**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

 **AT THE CONQUERING HERO COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs M. Smith

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

G. Timms, Graham Berry, David Williams and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. D. Walton and A. Jones.

**22/3917 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**22/3918 DAVID WILLIAMS, BRITISH NATIONAL CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Mr Williams had been invited to attend the meeting to update the Council on the proposed plan to hold the British National Cycling Championships on a section of the Old Horseshoe Pass in Pentredŵr. The event is due to be held on the 30th October 2022 from 9am to1pm. This will be a one off event, but does entail closing a section of the Old Pass for the duration of the Race. As the Cycling Championships have a big following it is anticipated that an average of 500 visitors may be present to cheer on the participants.

The event organisers want to cause as little disruption to local residents as possible, and will therefore liaise with both residents and the Community Council in the months prior to the race. The BNCC have permission from the owners of the Ponderosa Café’s to use their car park for participants and visitors but would welcome any further car parking facilities.

The Council was supportive of Mr William’s proposals, on condition that he contacted the residents who would be effected by the road closure to ascertain their views. The Council also felt that the Cycling Race would bring some funding to businesses in the area.

**22/3919 GRAHAM BERRY, DCC MOORLAND OFFICER**

The Council had invited Mr Berry to the Meeting to provide an update on the ongoing work to restore Llantysilio Mountain after the devastating fire of 2018.

Mr Berry stated that 400 bags of heather had been moved to the moorland area with the first phase of the work being completed at a cost of £25,000. This was funded by the Welsh Government. The restoration for 2022 involves hydro seeding helped by the fire services and Dwr Hafren. DCC Countryside Services is in discussion with the owners of the land and Natural Resources Wales (NRW), as to how to continue to reseed the mountain with specific regard to preventing another fire. This is hoped to be accomplished by having regular fire risk assessments including controlled burning and fire-cuts. Campers on Bwlch y Groes could be an issue because of camp fires and bonfires.

Mr Berry said that he hoped to develop a working relationship with people who live and work in the area. There is an ongoing project to improve the parking area opposite the Ponderosa where the roadside verge is corroding.

**22/3910 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Traveller sites

Cllr. Timms informed the Council that the Local Development Plan (LDP) was in some disarray with the County Council having taken the decision not to provide transit sites in Denbighshire. Although this doesn’t effect Llantysilio, it does mean that these transit sites will need to be reassessed for use on the LDP. There is concern at the need for affordable housing in the County, which could have been addressed, but without any definitive LDP is still open for discussion.

Second homes in the area

The official line is that there are 40 second homes in the Llangollen/Llantysilio area, which seems extremely low. Cllr. Timms explained the difference between second homes, which are properties used solely by the owners, and properties which are classed as businesses because they are rented out to holidaymakers.

Some discussion followed, where members of the Community Council expressed their concern at the number of second homes and ‘businesses’ in Llantysilio as these were to the detriment of local people who wanted to live within their community.

**22/3911 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Proposed by Cllr J. Evans.

Seconded by Cllr. R. Hughes.

**22/3912 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

Agenda No. 22/2913b – any necessary works will be done when next in the area.

Agenda No. 22/2913c – the necessary work has been completed.

Agenda No. 22/2913 e – no current cause for concern but will continue to monitor the position.

Agenda No. 22/2913f – this has now been dealt with.

**22/3913 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: -

One Voice Wales

It was agreed that the Council remain a member of OVW with the annual subscription of £82.00.

Llangollen Eisteddfod

In response to a request from the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, the Council agreed to donate the sum of £100.00.

Internet Banking

Having read the written report provided by the Clerk it was agreed to discuss this further after the council elections in May.

**22/3914 NATIONAL PARK**

Nothing to report.

**22/3915 TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CONWY AND DENBIGHSHIRE STEERING GROUP**

It was agreed to defer this item until after the elections in May.

**22/3916 PLANNING MATTERS**

1. There were no Planning Applications.
2. The Council has been informed that Llantysilio Hall in now on the Register of Historic Places (CADW).
3. The Clerk was asked to ascertain how the Sun Inn, Rhewl could be put on the Grading Register.

**22/3917 CEMETERY**

The Clerk informed members of a burial which had taken place on the 27th February.

**22/3918 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

Water gullies in and around Pentredŵr and on Dinbren hill need clearing.

**22/3919 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Nothing to report

**22/3920 CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk handed out Nomination Packs for the forthcoming council elections to members.

**22/3921 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

None.

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