Llanbister Community Council General Meeting minutes

**Date:** Thursday 30th November August 2023 T**ime: 7:30**pm **Venue:** Community Hub.

**1. Apologies received:** None

**2. Members Present:**  Catherine James (Chair) arrived at 7.50pm, Tracy Lewis (Vice-Chair),

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

Williams, Gareth Bowen, David Horne (Clerk).

**3. Declaration of Interest.**  None

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

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

Proposed by Marc Williams and seconded by Wayne Bowen. Duly signed

by Chair

**5. Matters Arising from Minutes-**

a. New Clerk. We have appointed a new clerk. Her name is Jennifer Turner. She is in

attendance this evening. Jenny is clerk to 3 other councils and brings experience to the

role. This is David's final meeting as Clerk. He wishes to thank the councillors for all their

support over the past 5+ years. He will hand over to Jenny in the next few days.

b. First Aid Training. This took place on Friday 13th October at 7.30 in the Hub. There were

8 people in attendance plus 2 juniors

c. Clerk responded to planning applications as per council instructions 23/1244/FUL,

23/1119/FUL and 23/1337/FUL

d. Following the Remembrance service on 12th November, which was very well attended,

Clerk reported to council regarding comments received about the state of the memorial

surround, the concensus being that it is better without any fence or railings and is more user

friendly and safer. Council will have to engage the wider community before making a final

decision

**6. Planning –**  Receive planning decision notices for , 14th to 29th September, 2nd to 13th

October, 16th to 27th October, 30th October to 10 November and 13th to 24th

November 2023. These have been previously forwarded to councillors.

Receive planning application 23/1634/FUL which was forwarded to councillors

due to date constraints. No comments were received back so Clerk did not

respond on the portal

**7. Correspondence.**

a. Receive email from HMRC regarding late payment of PAYE from April which Clerk has

paid belatedly

b. Receive email from Powys CC. Section 137 limits and Precept 24/25 request form

c. Receive email from NALC. National pay settlement.

d. Receive email from Friends of Heart of Wales Line requesting financial assistance from

council through the Garreg Lwyd Hill grant scheme. As this scheme has only limited benefit

to very few residents council felt they could not support the request and we have our own

schemes that are more beneficial. Clerk to action

e. Receive email from OVW regarding various notifications. These were previously circulated

to councillors for information

f. Receive Llanbister School Governor's report.

g. Receive letter from Pension's Regulator. New clerk to action this within the time frame

h. Receive email from Welsh Government, The information was previously circulated to

councillors for information

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

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

**Savings Account - £ 1,089.26**

Income (as part of above balance) 0

**Community Account - £9,004.20**

Income (as part of above balance) - £160 (refund from OVW)

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

£60 Grass cutting

£160 OVW Conference fee

£1,080 Grant expenditure Memorial

£147.61 Clerk's salary

£18 Clerks expenses

£110.60 HMRC PAYE

£20. Poppy wreath

£5 Bank charge

£30 Grass cutting

**10**. **School Governor's Report.**

Darren Rogers reported that a new parent governor had been appointed to fill a vacancy. The

name of the governor is not yet known

**11. Community Hall / Hub Report.**

Lewis reported the following on-going activities - Beer and bowls/beer and pool and Catch

up club. The pool team are having a Christmas party. The

current fitness classes are finishing and will be restarting in January but in the hub instead.

Badminton is doing well. A games night has been organised between Christmas and New Year

and the hall will be open on New Years Eve.

We have a male voice choir coming on February 14th 2024

**12. Any Other Business.**

a. RES 22/23 report. Clerk reported that he has submitted an end of project report to RES but

stated that one of the projects was not completed due to inclement weather during the year.

The money allotted for this remains in our bank account at the moment.

b. RES grant application 23/24. Clerk will submit a grant application for the following

schemes- 1. Purchase 2 flagpoles and install at the memorial. 2. Purchase 1 Union flag and

1 Welsh National flag. 3. Cleaning of the memorial and re-enamelling of the black lettering

and re-pointing of the joints. 4. Repainting of the telephone kiosk door at Crossings

If they are not all funded by grant then there are sufficient reserves to cover some, if not all

of them

c. BUTE Energy (requested by Cllr Morgan). BUTE energy are trying to get community

councils across the East Llandrindod area to express an interest in receiving benefits from

being near one of their windfarm schemes similar the the Garreg Lwyd Hill wind farm.

Councillors agreed in principal to discuss the issue further. The person responsible will be

invited in the next 2 weeks to visit the Llanbister area most affected by their scheme and

meeting with councillors to discuss. Geoff Morgan will arrange and facilitate the meeting

following which council will consider the scheme fully in January 2024

d. Burial ground at the Chapel. The Chapel in Llanbister is up for sale. The chapel building

would be sold freehold but the graveyard leasehold. There is an opportunity for council to

purchase the lease for the grave yard for a nominal sum of £1 in order to maintain its

presence for those families with relatives buried there already. Liability insurance already

exists through our insurance policy and we would have to undertake to maintain the grass

and hedges. Clerk will contact our existing grass cutter for a quote for this service and the

land would need a nominal value as an asset. Council made a provisional agreement, subject

to ratification at the earliest opportunity so as not to stall the sale longer than necessary. Clerk

will convene an extra meeting as soon as possible to enable this.

e. The new clerk has suggested a way to improve community engagement and this needs

looking at in further detail. To be an agenda item in January 2024

**Date of Next meeting -**  Thursday 11th January 2024 at 7.30pm.  **Budget setting meeting**