Llanbister Community Council General Meeting minutes

**Date:** Wednesday 20th September August 2023 T**ime: 7:30**pm **Venue:** Community Hub.

**1. Apologies received:** None

**2. Members Present:**  Catherine James (Chair), Tracy Lewis (Vice-Chair) arrived at 8.30,

Darren Rogers, County Councillor Geoff Morgan, Wayne Bowen, Marc

Williams, Gareth Bowen, David Horne (Clerk).

**3. Declaration of Interest.**  Geoff Morgan - Planning applications

**4. Minutes of the Last Meeting(s) –** Minutes of the August 2023 general meeting

were previously circulated to all councillors. It was agreed they were an accurate record.

Proposed by Gareth Bowen and seconded by Darren Rogers. Duly signed

by Chair

**5. Matters Arising from Minutes-**

1. New noticeboard.All councillors have now been photographed for the noticeboard
2. Clerk's vacancy. There have been two application received and one expression of interest. Clerk is away till 8th October and the closing date is 31st October. Once the closing date has passed arrangements for shortlisting and interviews will be put in place
3. First Aid Training. As requested at the last meeting Clerk has arranged some basic first aid training with The St John's Ambulance. It will be on Friday 13th October at 7.30 in the Hub. It will last about 2 hours. More training can be arranged if necessary. It is free of charge. All members have been asked to promote the training around the area. A poster will be put up at Llanbister Road on the noticeboard
4. Concerns expressed to councillors by parents and members of the public regarding the school situation. There also appears to be a view from the Governing body that the Council are not supportive the school. Councillors are supportive of the school and have asked that the following be placed on record in the minutes. "As community councillors we want the best for the children. From the outside there appears to be some issues regarding budgetary/finance issues which we have a right to question. We have supported and continue to support the school in many ways. Recently 4 councillors undertook to clean the school playground and re-stoned the steps. We made a contribution to the cost of the new CCTV system. The school were included in the official unveiling of the lectern at the memorial and this was in the local press. " councillors currently sit on the Garreg Lloyd RES committee and have always supported any grant application the school has submitted. We await the outcome of the upcoming meeting with parents and the governing body."
5. Regarding the issue of our elected LA member within the governing body it is recognised that there is no further action we can take at this point. A change of leadership within the body is due soon but it is not clear if this will impact our local member

**6. Planning –**  Receive planning decision notices for 27th July to 4th Aug 2023, 6th to

18th Aug 2023, 21st Aug to 1st Sept and 4th to 13th Sept These have been

previously forwarded to councillors.

Receive planning applications 23/1244/FUL, 23/1119/FUL (Expiry date for

comments is 26th Sept 2023) and 23/1337/FUL (Exp 4th Oct 2023).

All applications were approved following discussions. Clerk to action

**7. Correspondence.**  None received

**8. Business to be transacted -**  None

**9. Finance - Balances as at 5th September 2023**

**Savings Account - £ 1,089.26**

Income (as part of above balance) £4.46 Interest

**Community Account - £10,729.82**

Income (as part of above balance) - £2,309. (2nd Precept)

Outgoings as part of the above balance –

£250 - School CCTV

£30 - Grass cutting

£14.50 - Clerk's Expenses

£30 - Grass cutting

£147.41 - Clerk's Salary (July)

£5 - Bank account charge

£73 - SLCC membership

£147.41 - Clerk's Salary (Aug)

£60 - Grass Cutting

£5.40 - Bank account charge

£30 - Grass cutting

£72 - One Voice Wales membership

£147.41 - Clerk's Salary (Sept)

**10**. **School Governor's Report.**  Nothing new. See matters arising 5 (d and e)

**11. Community Hall / Hub Report.** Tracy reports steady activity on most fronts. They are

hoping to have a pool team in place soon, plus they are applying for new electric blinds for the

roof windows. Catch up club is running but fitness classes are not very well attended. The hall

was opened up for Harvest and food was provided. It was a good event and she wished to

place on record her thanks to Liz Bowen.

**12. Any Other Business.**  Llanbister War Memorial. Concreting is now finished. Some comments

have been made about how good the concrete looks but it looks bare without the railings.

What's next? It was decided that clerk should explore some options for a new surround and

present them to a community meeting so a decision can be made.

Darren has obtained a condition report from a memorial stone mason with a quote for some

remedial work needed. He (The mason) was impressed with the new concrete. A decision will

be made at the next meeting regarding next steps.

There is a wedding taking place on 12th October at the old chapel and it was requested that our

grass cutter be contacted to tidy up the grass across the road. Clerk to action

**Date of Next meeting -**  Thursday 30th November 2023 at 7.30pm. Hybrid. Hub and Zoom