

**LLANGWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE
17th November 2014 – 7.00 PM
AT VILLAGE HALL LLANGWM**

1. **Present:** Councillor B Childs (Chair) Councillor D George
Councillor M John Councillor N Lewis
Councillor P Morris (Mrs) Councillor R Preece (Mrs)
Councillor E Rawlings (Mrs) (Vice Chair) Councillor M Watkins (Mrs)

2. **Apologies – None**

In attendance: K M Codd (Mrs) Clerk

3. **Declarations of any personal, prejudicial or potentially conflicting issues.** **Action**

To be noted at any relevant point within the minutes.

4. **Minutes of meeting held on the 14th October 2014**

Minutes of the meeting were read and agreed as a true and accurate record.
Proposed by Cllr Morris seconded by Cllr Lewis.

5. **Matters Arising**

- a) **Land adjacent to Cleddau Reach VC Primary School** – In response to a letter enquiring about the future of the land, an e-mail was received informing LCC that “The future of the surplus land adjacent to Cleddau Reach primary school is currently under consideration. If a decision is taken to sell the land it will be advertised for sale, including on the PCC website www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/property, inviting offers for the property.” All members agreed to monitor closely.
- b) **Damaged Seat at Black Tar** – Cllr John reported that the seat has been repaired.
- c) **Rugby Club** – Cllr John advised that the Rugby Club are aware that repairs are required to the storage shed at the bottom field.
- d) **Remembrance Day Commemorations** –The Chair reported that there had been a very good attendance. Both the bugle player and readers were praised. It was unfortunate that a car had been carelessly parked close to the memorial. Cllr John suggested that this should be highlighted in the Llangwm Newsletter, all members concurred.

Cllr John suggested that an article be placed in the Newsletter highlighting the need for cars to be moved from the vicinity whilst the service is being undertaken. Members agreed.

Cllr Watkins was concerned at a lack of cohesion during the Remembrance service. This was discussed and all members agreed that all those participating in the service next year, should be given adequate notice enabling them to provide sufficient structure to the event.

All agreed that next year's service should have a more structured approach.

e) Christmas Activities

Cllr Watkins advised that Mr Peter England is again happy to provide a tree for the village, free of a charge.

All agreed that the tree should be erected for the 6th December 2014. Working party to be arranged. Cllr Preece confirmed she has the lights.

f) Upgrade/New equipment for the Play Area.

Following discussion, it was felt that any upgrade to the play area would be best suited to children of under 8. Members agreed that efforts to cover too wide an age gap may prove unsatisfactory.

The Clerk to advise Cllr Preece of charitable trust, and also provided her with several catalogues detailing play equipment. Cllr John suggested that the PCC, although unable to provide funds, are happy to give advice on upgrading of both playgrounds and equipment.

6. Correspondence received by 17th November 2014

a) **PCNP** – update on Local Development Plan. Further details via sarahm@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk .

b) **PCC** – Driver refresher course for 65+ age group. Notice Board. All members agreed this is an excellent idea.

c) **Glan Hafan** – Residents contacted LCC expressing their deep concern regarding possible building on land at Rectory Road. After discussion, all members agreed this would cause both traffic issues and take away what has always been a play area for the local community. Cllr John reported that PCC were looking at all surplus land for possible sale etc. The Clerk was asked to advise Mr Martin Peake, Senior Housing Officer, of LCC's opposition to the proposals set out in his letter to residents dated 31st October 2014.

d) **Gardening Club Roundabout Scheme** –The Gardening Club has written outlining plans to increase the planting and extend the season with some perennial wildflowers. Also advising that cutting needs to take place in late summer after seeds have set.

Following discussion, Cllr Watkins was asked to contact the grass cutter to undertake a high cut of the area.

The Gardening Club will endeavour to find out the timescale for the completion of the scale model boat.

