**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 7TH NOVEMBER 2022**

**AT THE CONQUERING HERO COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Mrs M. Smith

Councillors: J. Pickett, P. Davies, R. Hughes, S. V. Evans, R. Cragg, Mrs J. Evans,

County Cllr. Karen Edwards, Mrs Elizabeth Jones, Mr Owen Jones and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. A. Jones and D. Walton.

**22/3987 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**22/3988 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM MRS E. JONES AND MR. O. JONES ON PLANS TO REGENERATE LLANTYSILIO CHURCH THROUGH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND.**

The Church is estimated to be in need of at least £80,000 to £100.000 for fabric and repair. The Dee Valley AONB, who run the Sustainable Development Fund, has agreed to give money towards work on the churchyard. This includes clearing areas around graves of special interest to encourage visitors to spend longer at the Church. It also includes a planting scheme to keep the grass under control and encourage a more diverse range of wild plants. Yellow rattle would be used to control the grass and would be planted throughout the churchyard.

It is hoped also to replace the information board at the lychgate.

Llangollen Museum is carrying out a graveyard mapping exercise as part of the project and will be contacting the Council to get any information it might like to give about family members buried in the Council’s cemetery. As part of the project there will be a leaflet produced for handing out to visitors. If approved by the Community Council, the AONB would be prepared to include the community cemetery in this scheme.

The Church is concerned about the state of the dividing wall between the graveyard and cemetery and would like to discuss with the Council possible ways of funding the repair as this is not included in the scheme put forward by the AONB.

Council’s response to the above.

The dividing wall is owned by the Church and not the responsibility of the Council. The Council is willing to discuss working with the Church on getting this wall repaired, and to this end it was agreed that the Council undertake a site visit. The date set for this visit was 12th November 2022 at 2pm with Cllrs. Mrs J. Evans, P. Davies, R. Cragg and the Chairman elected to attend.

The Council expressed concern regarding the planting of yellow rattle as this is a very invasive plant and can be very toxic for farm animals which use the fields surrounding the churchyard.

The Council welcomed the plan to replace the noticeboard, but stressed that it would need to stand alone and not be placed on the cemetery fence, as suggested by the proposal.

The Council also said that any plans put forward by the AONB/Sustainability Development Fund, which involved the cemetery, would first need to be forwarded to the Clerk for discussion by the Council.

**22/3989 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Stakeholders Meeting – parking Horseshoe Falls

This meeting has been rescheduled for November 24th at 10.30am at the car park. Cllrs. P. Davies, R. Cragg and the Chairman will be attending, as nominated at the October meeting.

The Community Council felt that the whole area of the car-park needs revamping as although it’s attractive its not practical.

Fibre Broadband

Cllr. S. V. Evans expressed his concern that Broadband is still not working beyond the Conquering Hero Community Centre which means that half the village has no access to it at all. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council requesting that they look into this matter. Cllr. Cragg said that he would contact Phil Burrows to ascertain if he knows what is planned.

**22/3990 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr R. Hughes.

Seconded by Cllr. R. Cragg.

**22/3991 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

National Cycle Race

It was noted that the National Cycle Race which was held through Pentredwr on the 30th October was very successful and without incident.

22/3983a) – fly tipping in Llidiart Annie playground.

Although the Clerk has been informed by DCC that the rubbish has been cleared Cllr. Davies said that it is still in situ, as is the debris in the water culvert. The Clerk to contact DCC again as they have obviously been to the wrong location.

22/3983c) – water drains in Pentredwr.

Cllr. Picket reported that although DCC had been to clear the water drains they have missed one important drain. The Clerk to contact DCC again and tell them to contact Cllr. Pickett to get the exact location of this drain.

**22/3992 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Accounts for payment.

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

1. Monthly Budget

The Budget was approved as a correct record.

1. 2022-23 Clerks National Salary Award

The National Association of Local Councils, Society of Local Council Clerks and the Local Government Association has reached an agreement on the new pay scales for 2022-23 to be implemented from 1st April 2022.

The Clerk’s salary is at present based on Spinal Column Point (SCP) 23. In line with SCP 23 this will mean an increase of £1.00 per hour which will bring the Clerk’s hourly rate to £15.67

The Council had no objections to the pay increase and agreed to it being back-dated to 1st April, as agreed by NALC/SLCC/LGA.

1. Payments to members.

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales is proposing mandatory payments to members of town and community councils across Wales. Llantysilio Community Councillors have always refused these payments which were, until these proposals, the choice of each individual councillor.

In response to this document the Council agreed to state that it does not agree with the mandatory elements of the proposals. At £156.00 per annum per councillor it would equate to £1,404.00 of the Council Annual Precept. The Council felt that the present arrangement of payments, where members had a choice as to whether to take them, should stand.

**22/3993 NATIONAL PARK**

Nothing to report.

**22/3994 HORSESHOE FALLS AND ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS**

Addressed in Agenda Item 22/3989

**22/3995 STAKEHOLDERS MEETING – HORSESHOE FALLS**

Addressed in Agenda Item 22/3989

**22/3996 PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning matters.

**22/3997 CEMETERY**

1. See Agenda Item 22/3989
2. The Clerk reported that there would be a burial of ashes in the next couple of weeks, she is still waiting for the date and time. The undertaker is from Mold and would be consulting with John Thomas regarding the digging of the plot.
3. Harry still hasn’t completed the work on the fence. The Chairman said that she would chase this up.

**22/3998 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

1. Grid by Abbey Dingle Nursing Home is blocked and causing flooding
2. Blue car parked on the roadside by Pentrefelin House is constantly parked over the white lines causing an obstruction to oncoming traffic.
3. Dead tree on Maes yr Uchain Lane between the bridge and Keeper’s Cottage. It’s on the verge at the side of the road.
4. Cattle grid on the Old Pass needs to be repaired or replaced.
5. Metal railings have still not been taken away from the roadside bank in Pentredŵr. This matter has been reported to DCC before and has an ID No.
6. Trees need lopping in the area of the Horseshoe Pass junction to Pentredŵr.

**22/3999 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The Chairman said that she would be laying the Council’s wreath at the War Memorial on the 13th November in Llangollen. Unfortunately, she could not put the poppies on the cemetery railings this year as the fence has yet to be repaired.

**22/4000 CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that, under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6

The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty, the Council must provide a range of services to its local community which have an impact on biodiversity. This document must be published on the Community Council’s website and would be part of the 2023-24 Annual Audit.

To adhere to these regulations the Clerk said that she would put together a document and forward it to the Council for approval.

**22/4001 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

* Invite Graham Berry, DCC Moorland Officer to attend a meeting.
* Superfast Broadband.

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