

**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the Council held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019, at the Bryn Hall, Bryn.

**PRESENT: Councillors:** G Thomas (Chair),  
W D Griffiths, G F Davies, J C Lee,  
I M Williams, M I Slader, R Willock,  
N Lloyd, S Hughes, J A Seward

**APOLOGIES Councillors:** G R Jones, L M Morgan

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declaration of interests.

3. **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

4. **Minutes of the Meetings held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

It was proposed by Councillor W D Griffiths and seconded by Councillor G F Davies that the minutes be accepted.

It was so RESOLVED.

(i) **Public Spaces Protection Order**

Councillor I M Williams asked for more of the larger signs regarding control of dogs and that they be placed in prominent places in the recreation ground, including near the railway station.

Councillor W D Griffiths remarked that there appeared to be more people with dogs in the Recreation Ground these days.

(ii) **Highway Issues – Yellow Lines etc.**

The Chair reported that she had sent an “E” Mail to S Pilliner, County Council Highways, regarding Heol y Parc Yellow Lines, the request for Yellow Lines at Park Lane and Heol y Maes and also no Right Turn at Maesydderwen. There has been no reply to date.

Councillor G F Davies asked if the County could remove the highway kerb protrusion on Bank Road near the old Post Office. He believes that there is no requirement for it anymore.

Councillor I M Williams took the view that it is a safety factor in reducing traffic speed.

Councillor R Willock questioned the usefulness of the speed indicator camera at the bottom of Hendre Road.

Councillor N Lloyd referred to cars parking on both sides of the road further along Bank Road making it difficult to negotiate the road and especially for emergency vehicles.

The Chair recommends that a Highway Inspector be requested to come out and assess all the issues raised above.

It was so agreed.

Councillor J A Seward informed members of the content of a report from Councillor G R Jones regarding the above which were similar to those from the Chair and also the lack of resources at County level to implement proposals.

**(iii) Footpath Accident – Path 35/16**

The Clerk reported that a defence statement had been prepared by a barrister acting for the Community Council and sent off to the Court on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

The Clerk received an “E” Mail from the Community Council Solicitor acting on its behalf, on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019, stating that she was pleased to confirm that the claimant has now discontinued her claim against Llangennech Community Council.

The claimant is still pursuing her claim against Carmarthenshire County Council but it is an end to the matter as far as Llangennech Community Council is concerned.

**(iv) Fforwm Cyswllt**

The next meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 6.00pm in the Council chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen.

It was agreed that the Chair and Councillor M I Slader will represent the Council at this meeting.

**(v) Cemetery/Cae Pwnd deeds**

This is ongoing.

(vi) **Maes Ty Gwyn Park**

There are various issues, in particular, the need to repair damage to safety flooring and equipment. Councillor G R Jones is to follow up on this.

There are also antisocial behaviour issues here and through the village.

The Chair suggests that antisocial behaviour issues could be raised with PCSO Lloyd if he can come to the next meeting of the Council.

Councillor G F Davies stressed the need for the police to attend Council meetings.

(vii) **Cricket Club letter to locate fridge/freezer in store room adjacent to kitchen**

The Surveyor reported on further discussions on this request and the agreement approved by the Chair, for the Council to purchase a fridge/freezer which would be a shared facility for the benefit of all users of the pavilion. This has now been installed in the store room and keys to the store room door given to users.

(viii) **Cricket Club letter regarding proposal by the Council to amend the management of keys for the Pavilion**

The Cricket Club requested three sets of keys, whilst other users were happy to receive one set each.

The Clerk reported on his discussions with the Council Insurers.

The Insurer will provide cover for theft as follows:-

- a) Forcible and violent entry to or exit from any building at the premises.
- b) Personal violence or threat of personal violence to any employee or any attempt at such theft.

So in the event that a key was used to gain entry to a building then insurance cover would be excluded in this instance.

However, if someone was threatened/assaulted and a key was taken forcibly then the insurer could potentially cover thefts arising from this but this would likely be at the discretion of the claims team.

