

Llanbister Community Council General Meeting minutes

Date: Thursday 29th February 2024 **Time:** 7:30pm **Venue:** Community Hub.

1. Apologies received: Wayne Bowen

2. Members Present: Catherine James (Chair), Tracy Lewis (Vice-Chair),
Darren Rogers, County Councillor Geoff Morgan, Marc
Williams, Gareth Bowen, Jennifer Turner (Clerk).

3. Declaration of Interest. G Bowen and D Rogers Planning 23/1915/FUL

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting(s) – Minutes of the 11th January 2024 general meeting were previously circulated to all councillors. It was agreed they were an accurate record. Approved and Duly signed by Chair

5. Matters Arising from Minutes-

- a. Llanbister War Memorial - DR to arrange work to commence in May
- b. Graveyard - A lease has been received and reviewed. Some minor changes are needed and the lease will need reviewing by solicitors. The Council are happy to sign this subject to the solicitors comments. Once complete clerk to add graveyard to the insurance policy.
- c. Community Engagement - A village magazine produced by a neighbouring community and distributed free of charge to all residents was reviewed and discussed. It is felt that Llanbister could benefit from a similar project and as such work has already started on this with a hope to produce the first quarterly copy in June 2024.
- d. RES - Grant awarded for £760 for Phone Box, Door and War Memorial

6. Planning –

Planning application 23/1516/FUL - approved

Planning application 23/1915/FUL - no comment

7. Correspondence.

- a. Litter Pick - Clerk to order equipment (Bin bags, HI-vis jackets, gloves and litter pickers)
- b. Speedbump - MW to source paint and action
- c. Training Dates - OVW. Distributed to Councillors by email

9. Finance - Balances as at 29th February 2024

Savings Account - £ 1,094.51

Income (as part of above balance) £0

Community Account - £11,034.69

Income (as part of above balance) - £0

Outgoings as part of the above balance – £5 Bank charge

£178.15 Clerk's salary (Feb)

£26 Clerks expenses

Agreed to give notice to Mid Wales Accountants to terminate payroll provision from April 2024. Clerk will operate and maintain a new payroll system from April 2024

10. School Governor's Report.

There are some pressures on the current School budget. Staffing will be reviewed including teaching staff and lunchtime supervision. The school has recently undertaken a successful trip to St Fagans. There has also been a successful fundraiser in the form of a bingo night which was well attended by many of the local community.

11. Community Hall / Hub Report.

TL reported the following on-going activities - Choir was very successful. Rugby was well attended and the Village Hall would like to purchase a television for more showings. The pool team were pleased with their performance. The Fitness Club will cease due to low numbers. Beer and Bowls will continue

Planned for the future is

Big Breakfast planned for 3rd March 2024

Sale day in aid of MIND

Quiz Night - April (this will become a monthly event if successful)

12. Any Other Business.

a. Request from Mochdre with Penstrowed CC to add Llanbister support to a letter to Powys County Council regarding the plan to take unclassified roads back to stone rather than repairing pot holes, GM proposed, DR seconded

b. BUTE Energy - Cllr Morgan attended a the scheduled meeting on 31st January. This will be followed by a further meeting once the evenings become lighter. The intention is to try to include Llanbister in the catchment area.

c. YFC only received a partial RES grant and it was suggested that a donation could be made to support them with running costs. TL will discuss with them and update at the next meeting

Date of Next meeting - Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 7.30pm.