**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 1ST NOVEMBER 2021**

 **AT THE CONQUERING HERO COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs M. Smith

Councillors: J. Pickett, R. Cragg, P. Davies, D. Walton, A. Jones, R. Hughes, Mrs J. Evans, M. Mile, Andrew Cutts, James Hughes, (DCC Countryside Officers) and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. S. V. Evans.

**21/3875 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**21/3876 PRESENTATION FROM DCC COUNTRYSIDE OFFICERS**

**ON ASH-DIEBACK**

Ash-Dieback was first discovered in Denbighshire in the summer of 2017. It’s a fungus from Asia and if dealt with in time need not be terminal. Some trees have Ash-Dieback tolerance and are able to recover from the disease with their seedlings having a genetic resistance. It’s for this reason that DCC Countryside Services are loath to cut down all trees which have succumbed to Ash-Dieback. Trees which present a danger to the public will be removed, but others will be left to build up disease tolerance.

In reply to a question from Cllr. Hughes regarding the cost of removing these trees and who is liable?

In roadside verges it’s the County Council, but if on private land it’s the responsibility of the landowner. DCC will however be sympathetic to landowners who have difficulty with paying. Under Section 154 of the Countryside Act, the County Council can ask a landowner to remove any trees which it deems a danger to the general public.

Cllr. Hughes asked how serious is the problem of Ash-Dieback?

It doesn’t cause the tree to fall but the branches become brittle and can be blown down in windy conditions. For further information Andrew suggested that members look up ‘Tree Council – Ash-Dieback’ on the internet.

Andrew said that he would forward a copy of his presentation to the Clerk who can then forward it to members of the Council.

The Chairman thanked the two Countryside Officers for attending the Meeting and said the Community Council would continue to work with Countryside Services on resolving this issue and any others effecting the community.

**21/3877 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Cllr. Miles said that there was very little to report on the Council’s area but the following had implications for residents in Llantysilio.

Parking and roadworks in Llangollen

There are now 12 one-hour parking plots for residents in the Market Street car-park. The road improvements in the town are progressing well, although the disruption to traffic and pedestrians is huge. The Remembrance Day parade, which is scheduled for the 14th November, will go ahead as usual but the Town Silver Bank wont be able to take part in the parade.

Levelling Up Fund

Of the £15m allocated to Llangollen it is to be shared between Llangollen Railway improvements to Corwen, the Horseshoe Falls and the access to the Canal Wharf.

Cllr. Mile agreed to keep the Council updated on this matter.

**21/3878 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes were approved as a correct record with the amendment of Agenda item 21/3871c. This was duly corrected by the Clerk who apologised and said that she had already reported this matter to Highways.

Proposed by Cllr R. Cragg.

Seconded by Cllr. R. Hughes.

**21/3879 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

The Clerk said that she had reported all the issues under Agenda Item 21/3871 – Community Problems to the relevant authorities.

Pentredŵr lower road

The Clerk was asked to again contact Highways regarding the poor condition of the lower road in Pentredŵr.

Remembrance Day poppies

The Chairman informed the Council that she had put the Remembrance Day poppies on the Cemetery fence but they were unlikely to be suitable for next year.

**21/3880 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

Budget 2022-2023

The Clerk reminded members that the Budget for 2022-2023 needs to be agreed at next month’s meeting. She advised the Council to consider the following extra costs when setting the Precept: -

1. Purchase of a new computer and printer as these are now over 14 years old.
2. Approximately £400 for training a new clerk to CiLCA level. This of course will not be necessary if the new clerk already holds this qualification.
3. As owners of the Cemetery the Council also needs to consider any costs incurred in the new clerk obtaining a qualification in Cemetery Management.

**21/3881 NATIONAL PARK**

Concern was expressed that there would be a substantial rise in house prices if the area is ever designated as a National Park.

**21/3882 PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no Planning Matters

**21/3883 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR RHEWL / SHEP’S MEMORIAL**

The Clerk said that she had spoken to the Chairman of the Friends of Llangollen Health Centre but, due to the coronavirus restrictions, the committee hadn’t met for some time so had not discussed the matter of a defibrillator donation. As the Council has already paid for the defibrillator, he agreed to ring all the Committee members to ascertain if they would be agreeable to giving £500 towards Council funds.

**21/3884 CEMETERY**

1. Parking

The Churchwarden has asked the Council, through Cllr. Mrs Smith, if it would ask the local fishermen not to park outside the Church when a service is in progress. The Clerk to contact the Chairman of the Llangollen Anglers Association.

1. Bins

Cllr. Mrs Smith reported that the bins in the Cemetery are being misused with the salt-bin being used for the disposal of dog-poo bags. She agreed to formulate appropriate notices to try and deter visitors from leaving rubbish in the cemetery. The Clerk to contact Chris Morris regarding the removal of the rubbish.

**21/3885 PROJECTS FOR 2022**

1. Resurrect affordable housing
2. Cemetery fence

**21/3886 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

1. The salt-bins on the Panorama have been vandalised.
2. Poor condition of the old tramline footpath which runs from Abbey Terrace to Abbey Dingle on the Horseshoe Pass. The path is so overgrown that people are having to walk on the road.
3. The lower road through Pentredŵr is in urgent need of attention. The Community Council has been reporting this problem for some time without any positive response from DCC.
4. The sewage works by Llidiart Annie is leaking raw sewage into the River Dee.

**21/3887 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

None

**21/3888 CLERK’S REPORT**

None.

**21/3889 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

None

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