

Minutes of a Meeting of LLANIDLOES WITHOUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: Wednesday 27th September, 2017.

Time: 7.00pm

Place: The Schoolroom, Baptist Church, Shortbridge Street, Llanidloes.

Present: Councillors D.E. Chapman (Chairman); S.E. Evans (V.Ch); A.K. Davies, G. Jerman:
G. Jones; G.M. Jones; H. G. Jones, N. Maddocks; D.W. Morgan, Phyl Davies County Clr.

Declaration of Interest S.B. Lewis Clerk – Planning Application P2017 1059.

Minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated, were proposed by Clr. A.K. Davies, seconded by Clr. S.E. Evans, and agreed as correct, were signed by the Chairman.

Clr D.E. Chapman welcomed Dr. Andy Raynsford of the Arwstli Practice to our meeting to discuss the provision of doctor's appointments. Dr. Raynsford explained that they are having difficulty in providing appointments due to a shortage of Doctors and they are having problems in attracting new Doctors to the Practice. They have stopped 4 o'clock emergency appointments because they weren't working as patients could have long waits to be seen. Emergency appointments are still accessible on a daily basis. Patients are being told that if they ring the surgery at 8.30 am there are appointments with the Doctor they want to see available, but when they do ring there are no appointment available and this can be very frustrating. Clr. Chapman stated that when rural residents try to make an appointment it is because they really need to see a Doctor and times of available appointments is an important factor as well. Dr. Raynsford replied that they do provide telephone consultations where patients can speak to Doctors, be assessed, and if necessary will be seen the same day. If non urgent, then appointments can be made in 2/3 days, and they are trying to get the balance right. They are looking at ways to free up appointments and one solution would be to attract more Doctor's to the area. This situation is being found in all practice's in the area. Dylan Jones in the Chemist is providing an excellent service and his help is greatly appreciated. Clr. Davies asked why the practice needs 48 hours to provide repeat prescriptions and was told that they are not allowed to pre-prepare prescriptions for patients. Shropdoc is the best out of hours service in Wales on the figures provided and it is important that we keep this and they are looking at ways to keep the Shropshire financially secure. It is also very important that the Emergency Centre be retained in Shrewsbury Hospital and not moved to Telford. Wales Air Ambulance has the capability to start flying at night but had not done so at present. Clr. D.E. Chapman thanked Dr Raynsford for coming and speaking to Councillors and giving up his time to do so and he then left the room.

MATTERS ARISING

Brynposteg Landfill Site Clr. A.K. Davies informed Councillors that the next meeting of the Brynposteg Liaison Committee will be held on Friday 20th October at 10am. There were not many complaints regarding the site received at present.

Van Lead Mines Clr. G.M. Jones had spoken with the residents involved and they would like to take it further if possible. Clr. P. Davies was waiting results from other areas with the similar problems and would report back to Councillors.

Turning to Golf Course, Llanidloes Clr. P. Davies agreed to take this matter up with Powys County Council Highways.

Old Market Hall, Llanidloes Councillors discussed this matter and agreed that more traffic could be generated travelling through Llanidloes if signs on the by-pass direct traffic up to the top end of the by-pass to enter Llanidloes. It would be worse for large vehicles turning left down Shortbridge Street which could also cause damage to the Market Hall. This would also mean that more traffic would travel down passed the schools which is very congested at certain times of the day. It was still felt that a "No Left" turn by the Market Hall would mean vehicles would have to go straight pass and achieve what is needed to protect the Hall from damage. Clr. P. Davies reported that the Traffic Order has gone through because they had money available now. Councillors asked that Chris Lloyd, Powys County Council be asked to attend our October meeting to listen to the Council's concerns. Clr. P. Davies would contact him.

PC Q The clerk informed the Council that she had arranged for Virus Protection to be updated on the laptop with PC Q at a cost of approximately £25.00.

Defibrillator in Glan-y-Nant Clr. N. Maddocks had spoken to residents in Glan-y-Nant and felt that it was not practicable to install a defibrillator in the area as the telephone kiosk was still working and there was no other suitable site available.

Red Kite Café at Clywedog Dam Clr. P. Davies has a meeting with Severn Trent on this matter and they have agreed they would like the toilets to be opened and hopefully something will be sorted by next April.

Road to Clywedog Dam This matter has been reported.

Ragwort on Bryndu Road This matter has been reported.

30mph Speed Limit at the Van Clr. P. Davies reported that this matter had been passed by Committee and should be installed in the near future.

Wales Rally GB Passes had been given out to local residents in Old Hall affected by the rally.

Proclamation Ceremony of the Powys Eisteddfod was attended by the Chairman.

Powys Local Development Plan The Public Consultation on Matters Arising Changes will commence on Tuesday 19th September 2017 and run for the usual 6 weeks ending at 5pm, Monday 30th October, 2017. This consultation is only on the proposed changes and representations should not add to any earlier representations made or raise any new issues as these would should have been made at earlier consultations.

PLANNING APPLICATION

The clerk declared an interest and left the room.

P2017 1059 Erection of 2 no. agricultural buildings (including demolition of 2 no. buildings) at Old Hall Farm, Llanidloes, Powys.

This application was supported. Councillors felt that the development was appropriate would support an existing farm business and the buildings necessary for the purposes of agriculture in line with TAN 6. In line with the Powys County Council Local Development Plan policy. The buildings are in keeping with other agricultural buildings on the farm in question and surrounding area.

One Voice Wales Montgomeryshire Area Committee will be held on Tuesday 3rd October at Penstrowed Church Hall 7pm. The Chairman and Vice Chairman to attend.

SP Energy Networks – Partnership Opportunities They maintain and manages the electricity network in our area and would like to explore how they can work together to promote their hotline number so local people know to report power cuts in the event they happen. They issue quarterly information to this network of councils, local authorities, emergency services and key influencers.

The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (R.A.B.I) Montgomeryshire A donation request received by R.A.B.I. was deferred at the present time.

Grant Thornton – Audit of Accounts The Auditor General for Wales has issued the Community Council a qualified audit report because although all the Councillors had a copy of the local authorities (Model Code of Conduct)(Wales)(Amendment) Order 2016 the Council never formally adopted this code of conduct at a full council meeting. The council should ensure that they formally adopt this new Code of Conduct at a full meeting, and record it in the minutes. The Community Council would instruct a new Internal Auditor for 2017/18.

Laybye’s for Windfarm Traffic Clr. A.K. Davies said the Community Council had asked for more provision of laybye’s on the A.470 Llanidloes to Newtown road for many years and now that there is an increase of traffic due to windfarm traffic they are being installed and asked if they would remain after the windfarms had been completed. Clr. P.Davies reported that Trunk roads are the Welsh Trunk Agency’s responsibility and he did not know what would happen to them.

Provision of Laybye’s on Llidiartywaen Road. Clr. A.K. Davies asked Clr. P. Davies if he would look into the provision of laybye’s/passing places on the Llidiartywaen road which had been promised previously and gave him copies of emails explaining what had been promised. Clr. Davies would look into this and take it up with Paul Wozencraft.

Penygreen Road Clr. G.M. Jones reported that the road at Penygreen Road needs to be cleaned as water is coming out onto the road.

Hafrenydd, Llanidloes The clerk was asked to report a vehicle parking on double lines by the bridge as it is dangerous to road users and pedestrians.

Sign at Cerist Clr. H.G. Jones thanked Clr Davies for arranging to put a new sign up, but explained now that the hedge has been cut back the original sign can just be seen in the hedge.

Cheques to be signed

Clerks salary & Admin expenses £230.00

There was no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.