**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 6TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

**AT PENTREDŴR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs M. Smith

Councillors: J. Pickett, R. Cragg, P. Davies, D. Walton, A. Jones, R. Hughes

County Cllr. Graham Timms and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Mrs J. Evans

**21/3837 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**21/3838 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM PHILIP BURROWS**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Burrows to the Meeting and stressed the difficulties met by members of the community regarding the lack of adequate Broadband facilities, especially during the Coronavirus lock down. The Council would now like to know when Superfast Broadband will be accessible to the area covered by the Community Council.

Mr Burrows explained that there were 89 properties, (white properties), with no likelihood of getting Superfast Broadband, but they could probably access it by using 4G or fixed wireless solutions. It is possible to get 4mgs through 4G. Monetary grants are available, but these are only interim solutions and do not include caravans or holiday homes. June 2022 is when BT hopes to put in Superfast Broadband, but the Conquering Hero Community Centre should get it by September 2021. Fibreoptics’ can deliver to up to 30 properties from one pole. Unfortunately, Pentredŵr is not on the list for Superfast Broadband as Openreach have to give priority to built-up areas. Llantysilio Community Council has three areas to cover – Rhewl, Eglwyseg and Llantysilio but it is not yet known when Openreach plan to complete installing Broadband to all the properties that are on their list. Copper based telephone lines will be phased out and cease to work by December 2025.

Members of the Council expressed their concern that communities in rural areas such as ours are lagging behind towns and cities through no fault of their own. Cllr. Cragg agreed to work with Mr Burrows on pursuing this matter. Mr Burrows said that he would forward a list of ‘white’ properties to the Clerk along with a revised plan of the locations of areas listed to receive Superfast Broadband.

**21/3839 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Llangollen 2020

Cllr. Mile said that the consultation on the proposed changes to the traffic system in Llangollen ended tonight with only 350 comments to date. Members expressed concern at the lack of passing room for large vehicles with the narrowing of Castle Street. Cllr. Mile explained that this problem was being exacerbated by the closure, due to a landslide, of the Newbridge access across the river.

Horseshoe Falls

Concern was expressed at the amount of rubbish left by visitors at the Horseshoe Falls and vehicles parking on double yellow lines in that vicinity. Cllr. Mile was asked if he, as a County Councillor, could do anything to alleviate this situation. Cllr. Miles said that he would endeavour to do all he could to sort this problem out once and for all. A regular traffic warden was the best idea but this, in the present financial climate, was unlikely to happen.

**21/3840 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING**

The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs J. Evans

Seconded by Cllr. Mrs M. Smith.

**21/3841 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

There were no matters arising.

**21/3842 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. Other financial matters

None

**21/3843 NATIONAL PARK**

Nothing as yet to report, but it was agreed to leave this item on the Agenda.

**21/3844 DCC’S CORPORATE PLAN**

This item was deferred from the June Meeting. It was agreed not to respond but to note it for the Council Minutes.

**21/3845 PLANNING MATTERS**

1. Planning consent at Melys Fan

It had been noted by some members of the Council that what looked like an agricultural building has been erected on the property known as Melys Fan in Rhewl. As the Council has not received any notification of a proposal to build on this property the Clerk was asked to investigate the matter.

1. Planning for Dark Night Skies

Denbighshire County Council, Flintshire County Council and Wrexham County Borough Council, supported by the AONB Partnership have worked jointly to produce a draft Supplementary Planning Guidance note (SPG) on lighting in the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley. The draft SPG is being presented for public consultation commencing on the 14th June 2021 and ending on the 9th August 2021.

The Council expressed concern regarding costs to households for the lighting survey; will the survey become compulsory, and will the Council be informed of any decisions?

**21/3846 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR RHEWL / SHEP’S MEMORIAL**

The Clerk reported that she has contacted the Friends of Llangollen Health Centre who are supportive of this project and may be able to offer a grant of £500 but this is on the proviso of them agreeing formally when next they are able to meet. The Clerk said that she has also contacted Tomos Hughes, the Welsh Ambulance Coordinator whom we have worked with in the past and arranged for him to meet John Gambles at the Conquering Hero to ascertain the best place to site the defibrillator.

**21/3847 CEMETERY**

1. Surplus soil

It was agreed to ask Len Evans to remove the surplus soil.

1. Tree survey

The Clerk said that she is still waiting to hear back from Countryside Services.

**21/3848 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

1. Charity Race

The Race was held on the 12th June 2021 and included the area of Rhewl. Cllr. Mrs Evans reported that some of the runners had been verbally abusive to residents. Also worrying was the fact that farm gates had been left open by the participants with livestock escaping into the countryside. The coronavirus restrictions were not adhered to with well over 50 people attending the event, many not wearing masks. Cllr. Mrs Evans felt that the Community Council should have been informed prior to the race taking place and she expressed concern that the event organisers had not obtained a licence to hold a charity running race.

1. Rock House Farm

Cllr. Pickett said that he had received complaints about the smell of sewage from Rock House Farm. Cllr. Mrs Smith said that she would investigate and report back to the Council.

**21/3849 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

None

**21/3850 CLERK’S REPORT**

None

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