

LLANGWM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held at Llangwm Village Hall
13th February 2024 @ 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
 Councillor C Davies

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Debbie Hanney, Stuart Beresford, Elizabeth Beresford, Fran Richards

REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE: – All members present signed.

APOLOGIES: None

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: held on 9th January 2024 – minutes agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Email received from E Beresford:-
“I was delighted to see that the entrance gates at Pill Parks have had all the ivy removed. It looks so much better and now all the signs are much more visible. Once the memorial stone is renovated the wall will I’m sure look even better. Please pass on thanks to the chair Mathew for organising this”.
- Email received from Heather Payton:
“Is the village news going to go onto the new website?” – to be discussed under matters arising.
- Letter received from Emma Price to inform the Community Council of her plans to open a shop at 5 Main Street, Llangwm. The Councillors would like to invite Emma to the next meeting to discuss her proposal in more detail.
- Email received from Fiona Brown, Housing Solutions Manager, Ateb regarding the proposed development in Llangwm and the allocation of properties. She has asked that the Community Council share information regarding the allocation process. The information will be posted onto the Llangwm facebook page and on the notice board on the village green.

MATTERS ARISING:

- Ateb Housing Development – Councillors discussed providing a response to the proposed housing application. Matters of concern included the water and sewerage capability, lack of facilities within the village including shop and public transport, capacity of the school, vehicular and pedestrian access and the housing mix. Councillors agreed that a response should be provided and the clerk was asked to draft a response which would need to be approved and sent by 19th February.
- Cost of Living Initiatives – Councillor Rawlings shared information about various grant funds that were available to support COL projects. Councillors were asked to propose project ideas at the next meeting which can then be budgeted and potential funding can be sourced.
- War Memorial Trust – The Conservation Officer for Wales at the War Memorial Trust has been contacted by the clerk and photographs sent of the war memorials on the village green and on the wall of the village hall. Awaiting feedback to determine what support or funding is available.
- Update of Llangwm website. Cllr Rawlings provided information regarding the site map and the cost for hosting which was 48 months at £2.59 per month.
- Outdoor Connections Fund – Cllr Davies was pleased to inform the committee that the grant fund to purchase a marquee for village use had been approved. The clerk will complete the approval acceptance form and return it to PAVS by 15th February. The fund will need to be spent by 31st March.
- Common Land Information – Cllr Rawlings showed the councillors a map obtained from Pembrokeshire County Council showing the common land at Black Tar which indicates the extend of common land onto the foreshore where there shouldn't be any boats anchored. Cllr Rawlings also highlighted to the councillors that the new lifesaving buoy on the common land in Black Tar was situated in a position that would not be accessible at high tide. Cllr Rawlings agreed to contact The Boating Club to discuss this further. Cllr Evans also asked that the map was shared with all councillors.
- Vandalism – Cllr Rawlings reported to the committee that in November 2023 the window of a parked vehicle at Black Tar had been deliberately smashed. Police were involved and advised the owner of the vehicle to put up CCTV. The CCTV has now been installed.

PLANNING RECEIVED BY 10th February 2024: - none received.

www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/planning-applications

FINANCE:

- **Invoices received** by 10th February 2024 and cheque approval: -
Community Council Clerk salary costs (26 hrs @ £12.37 per hour, £20 expenses per month)
Invoice from Mr G S Morgan for removing the ivy from the wall and taking cuttings away - £80
- **Payments** – no payments have been made.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Cllr Sandford suggested to the committee that the Community Council were responsible for monitoring issues relating to the categories below and not responsible for risk assessing. It was agreed by all Councillors that the section would be renamed “Monthly Updates”.

- **Traffic issues** – Cllr John reported that Pembrokeshire County Council have agreed to put double yellow lines on the southside of the highway at The Kilns for a distance of 25 or 50 metres. Councillors raised concerns over the possibility of motorists parking in the opposite side of the road where there are no restrictions so Cllr John agreed to contact Pembrokeshire County Council and arrange a site visit.
- **Pills Parks** – Cllr Childs reported that the works on the playground have started. Cllr Evans requested permission from the Community Council for a new drainage and a soakaway around the village hall. No objection was raised.
- **Common Land** – damage to common land in Black Tar was recently reported and found to be done by the PCC refuse lorry. Cllr John reported that this has since been repaired and to prevent this from happening again provided options of bollards or reinforced mesh on the grass. Cllrs agreed no further action was required.
- **Dog fouling** – no issues reported.
- **Defibrillator Checks** – will be carried out by Cllr E Rawlings.
- **Data Protection** – no issues reported.

CLERKS INFORMATION: -

- The Precept of £12314 for 2024/2025 has been sent to Pembrokeshire County Council following the meeting on Thursday 18th January. The agreed budget was a 4% increase for the next financial year.

TRAINING: - Councillors will provide information directly to the clerk of training that has been booked,

AOB:

- Cllr Evans confirmed that Mr J Palmer had received permission from Pembrokeshire County Council to cut down the tree near the sea wall in Rectory Road.
- Cllr John has met with the police to do a patrol of Llangwm and to discuss any issues, please let him know of any problems so that he can pass them on.

Pembrokeshire County Council budget – proposed 16.2% rise in Council Tax and numerous reductions in council services or closure of facilities.

- Cllr Davies requested use of the marquee for Llangwm Carnival which will be held on 29th June. Cllr Davies was asked to put the request in writing and provide the carnival insurance details.
- There are now two campervans parking in the area near Black Tar toilet block which is causing an obstruction for the Rowing Club when accessing the rowing boats. The Councillors agreed that the clerk should contact the owners and ask that they do not park there.
- The Black Tar toilets will reopen at Easter and the current arrangements for weekly cleaning will continue.
- Cllr Childs reported inconsiderate parking of cars adjacent to the Methodist chapel which is causing an obstruction as well as impeding visibility for cars approaching the main road. This was presenting a safety hazard.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Community Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th March 2024 in Cleddau Reach School.