Discussion took place to ensure that there is proper control of the use of keys for the pavilion.

Councillor J A Seward was of the view that there is a need for a register to be introduced with users signing in and out of the building when opening and closing.

Councillor I M Williams believed that the Cricket Club should be able to cope with the provision of one set of keys as against three sets requested. Other users of the pavilion operate with the provision of one set of keys.

Councillor R Willock stated that one set of keys should be sufficient for the Cricket Club and that a register be introduced with users signing in and out.

Councillor J C Lee suggested that the Cricket Club be given one set of keys for the person cutting the grass and another set for general use of the building by the Cricket Club.

After due consideration it was agreed that the Cricket Club be given two sets of keys and that a register be brought into operation.

Councillor J A Seward again reiterated the need to control key use and that the caretaker be made aware at all times of who is actually using the pavilion.

It will be necessary to acquire new locks for the pavilion with keys that cannot be copied.

**(ix) Kidwelly Town Council – Young People Representation**

The Clerk reported on his discussions with the Council and was informed that the proposal is in the early discussion stage and nothing has been decided to date. The matter will be further considered by the Council in September and it is likely that contact will be made with schools and colleges. The Clerk will be informed by the Council in the autumn of what has been decided.

Members considered what age group should be targeted such as whether it should be 15-18 year olds category.

It was RESOLVED to await the outcome of the Kidwelly Town Council discussions.

(x) **Playground Inspection Reports**

The Surveyor will bring a report to the September meeting of the Council indicating options for consideration.

The Surveyor also reported that the County Council is to remove the zipwire from the Maes Ty Gwyn Park.

5. **Surveyor's Report**

i) **Cemetery/Cae Pownd Deeds**

The work is ongoing.

ii) **Bryn Play Area**

Some more trees were cut down and other work is now complete.

iii) **Bryn Hall Parking**

A post was damaged by a vehicle and will be replaced tomorrow.

iv) **Centre Trees**

These will be monitored.

v) **Bryn Hall decorating**

This will be carried out later this year.

vi) **Section 106**

The Surveyor reported on his visit to Carmarthen to meet I Llewellyn and S Morris. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain information on timescales for the availability of funding and advice on when formal application should be submitted. So far no money has been received from the Genwen Development and it is not known when Section 106 payments will start.

However it was established some £60,000 remains available to be used from the Bryn Uchaf site. This was the allocation for Llanelli Rural Council to spend but has not been used but has to be committed by August of this year otherwise it will have to be returned to the developer. To protect this sum from being returned to the developer a scheme needs to be submitted and accepted by August.

It could be made available for Llangennech Community Council use but permission needs to be given by the Councillor for Bynea Ward, Councillor D Cundy, for this to take place.

The Surveyor suggests that a meeting be arranged with Councillor D Cundy as soon as possible.

Furthermore the Surveyor recommends that a Council Sub Committee be created to consider tenders for equipment/work proposed for the Bryn Park.

The Sub Committee would consider the tenders already received and make a recommendation.

After due discussion it was RESOLVED to create a Recreation Sub - Committee with members being the Chair, Vice Chair, J A Seward, M I Slader and G R Jones and Council officers with terms of reference being to consider the tenders received and make recommendations to full Council.

It was agreed that this Sub Committee meet on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30p.m. at the Community Centre.

The Surveyor further reported that of the balance of £7400 in the Section 106 Fund a sum of £6300 has been spent on Bryn Park and he suggests that the remaining sum be used to provide a seat at the Maes Ty Gwyn Park. This was agreed.

## **6. County Councillor Report**

Councillor G Thomas reported:-

- i) A litter pick exercise took place recently with Merched y Wawr and Councillor J C Lee being involved. Other litter picking exercises are planned later in the year.
- ii) A new Chief Executive has been appointed and she is Wendy Walters who is currently in employment at the County Council.
- iii) Complaints have been received with regard to refuse collection. New schedules have been introduced and there has been some problems in implementing these schedules.
- iv) There has been a change in bus services in the village.

