**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A ZOOM MEETING HELD 17TH MAY 2021**

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs M. Smith

Councillors: R. Cragg, R. Hughes, D. Walton, P. Davies, Mrs J. Evans

County Cllr. Mel Mile and the Clerk..

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors: J. Pickett, A. Jones. and S. V. Evans.

**21/3804 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**21/3805 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Broadband

Cllr. Mile reported on the present situation regarding the proposal to introduce a pilot voucher scheme to cover Llangollen and Llantysilio. He will forward all the information to the Clerk to be distributed to members of the Council. The voucher scheme will be valid for the next three years with a White Premises Map showing all eligible properties in both areas mentioned. Businesses are likely to be prioritised. Philip Burrows, DCC’s Digital Officer will be overseeing the scheme.

Cllr. Cragg expressed concern at how much this will cost for individual resident and how the scheme will work.

Cllr. Mile said that he would ask Philip Burrows to contact the Clerk with more information.

Highways

The road from Llantysilio Green in due to be resurfaced sometime soon. DCC in trying to obtain funding to enable it to undertake more highway improvements within the county but the cost is rather daunting.

Cllr. Mrs Smith asked why the County Council has allowed the roads to become so dilapidated?

Cllr. Mile replied that the problem is lack of funding.

New Chief Executive

The County Council’s Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on the 18th May with one of the Agenda items being the appointment of a new chief executive. Following the recent problems with this appointment it is hoped to appoint someone from in-house.

**21/3806 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr R. Cragg.

Seconded by Cllr. R. Hughes.

**21/3807 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

There were no matters arising.

**21/3808 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Accounts for payment.

The Accounts were paid as on the schedule attached to these Minutes.

1. Monthly Budget

The Budget was duly approved as a correct record.

1. Audit 2020-2021

The Council approved the Audit as presented with the Bank Reconciliation and Council Accounts being correct. The Internal Auditor has yet to return the completed Internal Audit.

1. Other financial matters

None

**21/3809 HOW TO COMMEMORATE SHEP**

It was agreed to defer this item to the June meeting.

**21/3810 PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application

27/2021/0377 – Blue Doors, 3 Fron Deg, Llandynan.

Erection of single story extension.

There were no objections to this Application

**21/3811 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR RHEWL / LLANTYSILIO**

The Clerk has contacted the Friends of Llangollen Health Centre regarding obtaining some grant funding and it looks hopeful that the Group will support the Council when is next holds a meeting of Trustees. This is not likely to happen however until the coronavirus restrictions are relaxed.

The Council agreed to combine this Agenda item with Agenda item 21/3809 for the June Meeting.

**21/3812 NATIONAL PARK**

Cllr. Hughes had asked for this to be an Agenda item as it would severely affect the area if the Welsh Government’s proposal to establish the Clwydian Range, which would include Llantysilio, as a National Park. Cllr. Hughes felt that the infrastructure of the area is unable to cope with more visitors. He also expressed concern that house prices would increase making it more difficult for first time buyers and local youth to get a step on the house ownership ladder.

It was agreed that this item be discussed at a later date when more information is forthcoming.

**21/3813 CEMETERY**

Removal of excess soil

Cllr. Mrs Smith said that she has not as yet had time to hold a site visit with Ieuan Evans but would report back at the June meeting.

**21/3814 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

Issues brought to the attention of the Council: -

1. Blocked drain below Dinbren Ucha.
2. Pentredŵr road is in very poor condition.
3. Roads throughout the area are becoming impassable.
4. The road between Dinbren Ucha and Dinbren Isa is breaking up for approximately half a mile.
5. Is DCC going to adhere to its agreement to consult the Community Council on the siting of salt-bins?

**21/3815 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

None

**21/3816 CLERK’S REPORT**

None

**21/3817 MATTERS FOR THE MARCH AGENDA**

1. Affordable housing.
2. National park.
3. Broadband

**21/3818 TO CONSIDER AN ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR HAS DEEMED URGENT**

To consider holding the June meeting of the Council in person and not via zoom.

Following some discussion, it was agreed to hold the June Meeting of the Council in Pentredŵr Community Centre where all coronavirus precautions will be adhered to.

It has become apparent that some members of the Council are unable to access the virtual meetings, the reason being the lack or unpredictability of local broadband. This being the case it is impossible to hold meetings with all members of the Council present. It is also difficult for members of the community to attend virtually for similar reasons. Access will be available to the public in the Community Centre on request to one of the councillors or the Clerk.

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