**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

 **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, S. V. Evans, G. Timms and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies as all members were present.

**22/3905 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**22/3906 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Council Tax 2022/23

Cllr. Timms informed the Council that the rise in Councill Tax would be 3.95%, which was below what was estimated.

Horseshoe Pass speed limit

This has now been approved. There were 275 objections to the proposed 40mph speed limit but as these were received from various locations in the UK, and not from local residents, they were almost all rejected, with reasons given as to why they were discounted. The signage should be installed by April 2022. In reply to a question from the Clerk, DCC intend ensuring that the area is regularly policed and monitored.

School Council

The School Council at Ysgol Dinas Brân has expressed its concern regarding the amount of plastic waste in the County. These concerns were put to the County Council by two representatives from Ysgol Dinas Bran, who proved themselves to be worthy challengers to DCC on this issue.

Recycling

Recycling slots for the tip in Llangollen on a Saturday morning still need to be booked in advance. It has been suggested that there should be a fee payable for the use of permanent waste disposal sites in Denbighshire, although this won’t affect the site in Llangollen as it is only available one morning a week.

**22/3907 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Proposed by Cllr J. Evans.

Seconded by Cllr. R. Hughes.

**22/3908 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

Apart from some discussion about item 7 on the Agenda there were no matters arising.

**22/3909 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
2. HSBC Bank Charges

The Clerk informed the Council that HSBC is now incurring bank charges on business/council accounts. This amounts to a standard fee of £5.00 per month and 40p for every transaction. The Clerk suggested that the Council consider internet banking. Cllr. Cragg, as Chair of the Finance Committee, agreed to assist the Clerk in looking up the best options for doing this. The Clerk said that she will see how many signatures are legally necessary with online banking.

1. New Computer

The Council now has a new laptop, £360.00 with £60.00 VAT.

The Clerk advised the Council to allow for the cost of IT maintenance when setting its next annual Budget. ACS Technology, which is based in Rhosymedre, had transferred the information from the old desktop to the new laptop.

1. Membership

It was resolved that the Council continue with the annual membership of SLCC at a cost of £98.00.

1. Room hire fee

 It was agreed to pay the hire fee for both community centres for 2022 in advance.

**22/3910 NATIONAL PARK**

Nothing to report.

**22/3911 PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application

Land at the rear of 2 & 3 Bryn Derwen, Rhewl.

Erection of agricultural building for the storage of machinery (Retrospective).

The Council could find no objections to this Application. The Application has already been passed, with some stipulations, by DCC. A copy of two letters, written by a resident of Gresford, which had been sent to the Department of Planning and the Community Council were read and noted. The letters expressed concern at the Application and objected on various grounds.

**22/3912 CEMETERY**

The Clerk informed members that a stonemason would be erecting a headstone in the next couple of weeks, otherwise there was nothing to report.

**22/3913 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

1. Road in the area of Hafod y Rhys hill is in need of repair due to pot-holes and poor drainage.
2. Access road to Pentredŵr at Pen Clawdd corner needs trees lopping and leaves clearing from the road.
3. Blocked drain by Abbey Dingle Nursing Home needs attention.
4. Road from Abbey Terrace to the Abbey Dingle Nursing Home needs trees and shrubbery cutting back.
5. Road subsiding by the kissing gate at Vale Crucis Abbey.
6. Fallen tree on the Horseshoe Pass by the cattle grid, which has been partly cleared, is in need of being fully removed as it’s a danger to motorists.
7. Back road from Rhewl to Glyndyfrdwy is in dire need of resurfacing. The Council has reported this matter on many occasions.

**22/3914 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Cragg gave a verbal report on NRW/AONB Landscapes. He said he would send the link for a climate change webinar, which will be on the 9th February between 2-3pm, to members of the Council and the Clerk.

**22/3915 CLERK’S REPORT**

1. The Clerk said that she had received an apology from Graham Berry for not attending this Meeting of the Council but he would try and make the March meeting.
2. In response to a missive from DCC, the Council agreed not to ask Countryside Service for a tree to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

**22/3916 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Graham Berry DCC Moorlands Officer

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