Service L4 Llanelli to Pontarddulais has been withdrawn and some journeys on service L3 will be retimed.

- v) Tuberculosis. Checks have been taking place in Llwynhendy. Public Health Wales is dealing with it.
- vi) Seminars with regard to dealing with terrorism. These have been taking place in the County.
- vii) Loneliness. A report has been prepared.

**7. Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year Ended 31.3.2019**

The Clerk had previously circulated copies of the document with the agenda papers etc. for the meeting.

The Clerk gave explanations regarding figures and differences on the previous year.

The General Fund was £7343 less than the previous year. A number of factors accounted for this which were the cost of the election in 2017, new plinth in the Cemetery, maintenance of asset transfers, pay award of 9.2% for staff and revised contract hours for the Clerk and Surveyor

The General Balance is slightly higher than forecast in the Precept Meeting held in February of this year.

After due discussion it was RESOLVED to accept the Income and Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31.3.2019.

**8. Annual Return and Accounting Statement for Year Ended 31.3.2019**

The Clerk had previously circulated copies of the document with the Agenda papers etc. for the meeting. The Accounting Statement sets out the financial position of the Council in the form requested by the Auditor General for Wales. It compared Year Ended 31.3.2019 with Year Ended 31.3.2018.

In respect of Income the Precept receipts were £13,452 higher and other Income was £2,102 higher.

In respect of staff costs expenditure was £19384 higher, which is mainly due to the pay award of 9.2% increase for general staff and revised contract hours for the Clerk and Surveyor.

In respect of other payments expenditure was £7229 higher, which is mainly due to the cost of the election in 2017 and maintenance of assets transferred from the County Council.

In consequence of the above Year End Balances were reduced by £9143.

The Annual Governance Statement presented was also considered.

After due discussion it was RESOLVED to accept the Annual Return which included the Accounting Statement and Governance Statement for the Year Ended 31.3.2019.

9. The Vice Chair took over duties of Chair for the last 3 agenda items due to the Chair having a prior appointment.

**10. Payments to Members of Community and Town Councils – Remuneration Panel for Wales**

One Voice Wales had provided a copy of the above document which had previously been circulated to members.

The document stated that the basic allowance which is currently set at £150 for 2019/20 must be paid to members (unless they decide to opt out and sign such an agreement).

Councils with income and expenditure above £200k must make an annual payment of £500 each to a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities which is in addition to the £150 basic allowance. The Council must determine the rationale for granting senior allowances and the basis of the decision recorded in the minutes.

Once the Council has made its decision in relation to the allowances which are “optional” the responsibility rests with the Clerk/RFO to arrange for the processing of payments at appropriate intervals during the year.

After the end of the financial year, Councils must arrange for details of all payments made to members to be published on their notice boards and website. The Remuneration Panel for Wales must be informed of the payments made during the year.

One Voice Wales is continuing its efforts to seek a blanket dispensation for all Councils in respect of the payment of tax of the basic allowance of £150.

**11. Welsh Water**

Welsh Water are investing £1.2m to replace the existing rising main sewer in Llangennech. Work is in the final stages to install the new sewer pipe at the Waste Water treatment works and pumping station. Final connections will be completed by Mid June 2019.



## 12. **Network Rail**

As part of the Railway Upgrade Plan Network Rail will be carrying out a renewal of the level crossing in the Llangennech Station area. Work will involve removing the previous surface and installing a new one. Lighting and generators in addition to machinery may be used.

The core work is scheduled to take place between 21.45 on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, and 8.45 on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July. Ongoing follow up works will continue intermittently until 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

## 13. **Planning Applications**

It was RESOLVED not to object to the following applications.

S/38679 - Detached garage to the rear of the existing dwelling at Morawelon Bungalow, Pencoed.

S/38862 - 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 Dormer Bungalows to the rear of 11 Hendre Road

S/38788 - Demolition of rear store and construction of single storey rear extension at 65 Station Road.

S/38906 - Proposed demolition of existing garage to create new garage with bedroom on first floor at 1 Hendre Park.

