**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 6TH DECEMBER 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, G. Timms, Rhun Jones, DCC Countryside Officer and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. S. V. Evans.

**21/3890 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**21/3891 PRESENTATION BY RHUN JONES, DCC COUNTRYSIDE OFFICER**

Parking

The AONB is working hard to cope with the extra visitors to the area caused by the Government’s advice to holiday at home. Countryside Services have been able to employ more staff, thanks to extra County Council funding, and are working with enforcement officers and the police in trying to solve the parking problems in rural areas such as Llantysilio.

Area around the Horseshoe Falls

The Levelling Up Fund will contribute to the ongoing work at the Horseshoe Falls, also the installation of a new septic tank for the public toilets on Llantysilio Green. There are plans to improve the parking facilities around the Green and the Church. Parking enforcement is a huge problem throughout Denbighshire as the Dee Valley doesn’t have a dedicated parking officer.

Wenffrwd and Llantysilio Mountain

Wenffrwd will be undergoing the second phase in 2022, thanks to funding from the Levelling Up Fund. Llantysilio Mountain still requires a lot of work following the fire in 2018. The area at present is predominantly moss, but grass and heather are being planted and the bilberries are growing back.

Green Communities Fund

There may be funding available through this Fund for the Community Council to access. Rhun agreed to contact the Clerk when he had more information.

National Park

In reply to a question from Cllr. Hughes. Rhun felt it unlikely that the Dee Valley would be designated a National Park as it is already an area of AONB, but of course could not be certain what will happen in the future. Also NRW would need to agree to the proposal before the Welsh Government could move forward.

**21/3892 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Social Care

Cllr. Timms informed the Council that three out of five care providers in the County are no longer operating. The Council is therefore looking to replace this facility with private care providers from people who are willing to set up new businesses as care providers

Funding for local schools

The Welsh Government has allocated £10m towards upgrading the three local schools, with £5m for Dinas Bran and the rest to be shared between Ysgol y Gwernant and Bryn Collen.

Cllr. Hughes asked if the County Council could erect a bus shelter at the Pavilion car park to provide shelter for the school children.

Council Tax

The County Council has yet to decide on the annual increase for 2022/23.

Llangollen

It has been officially established that Llangollen is the busiest (footfall) town in Denbighshire.

Levelling Up Fund

Denbighshire is looking into the possibility of establishing a permanent gypsy site within the County, thanks to funding from the Levelling Up Fund.

**21/3893 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Proposed by Cllr J. Evans.

Seconded by Cllr. R. Hughes.

**21/3894 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

Minute No. 21/3884 – the Clerk informed the Council that she has spoken to the Chairman of Llangollen Angling Association who has agreed to monitor this situation.

Minute No. 21/3886b – Cllr. Hughes said that the footpath has now been cleared but the dead leaves and overhanging branched still need removing. He asked that a ‘thank you’ be sent to whoever cleared the path.

Minute No. 21/3879b – Cllr. Mrs Smith said that she has removed the poppies from the Cemetery fence and, on reflection, and with some repair work, they would be suitable for next year.

**21/3895 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

It was agreed that the Clerk purchase a new computer in January 2022 with a maximum expenditure of £400.

1. To set the Precept for 2022-2023

The Council unanimously agreed to raise the Precept by 3%. This equates to an annual total increase of £319. The Precept for 2021/22 - £10,664, 2022/23 - £10,983.

The proposed Precept takes account of the annual rise in salary for the Clerk, Insurance, Website, Newsletter, Audit and other items of expenditure including the annual rise in inflation. The Cemetery went over the agreed Budget in 2021/22, caused mainly by the need to remove the excess soil at a cost of £600. It is anticipated that the cost of maintaining the Cemetery will increase in 2022/23 so this has been allowed for in the coming financial year. The sum allowed for Projects is to remain the same in the hope that grant funding may be available for Council use.

**21/3896 NATIONAL PARK**

Covered under item 21/3891

**21/3897 PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no Planning Matters

**21/3898 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR RHEWL / SHEP’S MEMORIAL**

The defibrillator has been installed and the plaque will be sited in the coming week

**21/3899 CEMETERY**

1. Bins

Chris Morris has cleared the bins and sited notices to try and deter misuse.

1. Grave spaces

It is anticipated that at least eight more graves can be accommodated in the upper area of the cemetery.

**21/3900 PROJECTS FOR 2022**

No other project have been suggested, but it was felt that the Cemetery fence and affordable housing would be adequate for the Council’s finances.

**21/3901 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

1. The road in the area of Hafod y Rhys Hill is in need of repair.
2. The access road to Pentredŵr by Pen Clawdd corner needs the trees lopping and leaves clearing from the road.

**21/3902 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

None

**21/3903 CLERK’S REPORT**

None.

**21/3904 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

None

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