Llanbister Community Council General Meeting minutes

**Date:** Thursday 20th January 2022 T**ime: 7:30**pm **Venue:** Community Hall and Zoom

**Apologies received:** County Councillor Rachel Powell,

1. **Members Present:** Marc Williams (Chair), Geoff Morgan (Vice-chair), Wayne Bowen, Darren Rogers, Tracy Lewis (on Zoom), Gareth Bowen, Catherine James, David Horne (Clerk).
2. **Declaration of Interest.** None
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting(s) –** Minutes of the December 2021 general meeting were previously circulated to all councillors. All agreed they were a true record. Proposed by Darren Rogers and seconded by Catherine James that the minutes were a true record. Minutes were signed by Chair
4. **Matters Arising from Minutes-** a.Llanbister Road AED. In light of last months meeting Darren Rogers made enquiries with local property owners regarding the siting of the AED. In addition County Councillor Rachel Powell has made enquiries with Powys CC regarding the the connection of power from an adjacent street light. Darren Rogers also contacted an electricial to see if an electronical connection to the AED cabinet was possible from the power supply in the phone kiosk. The answer is yes and it would cost the council £30 - £40 depending on any additional materials the electrician may need. It was proposed by Wayne Bowen and seconded by Gareth Bowen that we arrange for the work to be carried out. Darren Rogers and Wayne Bowen to liaise with the electrician. In addition Wayne Bowen suggested some AED signs to replace some of the glass in the phone kiosk. This was agreed in principal and will be decided upon once the cabinet and AED are in place. b. RES grant. As agreed at last months meeting Clerk has submitted a grant application for two projects - Safe storage of council property and additional litter signage. No decision has been reached yet. c. Broadband Project. Clerk has not been able to contact Reese Simmonds as he has now left PCC. County Councillor rachel Powell is continuing to coordinate the project between us and Llanbadarn Fynydd. We need to move the project on. There has been some interest expressed around the community and an increase in publicity is needed. Information will be placed on our website and Facebook page. Clerk to action. d. Selection of new School Governor. Following the December meeting County Councillor Rachel Thomas made enquiries with the school governors. We need to clarify if there is a typographical error on the information given by the Governors as it appears to indicate a 5 year term for the incumbent as opposed to 4 which is the norm. Clerk to obtain a hard copy of the council minutes from November 2017 meeting when the previous change was made. Clerk will liaise with the clerk of governors for clarification.. e. Grass cutting. Clerk has drawn up a draft advertisement and contract for council to consider. It was agreed upon. Clerk to publish on website and on Facebook page.
5. **Planning –**  Receive planning decision for 9th to 17th December 2021 and 20th December 2021 to 7th january 2022. These have previously forwarded to councillors. Receive planning applications 21/2295/HH and 21/2318/FUL. These have been circulated to councillors. Following discussion nobody raised any objections and both applications were approved. 21/2295/HH proposed by Geoff Morgan and seconded by Darren Rogers. 21/2318/FUL proposed by Geoff Morgan and seconded by Tracy Lewis. Clerk to action on the planning portal
6. **Correspondence - In** i) Receive 2 copies of emails sent from CC Rachel Powell to Highways regarding highways issues ii) Receive email from CC Rachel Powell regarding the Broadband project

**Correspondence - Out**

Clerk responded to Powys CC planning department regarding the diversion of a

public footpath at Upper Crosscynon.

1. **Business to be transacted -** a. Invoice for the litter signage project.

b. Received invoice of payment taken for renewal of ZOOM license. The money was

taken from Clerk’s personal account and is seeking retrospective approval to

reclaim it on expenses. Proposed by Darren Rogers and seconded by Tracy

Lewis.

c. Budget setting. Following on from discussions in December 2022 the council

have decided to set the precept at £6927 for the year 2022/23. This was

proposed by Wayne Bowen and seconded by Darren Rogers. Clerk to action

1. **Finance**  Savings Account balance as at 5th January 2022 **-** £ 1,077.09

**Income (as part of above balance)** – 0

Community Account balance as at 5th January 2022 **-** £8,154.96

**Income (as part of above balance)** -  £2,209 (3rd precept payment)

**Outgoings as part of the above balance –** £141.89 (Clerk’s salary Dec)

£24 (Clerk's Expenses)

£300 (Grass cutting)

£143.88 (Zoom renewal)

£5 (Bank charges)

£106.40 (HMRC PAYE)

1. **Any Other Business.**

a. The date for the opening of the Community Hub has been altered at the request

of Welsh Governent. The new date is Thursday 28th April 2022. The hall

commitee have requested a list of names that will be attending from the council.

All the councillors and the clerk will be attending

b. We have received a request from the hall committee secretary regarding

replacing the boundary fence round the hall. Without a cost it is not feasible to

make a decision at the moment. Council felt it would be nice to match the

exisiting school boundary fence. Tracy Lewis is going to liaise with the hall

committee to get a quote. Once we have that we can make an informed decision.

c. Highways issues. Wayne Bowen has raised a previous issue for which he has

now sent photographs. Clerk to forwrd them on to PCC Highways. 2 cattle grids

and a land slip.

d. Queens Jubilee. Powys have granted free road closures for councils that want to

arrange a street party to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee. Following discussion the

council have decided it would be a good idea to arrange one. There is also

funding available for decorations like bunting and so on.

e. Memorial Railing. One of the junction joints on the memorial railings has become

loose with no securing bolts in situ. Clerk to contact Ray Price to get it sorted

out.

f. Facebook page. Catherine James enquired who manages the Facebook page

and who can input onto it. Clerk manages the page and only he can input at the

moment. He will arrange it so that all councillors will be able to input directly.

**Date of Next meeting - Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7.30. Hybrid format**