation has been sent from the Clerk to the Chairman. The Clerk has to retire because of general ill health after having recently received a stroke. The position of Clerk/RFO is to be advertised in the Carmarthen Journal with a closing date of 9 October.

10 Flooding Issues, Repairs and Works:

160/15 Llanddowror:

- (a) 18th June - Flood Wardens/Volunteers Meeting; The Annual Meeting of the Flood Wardens/Volunteers was held in the MR. Guest Speaker was Mr Rhys Williams who delivered a very interesting report on what had been achieved by CCC in Llanddowror over the past few years together proposed works and a computer generated model of potential flooding in the village. Residents' queries regarding roadworks (C3236 and C3230) were addressed as were concerns regarding the alterations to watercourses at the Old Mill Woodyard that may impact and have negative effects on flooding in the village. The only Flood Wardens present at the Meeting were Cllr W M Tucker and the Co-ordinator, M J Cory together with one resident. No other wardens or volunteers attended to hear the results of their queries. Apologies were received from Cllr T Paradise and D R Thomas (Flood Warden). A great deal of work had gone into this presentation and it was disappointing that residents did not attend despite email reminders.

- (b) Rateable Value for homes in the Flood Catchment area; an email has been sent to the Valuation Office.
- (c) Co-ordinator of Llanddowror Flood Action Plan; Due to the resignation of the Clerk it will be necessary to appoint a new Co-ordinator of the Flood Plan. As this is a Council initiative, a Member of the Council would have to take it over or it can be delegated to the new Clerk. Cllr A Crewes stated she is prepared to take on the role of Flood Co-ordinator. Llanddowror has been mentioned in a Master's Thesis by Pieter Loundes (Sweden).
- (d) Request for Mobile Speed Camera on Old Trunk Road together with 'flashing speed indicator'- pending further information from CCC.
- (e) Directional Signs near the new Llanddowror Road Junction: awaiting a reply from CCC
- (f) Development at Old Mill, Llanddowror: communication has been received from CCC Enforcement Officer who is still awaiting proposals following contravention notices being served.
- (g) Griffith Jones Anniversary 2016 – there will be a display by local historians in St Teilo's Church, Llanddowror.
- (h) It was reported that the blocked drains on Tavernspite Road near the Meeting Room have now been attended to.

161/15 Llanmiloe:

- (a) Maintenance of Coastal Path: There will be a meeting in October with CCC to discuss this particular problem.
- (c) Cutting of grass on verges: Councillors stated they were pleased with the work carried out.
- (d) It was reported that there is a new Head Teacher at Llanmiloe School with 2 part-time staff and 39 pupils due to start next term.

11 Any Other Business for Discussion at the next Meeting

162/15 Llanddowror:

- (a) Branches of Trees overhanging the Pedestrian Footpath.
- (b) Blue gloves on top of rubbish bags in the centre of the village.

163/15 Llanmiloe:

- (a) Issues regarding the public footpath from Brook Mill to Capthorne.
- (b) Fund raising - Horse Racing Evening on 10th October with proceeds towards a Fireworks Display
- (c) Trees near the Bus Shelter and Westmead Close.

12 Date and Time of next Ordinary Meeting

7.30 pm on Monday 12th October 2015 at the Community Hall, Llanmiloe