**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 7th April 2025**

**AT THE PENTREDŴR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

# PRESENT

Chairman: Mrs M. Smith

Councillors: P. Davies, R. Cragg, A. Jones, J. Evans, S. Evans, R Hughes and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. J. Pickett, D. Walton

**25/4316 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**25/4317 OPEN DISCUSSION WITH JACK PARRY, MOORLAND FIELD OFFICER**

Jack Parry [JP] gave an overview of his role and responsibilities. Wide-ranging discussion on issue of fire-risk management. Councillors shared concerns as to whether roads are acting as firebreaks due to overgrown verges, especially around the entrance to Berwyn Slate Quarry. There has been some cutting recently, but a much larger area was cut back previously. JP pointed to a programme of heather management, improved liaison with the Fire Service since 2018 and that they were in the process of buying a robo flail, due to grant funding of £800,000. JP stated that they are also in process of seeking project funding for the management of the North Wales Moors. Agreed that one issue was insufficient grazing stock on the mountains. The onerous paperwork for farmers to undertake controlled burnings is another factor. JP agreed to keep Council informed of any significant developments or projects. The Council thanked JP for his time.

# 25/4318 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

No report was offered

**25/4319 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Smith.

Seconded by Cllr. P. Davies.

**25/4320 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

The Clerk reported that there is no pressing need, at this time, to acquire a phone for the Clerk.

Whilst the Council welcomes the fact that DCC has dealt with the overhanging hedge at Abbey Dingle Nursing Home, the overhanging fence post remains a cause for concern, though this is a matter for the Nursing Home to address.

Denbighshire Planning Department replied to the Council’s correspondence on the future of the telephone kiosk at Abbey Grange by stating, ‘*we have not received an application as yet regarding the removal of the box, please can we suggest that you contact BT Directly’*. However, when Cllr. M. Smith contacted BT on February 12th, they replied that all appeals had to go through the Denbighshire Planning Department.

Action: Clerk to contact Denbighshire Planning Department again, outlining the situation, and reiterating the Council’s case, and its desire to retain both the kiosk and the working phone.

# 25/4321 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Accounts for payment.

£80 paid to Harry Edwards for repairs to the Cemetery gates.

£525 to be paid to Gwyn Morris Gardening for Cemetery maintenance.

There will be an additional cost in April as two Clerk salaries for February and one for March will be paid, due to the time taken to set up Internet Banking, which has been fully operational since April 2nd.

1. To approve the Monthly Budget.

The Budget was approved as a correct record.

1. Other financial matters.

Currently, three signatories are set up with authorisation rights for Internet Banking, Cllrs. M. Smith and R. Cragg, and the Clerk.

Action: The Clerk will research what is required to also set up Cllr. J. Evans as a signatory, with authorisation rights.

It was agreed to change the timing of the monthly budget reports to the last day of each month, rather than on the 6th of the following month, as with Internet Banking, the monthly budgets are no longer tied to the dates of bank statements.

**25/4322 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

# 25/4323 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning application code no: 27/2025/0055/HH: erection of a new entrance canopy, modification of existing windows to create door openings and internal alterations, as well as replacement windows and doors to aluminium at Bron Y Graig, Eglwyseg, Llangollen, Denbighshire, LL20 8EL.

No objections were raised.

**25/4324 CEMETERY**

Cllr. P. Davies has acquired shared a plan of the Cemetery showing the location of the electricity cable. A copy was given to the Clerk.

The gates to the cemetery have been fixed.

**25/4325 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

No issues were raised.

**25/ 4326 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The issue of charitable donations was discussed. Cllr. J. Evans proposed a contribution to the two primary schools in Llangollen.

Action: Cllr. J. Evans to look into how this contribution may be best utilised.

**25/4327 CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk raised the issue of a Biodiversity And Ecosystems Report.

Action: Clerk to examine statutory requirements, and feed back at next meeting.

The Council collectively completed the annual Governance Statement for the 2024-25 Audit. The Council was able to agree with all statements, except one:

‘*We have adopted a Code of Conduct for members and officers and implemented an appropriate training plan for members to ensure all councillors understand their role and responsibilities*’.

Action: The Council recognises that no training plan was in place for 2024-25, but that one will be written for 2025-26, with particular focus on training for the new Clerk, including working towards ILCA, and training on cemetery management.

Action: Cllr. M. Smith agreed to update the risk assessments required for the 2024-25 Audit.

# 25/4328 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Severn Wye Energy Agency was discussed, relating to the Energised Communities Project.

Action: Clerk to reply and suggest that contact is made with the Hwb Pentredŵr Team.

A request was received from Rhun Jones on behalf of the AONB who are trying to establish a new contract for the opening, closing and cleaning of the toilet block at Llantysilio Green. It was agreed that the Council did not wish to take on this responsibility.

Action: Clerk to reply to Rhun Jones.

**25/4329 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Biodiversity and Ecosystems Report.

Training Plan.

**There being no other business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.**