Llanbister Community Council General Meeting minutes

**Date:** Wednesday 9th January 2019 T**ime:** 7.30 **Venue:** Llanbister Community Hall

1. **Apologies received:** Gwyn Morgan. Raymond Lewis
2. **Members Present:** Darren Rogers (Chair), Wayne Bowen, Janet Thomas,

 Geoff Morgan, Marc Williams County Cllr Rachel Powell. David Horne (Clerk)

1. **Declaration of Interest:**

None

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting(s)**

It was proposed by Geoff Morgan and seconded by Janet Thomas that the minutes of the November 2018 meeting were a true record and were duly signed

1. **Matters Arising from Minutes**
2. Insurance. Clerk has made enquiries with regard to getting comprehensive insurance cover that the current policy does not provide. This would bring us in line with what OVW recommends we have cover for. The cost would be £344.74 for 1 year or £330 pa for a 3 year long agreement
3. Defibrillator training – This took place in school following the half term break in October. Training was provided for all interested parties including members of the public.
4. Oil tank. Clerk sent an email to Jenni Thomas as requested but so far there has been no response. Another email sent on 5/1/19. Clerk to forward emails to County Cllr Rachel Powell for escalation
5. Highways issues outstanding. Cattle grids and the road running past the church down to Hazeldene. Waiting for Powys to prioritise. In addition Clerk has requested new speed warning signs around the school.
6. RES funding. Only one quote received for phone box refurbishment and one for the moving of the box from the main road. Numerous phone calls and messages left to obtain others. The deadline for submission of applications was 17th December. Clerk submitted 2 applications based on the quotes received. Jody may quoted £400 per box for renovation and Gareth Morris quoted £900 for moving the phone box. Bearing in mind we are limited to the amount we can apply for (£2373.72) the application was for moving the box and painting of 1 box totalling £1300. We received a grant last April for the defibrillator £1364 (£2664).
7. Bus stop. A meeting has been set up for Friday 18th January at 10am on the proposed site. The meeting is with PCC and the contractors. All councillors have been previously informed and are invited to attend. It was felt that it would would be good to invite Kirsty Williams (Assembly Member) along as she helped instigate this. Clerk to action
8. Grass cutting. Clerk paid Norman Parker £240 as requested at last meeting. However on checking back it was agreed in January 2018 to increase this to £300. Clerk has actioned this additional payment of £60.
9. Internet Banking. This is now up and running.
10. Facebook page. A community facebook page has now been set up and is running. Clerk will administer and monitor content
11. Wheelchair and pushchair access. Clerk has requested additional dropped kerbs around the village and a new footpath from the memorial down to school to facilitate better access for people in wheelchairs and pushchairs
12. Clerk wrote to James Grieve to thank him for his advice regarding the swimming pool lease issues.
13. Hall committee. James Grieve has been invited to attend the January meeting to explain the concerns he raised previously. Unfortunately he sent his apologies. clerk to invite him to next meeting
14. War memorial. Clerk has not been able to establish who usually cleans up the cenotaph prior to the new poppy appeal launch each year. It was thought that Pat Allen did this but she denied any knowledge. Previously Gwyn Morgan did the job. Clerk is happy to take this on.
15. **Planning –** Receive Community Council planning decisions from 26th November to 7th December. This was previously circulated to councillors
16. **Correspondence**
17. Receive quote from CAME quoting for insurance cover for next year
18. Receive quote from Gareth Morris for moving of phone kiosk
19. Receive email from Jude Boutle regarding telephone kiosk by Grevodig
20. Receive email from PAVO regarding small health grants. Discussed and was felt that best kept village may make more use of this. Clerk to forward to Colin Williams (Chair of best kept village)
21. Receive Letter from PCC regarding precept for 2019/20
22. Receive information from Welsh Government regarding update on Community and Town Councils
23. Receive action notice from OVW regarding National Pay Agreement for Council employees
24. Receive notice of OVW training events from January to March
25. Receive information from Welsh Government regarding Appropriate Sum under Section 137 (4)(A) of The Local Government Act 1972
26. Receive invoice from HMRC regarding PAYE/NIC for Clerk.
27. **Finance**

**Savings Account balance as at 5th January 2019** £1,073.72

 **Community Account balance as at 5th January 2019**  £4,362.15

 Unpresented cheques - None

 **Income (as part of above balance) -**

 £2.25 for royal wedding mugs

 3rd precept payment £1,433

 **Outgoings as part of the above balance**

 100415 – Royal British Legion(Poppies for cenotaph) - £12

 100416 – Royal British legion (Wreath) £20

 100417 – Clerks wages (Oct and Nov) plus expenses - £166

 100418 – Norman Parker (Grass cutting) - £240

 BACs payment – Norman Parker (Grass cutting) £60

 BACs payment – HMRC for PAYE – Clerk £60

 BACs payment – Back payment to D Horne in relation to 3rd quarter PAYE £53.20

 BACs payment – Clerk’s salary (Dec) £80

1. **Business to be transacted.**

Discuss and set budget for 2019/20. The budget was discussed and a new level of funding agreed, taking into account salary increases, councillor’s expenses, additional contingency provision and increased funding for training. Following discussion it was proposed by Geoff Morgan and seconded by Wayne Bowen that the precept for 2019/20 be set at £6300

1. **Any Other Business (Discussed prior to precept discussion)**

Donation to Community Hall. Council discussed making a donation to the Hall Committee and it was agreed to make the usual donation of £650

Training – Councillors and Clerk. Clerk pointed out the training opportunities for councillors and himself in the coming months. Training costs must be incorporated into the precept for next financial year. CiLCA training for the Clerk will cost £350 but a bursary may be available which would halve the cost. OVW training will cost £40 per individual person for each session

Councillor’s allowance. As from April 2019 councillors will be entitled to an allowance of £150 per year. It will be paid automatically and needs to be accounted for in any precept request. Individual councillors may elect not to take their allowance but must put this in writing to the Clerk

1. **Date of Next meeting Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 7.30pm**