**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A ZOOM MEETING HELD 7th DECEMBER 2020**

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr. Mrs M. Smith

Councillors: R. Cragg, R. Hughes, P. Davies, County Cllr. Graham Timms and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors: J. Pickett, A. Jones and D. Walton.

**20/3753 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**20/3754 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Superfast Broadband

Following a discussion with members of the Council, the Clerk was asked to invite Mr. Philip Burrows, DCC’s Digital Officer to attend the October meeting. Cllr. Timms informed the Council that a Rural Broadband Grant would soon be available to clusters of 10 homes or more who would be willing to work together to claim the Grant with £1,500 per property given by the Welsh government and a similar amount by the English government. The sum of £3,500 to be made available to businesses.

Moorland Officer

The appointment of a Moorland Officer is imminent, although Cllr. Timms expressed his disappointment that the Fire Authority is not involved.

Horseshoe Pass

The Pass is shortly to be resurfaced and will be closed until the work is completed. The work also involves a major drainage scheme.

Gyfelia Farm Planning Application

Cllr. Timms explained that he had done a site visit to the area and could see no reason to object to the Estate’s Application for a temporary road through Gyfelia field which would allow access to heavy vehicles for tree thinning. Residents in the area are supportive of the proposal.

Roadside parking

The Council asked if Cllr. Timms could look into the problem of roadside parking, specifically around Llantysilio Green and the Horseshoe Falls. The double yellow lines on the road do not deter visitors from leaving their vehicles parked at the roadside. The obstruction they cause to larger vehicles and farm wagons is of serious concern.

Cllr. Timms said that he had had no joy in getting a parking attendant or the police to investigate this matter and the parking attendant doesn’t work weekends when the issue is most problematic. It is not the responsibility of the Council’s countryside wardens to deal with this matter either.

It was suggested that the County Council should stop encouraging more visitors to the area if it has no way to accommodate them.

Llangollen

Cllr. Timms gave the Council a run-down on the proposals to change the road systems in Llangollen. The Council asked to be kept informed as anything effecting the town has a knock-on effect in Llantysilio.

**20/3742 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING**

The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr P. Davies.

Seconded by Cllr. A. Jones.

**20/3743 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

Minute No. 20/3734 a) to d) – Community Problems

The Clerk has reported these issues to the relevant departments of DCC.

Roadside verges.

The Clerk informed members that she had asked for all the roadside verges in the Council’s area to be cut back, which had now been done apart from a few roads that still need attention.

Roadside Footpath at Abbey Dingle

The Clerk was asked to chase this matter up with DCC. With the number of visitors to the area escalating it is even more urgent that a suitable path be provided for pedestrians.

**20/3744 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. Internal Auditor

As the Internal Auditor does not receive any payment for undertaking the Audit the Council agree to give her an Amazon Gift Voucher in appreciation for all the work she does for the Council.

1. 2020/21 Clerk’s National Salary Award

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed the new pay scales for clerks 2020/21 to be implemented from the 1st April 2020.

The Council approved the Clerk’s revised salary increase at Sliding Column Point (SCP) 28 in line with the agreement of NJC, SLCC and NALC.

1. Other Matters

None.

**20/3745 PLANNING MATTERS**

Applications

1. Planning Application 27/2020/0376 – Land at Rock Farm, Eglwyseg.

Construction of a sheltered slurry lagoon, formation of hardstanding and associated works.

The Council recommended that a landscape visual impact assessment be undertaken and managed as appropriate.

1. Planning Application BT/2020/0527 – BT Kiosk Consultation.

Proposed closure of the kiosk at Llantysilio.

The Council resolved to oppose the closure of the kiosk.

1. Planning application 27/2020/0578 – Gyfelia Farm, Rhewl

Construction of a proposed forestry track and associated works.

The Council had no objections to this Application.

**20/3746 CEMETERY**

The Clerk reported that Robin Stubbs is still looking at a more cost effective way of replacing the Victorian iron railings on top of the dividing wall.

**20/3747 PROVISION OF SALT BINS IN RURAL AREAL IN DENBIGHSHIRE**

The Clerk was asked to re-send this document to members for discussion at the October meeting.

**20/3748 COMMUNITY CORNER**

It was agreed, due to the high cost of postage, to distribute the newsletter via the Council’s website and Facebook page and distribute hard copies to local Inns and the Library in Llangollen.

The Clerk said that she was finding it difficult to get articles for the newsletter and asked members of the Council if they would help her.

**20/3749 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

1. Footpath at Abbey Dingle is overgrown with brambles.
2. HGV sign still not been sited at the Pondarosa entrance to Pentredŵr.
3. Cyclists are a danger on rural roads.
4. Some roadside verges are still in need of cutting back.

**20/3750 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

SDCP Meeting in Pentredŵr

Cllr. Mrs Smith gave a verbal report on a South Denbighshire Area Partnership meeting, she had attended on the Council’s behalf, in Pentredŵr Community Centre on the 30th July 2020

Defibrillator in Pentredŵr

Due to covid the second training event had been postponed to a later date, which has yet to be agreed.

**20/3751 CLERK’S REPORT**

1. Council vacancy

The co-option notice has been circulated with a closing date of the 20th September. In line with legislation the Council can co-opt at its next meeting in October.

1. Commemorative plaque

Cllr. Pickett said that he would ensure that the plaque to Julia Lawton-Roberts was placed by the defibrillator in Pentredŵr.

1. Memorial to Cllr. J. G. Evans

To be decided at the October meeting.

**20/3752 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

* Memorial to Cllr. J. G. Evans
* Salt bins
* Co-option of a new councillor.

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