

Llantrisant Fawr Community Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Llangwm, on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr. Glyn Williams, (Chairman), Cllr. David Williams (Vice Chairman), Cllr. John Watkins, Cllr. Bob Trigg, Cllr Steve Jolliffe, Cllr James Hawkins, County Cllr. Fay Bromfield, County Cllr. Rachel Buckler, Mrs. Jayne Stoodley (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Malcolm Hatfield

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 April 2023:
Agreed as a correct record by all present and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising from the Council Meeting held on 18 April 2023:

Broadway Broadband

County Cllr Fay Bromfield notified Councillors of an update received from Reece Simmons stating Broadband plans for the area were only postponed whilst they were trying to have funding replaced. Fay confirmed she had contacted Cath Fallon Head Projects Officer at Monmouthshire County Council regarding this issue and was awaiting feedback. However, if the update was unsatisfactory she would put the question to Cabinet Minister Paul Griffiths.

Cllr Watkins pointed out that Businesses such as Farms and those homes in outlying areas were suffering because of the intermittent Broadband coverage and he felt a flexible solution needed to be found to tackle the problem.

Llantrisant Fawr Community Council Website –

The Clerk confirmed the website was almost ready to be fully launched with just a few minor details to be addressed. Not everyone had been able to set up their new Llantrisant Fawr Email accounts and others had experienced some problems in using them. The Clerk will advise Isobel Brown of these issues and work to establish a solution with her.

A discussion followed on whether the website should include information on local shops and eateries, but it was agreed a better solution would be to include links to the various websites of our local towns of Usk, Raglan, Chepstow, Monmouth and Abergavenny.

The Clerk informed Councillors she would be having training during June to enable her to manage and update the website on behalf of the Council.

Churchyard Maintenance Donation

The Clerk informed Councillors she had written to the trustees of Pen Y Cae Mawr Chapel and now received a reply confirming they would be very pleased to receive a donation towards Churchyard maintenance.

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Defibrillator updates

The Clerk confirmed that Defibrillator training was to be held at Llangwm Village Hall on Thursday 1st June at 6.30 pm. The hall would need to be open for 5:50pm and the session would last around 2 hours. Cllr Trigg agreed he would be able to open the hall on this day unless circumstances changed when he would let the Clerk know in advance.

A minimum number of 20 people is required to ensure training can take place.

The Clerk raised the outstanding issue of a Defibrillator for the Greyhound Pub and it was agreed Cllr Watkins would speak with Phil Hill regarding this request at the forthcoming training session.

Grass Cutting

Councillors were informed both Llangwm and Llantrisant had received the first grass cut of the season and this would continue over the next 6 months.

Cllr Jolliffe advised it had been agreed that subsequent cuts for the Hand at Llantrisant would be charged at a cost of £20 per month.

Councillors agreed the cost should continue to be funded for both areas.

Rental costs for Llantrisant Fawr Council meetings

The Clerk advised she had now established the cost of hiring a room at the Sessions House in Usk which was £12 per hour but would need to be booked well in advance due to its popularity.

Councillors considered the cost and agreed whilst they would prefer to support Llangwm village Hall knowing the economic challenges it faces. They also needed to consider this year's budget and it would be reasonable to assume some meetings could be held at the Sessions House.

The Clerk advised she would confirm if the Council meeting dates could be accommodated and would report back at the next meeting. County Cllr Fay Bromfield also said she would speak to John Pearson of Monmouthshire County Council to establish if meetings were now allowed to be held at Licensed premises.

Cllr Watkins put forward a proposal to hold 7 meetings at the village Hall and 3 meetings elsewhere. Cllr Jolliffe seconded the proposal. Although there was not a solid majority it was agreed the Council should try holding 2 meetings at another venue and then evaluate the situation.

Review of Policies:

A) Data Policy - Reviewed and **ADOPTED**

B) General Privacy Policy – Reviewed and **ADOPTED**

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4. Highways Issues:

Update on Matters reported –

No updates have been received on previously reported issues. But the Highways Dept at Monmouthshire County Council had produced a list of outstanding issues and these advised received / awaiting action.

