

LLANGWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Meeting held at Cleddau Reach School, Llangwm
12th December 2023 @ 7.00pm

1. PRESENT: Councillor M Evans (Chair) Councillor V Owens (Vice Chair)
 Councillor M John Councillor B Childs
 Councillor N Sandford Councillor E Rawlings

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Debbie Hanney, Elizabeth Beresford, Stuart Beresford.

REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE: – All members present signed.

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Davies, Councillor N Lewis

DECLARATION OF ANY PERSONAL OR POTENTIALLY CONFLICTING ISSUES: - none recorded

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: held on 14th November 2023 – minutes agreed.

MATTERS ARISING:

- Cllr Childs wished to express his thanks to all the participants who helped to make the Remembrance Service a very successful and respectful service.
- Cllr Owens read the letter that she had prepared for the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales regarding the voluntary mergers or downsizing of community councils. The letter expressed the Cllrs opposition to the proposals and all Cllrs agreed that the letter was a good representation of their views and opinions.
- Banking – Cllr Evans stated that he had still not been able to make any progress with Barclays Bank. The clerk agreed to go into Barclays to see if any progress can be made.
- Update of Llangwm website – Cllrs agreed that the website should be maintained as a signposting hub to direct users to the websites of various clubs/societies in Llangwm and should require minimal maintenance and updating. All Cllrs agreed that this could be provided on a free website and Cllr Rawlings agreed to contact Gareth Horton to ask if he would be able to assist with setting this up. The clerk offered to undertake the administration function and Cllrs would need to agree

the additional time this would take outside of the clerk's current duties.

- War Memorial Trust. Cllrs agreed to explore the option of combining the two war memorials, currently located on The Green and at the Village Hall in Pills Park, onto one site on The Green. The War Memorial Trust can offer grants to support the repair and conservation of war memorials and their conservation officers offer technical support and advice. Cllrs agreed that the clerk should contact a conservation officer in the first instance to seek support with this.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- Received from Elizabeth Beresford:-
*"I wondered if you would raise the following item at the next LCC meeting.
I noticed with interest that the last report of the LCC in the Llangwm Newsletter mentioned 'Ideas to Enhance the Village', My suggestion is as follows.
The entrance to Pill Parks currently consists of a wall with pillars either side of a small gate and also the wider car entrance. There is currently large quantities of ivy growing up the pillars which are now encroaching the small gateway and also the signs which are attached to the wall. I'm not sure when the wall was built but the memorial plaque to Alderman James John inserted in the wall is now virtually indecipherable by lichen/ dirt.
This wall/entrance is an important part of Pill Parks History, and its renovation and removal of vegetation would considerably enhance the entrance to Pill Parks. Please could you include this on the agenda of the next meeting".*

All Cllrs agreed that the wall needed repair and upgrading. Cllr Evans offered to obtain a quote for removing the ivy and advice for repairing and cleaning the plaque could be obtained from the War Memorial Conservation Officer as it would require a specialist, so it didn't get damaged.

PLANNING RECEIVED BY 9th December 2023: - none received.

www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/planning-applications

FINANCE:

- **Invoices received** by 9th December 2023 and cheque approval: -
Community Council Clerk salary costs (26 hrs @ £12.37 per hour, £20 expenses per month)
Cleddau Press Invoice £330 Printing costs for Llangwm Newsletter.
Cheques approved by all Councillors.
- **Payments** – no payments have been made.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Cllrs agreed that the action point from the meeting 14th November 2023 to undertake an inspection of land and facilities that were the responsibility of the Community Council to check for maintenance and upkeep issues will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

- **Traffic issues** – Cllrs again raised concerns regarding vehicle obstruction on The Green during rugby matches as emergency vehicles would not be able to gain access if required and potentially dangerous parking on the road outside Llangwm Farm which restricts visibility for drivers coming onto the main road from Gail Hill. Cllr John asked that any obstructions or other traffic issues be reported to the police on 101 as all concerns raised would then form an evidence base to demonstrate the ongoing issues. The clerk was also asked to again contact Pembrokeshire County Council Traffic Department to raise the concerns and ask that the current traffic arrangements in Llangwm be reviewed.
- **Pills Parks** – The Rugby Club are currently commissioning professional advice regarding upgrading the drainage system on the rugby pitches.
- **Common Land** – no issues reported.
- **Dog fouling** – no issues reported.
- **Defibrillator Checks** – will be carried out by Cllr M Evans for December and Cllr N Sandford in January.
- **Data Protection** – no issues reported.

CLERKS INFORMATION: - no items to report.

TRAINING: - no items to report.

GREEN ISSUES: - no items to report.

AOB:

- Cllr M John wished to discuss the process for ordering salt bins and rock salts from the County Council. The provision of salt bins has been delegated to the Community Council and it is the responsibility of the Community Council to pay for the supply and installation of the bin and arrange for local volunteers to spread the salt. The County Council will arrange for the supply and installation of the bin, filling with rock salt and for stocks to be replenished up to twice per annum when requested by the Community Council. Residents are advised to refer any requests of this nature to the Community Council.

- Cllr John asked if the precept form had been received from Pembrokeshire County Council as it was needed to set the budget for 24-25. The clerk agreed to chase this up and prepare a draft budget to be brought to the next meeting.
- All Cllrs wished to congratulate Cllr V Owens on being awarded her Masters Degree from Birmingham University.
- Cllr Evans informed the Cllrs that the electrician Josh Davies had advised that the electrical installation for the Christmas lights would need to be upgraded and Cllr Evans will obtain a quote from him to carry out the works.
- The Community Councillors would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Community Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 in Cleddau Reach School.