Action

**Clerk note:-
Agenda item
for Sept 2015.**

Clerk

Clerk

Cllr Watkins

<p>e) Llangwm Local History Society – Wrote to thank LCC for their support of the Llangwm a Village at War exhibition. This had been well attended with visitors from as far afield as Devon, Cardiff and the Welsh Valleys. Local historian Simon Hancock has written in praise of the commitment and dedication shown by Llangwm History Society and added that, in his opinion, the exhibition was the best he had seen.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>Cllr Rawlings abstained from voting on this item as member of History Society</p>
<p>They also requested funding to support the purchase of cases to store and protect the information boards, not only for future exhibitions but also for Llangwm residents. Cost of cases £150 plus VAT £30.</p>	
<p>Following a long discussion, some members felt that LCC had provided financial support for the exhibition and others felt that this was essential for keeping the boards safe and available for future reference. Cllr Preece proposed that LCC fund the purchase and Cllr Lewis seconded. A vote followed, (Cllr George abstained). The motion was carried.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>f) NHS Wales – Information regarding the changes to Health Care services for young people and children. Notice Board, Village Shop.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>g) Urdd Gobaith Cymru – AGM</p>	
<p>7. Planning received by 17th November 2014</p>	
<p>None received.</p>	
<p>8. Finance</p>	
<p>a) Cash Statement 14th October 2014 – circulated to all members. b) Clerks & RFO remuneration – September 2014 £200 Proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Preece. c) Clerks expenses – September 2014 £20 Proposed by Cllr Morris and seconded by Cllr Watkins d) Invoices received by 14th October 2014:- Cllr Watkins is in receipt of an invoice from Mr Dockerty. She remarked that the amount due was a large increase from last year. The Clerk was asked to clarify the number of cuts undertaken and make arrangements to pay him before the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>9. Risk Assessment</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pill Parks – Cllr John raised the issue of dog fouling. The Rugby Club suggested that they post new signs of A3 size; asking dog owners to clear up after their dogs and not to have loose dogs on the field. All members concurred, and Cllr John will relay information to the Rugby Club. • Training opportunities for Community Council Members – Clerk to ensure circulation to all members. 	<p>Cllr John</p>

10. Christmas Activities

Discussed under Matters Arising 5 e).

Action

11. New Notice Board

Members were given copies of the different quotes for varying sizes of board. Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for a Post Mounted 1050 x 1400mm board which would hold 18 x A4 sheets. This would allow one side of the board to be used for visitor information and the other for business, e.g. minutes, notices etc. The board would cost approximately £652 + VAT. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote by the next meeting.

Clerk

12. War Memorial

Cllr Watkins expressed her concerns regarding the frame work and ongoing condensation. She felt that the memorial should have been placed inside the Village Hall. Cllr George agreed.

The Chair reminded members that the memorial had been taken from the Old School to safeguard it for Llangwm Residents. The Village Hall Committee had agreed to its safekeeping and made its decision to have it placed on the outside wall to allow ready access. The builder had also agreed that unless an inner wall was strengthened the outside wall was the safest place. The Chair agreed that maintenance of the frame needed reassessing and that the condensation problem required addressing. The Clerk advised the Chair that, on placement the memorial had been given a protective coating by the builder as advised by local specialists "Granacol".

Cllr John suggested that a future project to place a double memorial for both WW1 and WW11, on or near to the village green memorial would provide a focus point for the village. The Chair felt this was an excellent suggestion and all members agreed.

The Chair advised that the recent rededication of the memorial had been very moving and was well attended. He continued, that the whole service had been arranged by the Llangwm History Society who deserved a letter of thanks and those participating had been excellent.

For the present, all agreed that in order to preserve the current WW1 memorial, the Clerk ask the builder his opinion on the best way forward. The Clerk also advised that an application has been made to the War Memorial Fund to help with associated costs.

Clerk

13. Black Tar Convenience

Cllr Rawlings has, to date, not received any update on the current position.

Cllr Rawlings

14. Black Tar Picnic Area

Action

The Chair advised that the Clerk had circulated all members with e-mails regarding the common land at Black Tar. Members concurred. Cllr Lewis advised that he was in the area on a regular basis and, agreeing that at times people have parked thoughtlessly, believes no undue damage has taken place.

The Chair agreed that parking in the area was occasionally careless and unacceptable.

Clerk

Cllr John advised that he has seen the picnic tables in use but some vehicles had been parked badly, and stressed that every effort should be made to protect the common land in future.

The matter was discussed at length and all agreed that the common land should be kept under observation over a longer period of time.

Cllr Preece proposed a review in 12 months and Cllr George seconded the motion. The Chair asked members to vote, and although not unanimous the motion was carried. Clerk to advise Mr and Mrs Jacob.

Clerk

15. Any Other Business

a) Cllr Rawlings advised that the Village Opera had been excellent, and filming will take place at the end of November. The Chair suggested that a letter be sent to Sue Howley to congratulate her on the success of the venture.

Clerk

Cllr Rawlings has been informed of problems with the water/waste pipe at Port Lion. Clerk to contact PCC.

Clerk

b) Cllr Watkins reported that some residents of Deerland Road have raised concerns regarding drainage near the cemetery wall. Clerk to write to PCC.

c) Responding to the Chair, Cllr John (in his capacity as PCC member) advised that he has heard no further updates on the future of the old school. Consequently, both the Chair and Cllr John, requested that the Clerk write to PCC asking for any details of future plans for the old school. All members concurred.

Clerk

**16. Date and time of next meeting - 11th November 2014 @19.00 hours
Cleddau Reach VC Primary School**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed @ 8.35pm.

Signed Chair

Date