County Cllr Bromfield reported the Consultation on Vehicular movements and Speed in Llantrisant had been delayed until the 24th of May but that she would keep us updated on any information.

Cllr Glyn Williams addressed the County Councillors saying that we continue to report issues in our area, but nothing is done. He asked how we could bring pressure to bear to ensure that action is taken.

County Cllr Fay Bromfield suggested that Graham Kinsella of Monmouthshire County Council would likely be able to carry out a site visit but that she would also contact Carl Touhig (Head of Neighborhood Services) and invite him to attend a meeting. We would then be able to address with him the current state of our roads and any outstanding issues we had.

New issues raised by Councillors:

County Cllr Rachel Buckler advised that many villagers from Llansoy had signed a Petition asking for a 20-mph speed limit in the village. The petition is going to be presented to David Davies when he comes to the village on the 1st of June.

Cllr Bob Trigg raised the issue of Cow Parsley in the hedgerow which is currently unable to be trimmed at this time of year. He said it was an added danger and obstructed visibility for motorists. County Cllr Fay Bromfield felt this was another issue which could be put to Carl Touhig.

New issues raised by others:

None received.

5. Crime Prevention:

Reports were received and forwarded to Councillors. The Clerk reminded Councillors the June meeting would start at 7pm with a 45-minute presentation from the 'We don't buy Crime team'.

6. Monmouthshire County Council Report:

No Report received.

7. Finance:

- a) Financial Accounts: A statement of Expenditure and Income for the period ending 28th April 2023 was received, AGREED and signed by the Chairman.
- b) Bank Statement: For the period 1st April 2023 – 28 April 2023 was received and signed by the Chairman.

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c) Expenditure: The following expenses were APPROVED.

Clerks Salary May 2023 (incl additional 18 hours worked during April) £794.27
Clerks Expenses May 1st – May 26th, 2023, £28.49
The Information Commissioner GDPR/Data Protection Fee £40
Donation Churchyard Maintenance for Pen Y Cae Mawr Chapel £200
Donation Llangwm Coronation Hog Roast £500
Donation Llantrisant Coronation Hog Roast £345
Donation Llantrisant Coronation Hog Roast Salads £150
Donation Gwernesney Coronation Hog Roast £380
Donation Llansoy Coronation Afternoon Tea £473.52
Grass Cutting Llantrisant £30
The Green Grafter Grass cutting Llangwm £147
Llangwm Parish Hall Hire cost with 2 units of Electricity for April £46.14

Total £3,134.42

8. Correspondence:

The Clerk advised thank you letters had been received for the donations provided for Churchyard Maintenance, from Sandy Blair of Llantrisant Church and from the Secretary of Llangwm Baptist Church.

Following the Clerks request a confirmation was received from Julie Bainbridge Todd advising she had closed the Llantrisant Fawr Facebook page and placed a notice on the old website explaining and redirecting users to the new Llantrisant Fawr Website.

9. Planning – A notification was received from Monmouthshire County Council:
Application number DM/2023/00635 – Conversion of existing garage with Oak Extension.
Councillors agreed there was no reason to object.

10. Ward Reports – None received.

11. HMPS

County Cllr Fay Bromfield confirmed she would be attending a meeting on the 23rd May to view plans being put forward for an extension to the Prison at Prescoed and that she looked forward to keeping us updated.

12. Any Other Business:

The Clerk advised she would be unable to attend the meeting set for the 18th September and asked if Councillors were happy to move the date forward to the following week, Tuesday 26th September. Councillors agreed this date would be convenient and the Clerk agreed to check the Hall was available.

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There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9 pm.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 20th June at 7:00pm

Date of future Meetings for 2023:

18th July, No meeting in August, 26th September, 17th October, 21st November. ** A possible date to be set in December to discuss 2023/24 Budget and Precept.

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