

Minutes of the Meeting of the Llanbadarn Fawr Community Council

5th February 2015 at 7pm

Present: Tony Cooke (Chair), Mike Phillips, Phil Knill, Derek Price, Peter Green, Jolyon Wicks and Jennifer Oglethorpe (Clerk).

Apologies: Huw Jeffreys

Minutes of last meeting: Names removed from Village & Community issues item 1 and 2. Then agreed as a true record and signed.

Highways and PCC matters

- Road to the north side of the roundabout may be re-surfaced shortly. DP to circulate date when known. Meeting discussed works taking place by Church.
- MP raised concerns over PCC haphazard approach to gritting roads so far this year. Members discussed this at length. Agreed clerk to send a letter to PCC raising concerns, MP to email particular dates/issues to clerk for inclusion in letter.
- PCC re-structuring and out sourcing was discussed it was agreed that this may impact on future costs for services such as grass cutting.
- PG brought up the issue of the village litter bins not being emptied. DP agreed to report this to the relevant dept. It was noted that local residents have been out litter picking during the recent cold weather. Members agreed that a letter of thanks will be sent to those concerned next time this occurs.
- Llandrindod High School bus parking changes were discussed and clarified, as there was concern that the changes would cause traffic and health and safety issues. Short discussion took place at this time regarding possible closures of some of Powys' high schools.
- It has been noted that the noise from the premises at the back of Knills garage has reduced greatly. DP informed the meeting that this is because it is out of season for this type of work. DP will enquire as to whether the company holds the correct permissions.

Village and Community Issues inc. Community Centre Update

- Roundabout signs – discussed removing signs from roundabout and placing one in the shelter. After further discussion it was agreed that new A2 signs would be ordered from Running Imp and placed on the roundabout. Clerk to order.
- Com. Council website needs to be updated more regularly. JW confirmed that he is happy to continue with the administration of the website, but would welcome input from someone else. MP agreed to meet with JW so that he would also have an understanding of the website. JW to set up Dropbox account and inform council members so that information can be saved and uploaded direct to website.
- No community centre update available. Agreed that community centre updates would take place at meetings in March, July and October. DP to provide update as community council representative on community centre committee.
- Noted that community centre main entrance light appears to be on during the day. JW confirmed that he is aware of this and stated that this is done deliberately at this time of year.
- TC confirmed that a memorial bench is to be situated on the platform at Penybont Station.
- WG – trunk road agency letter received TC has made contact to arrange a meeting. TC stated that he is also still in discussions with Network Rail with regard to running the proposed cycle path next to the railway line. It was noted that there is lots of local interest and support for the cycle path. Members raised the question as to whether Llandrindod Wells Town Council were aware of this proposal. As Machylleth have recently benefited from a cycle path, TC will speak with the relevant county councillor so that a link can be made with those responsible for the cycle path in Mach. DP confirmed that a feasibility study is available and he will pass this directly to TC. PG confirmed that he will forward information that he has to TC also.

- Street lighting – Handover date for WG to take ownership not yet known. However, when they do the lights will reduce in brightness by up to 40% leading up to midnight and they will continue to reduce in brightness until they switch off at first light.

Financial Report

- Cheques were written for £ 192.00 clerks wages, £ 48.00 HMRC, £ 340.00 It's Dun (laptop & printer), £208.80 Powys CC (Grass cutting). Bank accounts have £ 5026.68 and £ 1510.52 respectively.

Correspondence

- Community Council precept 2015/16 form – dealt with prior to meeting due to time constraints.
- Village Hall Annual Revenue Grant Scheme precept received from Powys CC. JW and DP declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting whilst members discussed a donation to the community centre for financial year 2015/16. PG proposed a £1000.00 donation as previous year, MP seconded . Agreed by all present.
- Teenage Cancer Trust – noted.
- Letter of thanks from Crossgates CP School for fireworks donation – noted.
- Letter re. Lack of health and care facilities in Powys from a Welshpool resident – noted.
- Letter from Roger Williams MP re. Post Office card accts. - noted.
- Letter re. Devolving outdoor recreation facilities to the community – noted.
- Proposed lease of outdoor recreation facilities – Chair retained to read, to be discussed at next meeting.
- Changes in clinical waste collection services – noted.
- Update on Powys Local Development Plan 2011 – 2026 – noted.
- Letter re. Proposed cycle path – see notes under village and community issues.

Planning

- P/2014/0507 – notice of application being considered at committee meeting.
- HEDG/20114/0011 – discussed, no objections
- P/2014/0932 – discussed, no objections.
- P/2014/1209 – discussed, no objections.
- P/2015/0058 – discussed, no objections.

A.O.B

- PG signed his declaration of acceptance of office.
- Members signed a letter to HSBC requesting a change in correspondence address.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm.

Next meeting will be held on 5th March 2015 at 7pm.