

Minutes of a hybrid meeting of Llangunnor Community Council held at Babel Zion Newydd chapel and via Zoom on Thursday 18th April 2024

(1) **Present:** Cllrs Elwyn Williams (Joined via Zoom - Chaired the meeting until the Chair arrived), Paul Totterdale, Graham Slate, Matthew Williams, Geraint Bevan (Minute taker), Joan Evans (arrived 18.36), Jennifer Slate (Chair arrived at 18:37).

(2) **Apologies:** Cllrs Stewart Bowen and Lee Whatley

(3) **Declaration of interests:** None

(4) **Chairs announcements:** Deferred until chair arrived

(5) **Twelve minutes for questions from the public:** None

(6) Approval of the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Council held on 21st March 2024.

Proposed Elwyn Williams, Seconded Matthew Williams - All in favour.

(7) Exclude press and public :Postponed until Chair arrived

(8) Report on Personnel issues : Postponed until arrival of chair

(9) To approve schedule of accounts for April 2024 : Postponed until arrival of chair

(10) Council Committees

a) Park and Environment : adjourned to next meeting

b) Finance meeting : postponed until arrival of Chair

c) Web/ Media: No meeting

d) Events committee:

Fun run update : Three entries so far. Two running clubs have designated the event as a championship event so expect significant number of registrations on the day. Race numbers and signs ordered. Tent secured for event. Re-affiliated to ARC ensuring public liability in place.

Summer event: Ken Owens unavailable to open event so approach is being made to Olympic Silver Medallist James Davies. A Choired taste, Carmarthen Ukulele band, Flyrites, circus skills, ice cream and burger van booked.

First Aid cover in place for both events.

Cllr Jenny Slate took over the Chair from Cllr Elwyn Williams

Xmas event: Community carol service and Christmas tree lights switch on confirmed for 27th November 2024. Cllr J Slate to confirm with Carmarthen Symphonic Wind Band to attend.

(7) Motion to exclude press and public due to personnel issues discussed which raise points of a confidential nature. All in favour.

Cllr Graham Slate left the meeting at 19:04

Public was readmitted to the meeting.

The Chair gave an account of matters agreed during the closed session:

- VAT return to be done asap instead of waiting till September.
- It was agreed to transfer £5000 from reserves to the Current account as recommended by the Finance committee.
- The Cash book for last year has been reconciled and it was agreed to move to a digitalised cash book from April 2024.
- The expenditure for 2023-24 was £56,910.14 the income was £51,368.99, leaving a deficit of £5,541.95. the shortfall will need to be met by our reserves.

The Personnel Committee reported on progress made to appoint a new clerk.

11) Terms of reference relating to council committees - This was deferred to the next meeting and the chair asked all councillors to respond to Cllr Whatley relating to his proposals before the May meeting.

12) Training plan - Deferred to the next meeting

13) Task and finish group - Deferred to the next meeting

14) To consider nominations for Community awards - The chair suggested a few names and it was agreed after a brief discussion to agenda this point at the May meeting.

15) Reports from members representing the council on other bodies

One Voice Wales - no meetings

School Governors - no meetings

Any other bodies - no meetings

16) Correspondence

No	Nature of Correspondence	Agreed Action
1.	Urdd Gobaith Cymru – re additional places	Circulated
2.	1VW – Training Available	Circulated
3.	1VW – Local Govt Finance (Wales) bill	Circulated
4.	CCC- Licensing Application	Circulated
5.	1VW – Focus group for youth representatives	Circulated
6.	CCC – 20 mph orders	Circulated – objection period closes 24 April
7.	Simon Williams - Pump track	Circulated
8.	1VW – Gorslas Clerk Vacancy	Circulated
9.	Wales Audit Finance Document	Forwarded to Cllr S Bowen
10.	Utility – Aid – Contract renewal	Forwarded to Cllr S Bowen
11.	1VW – Pre election period timetable	Circulated
12.	1VW – Pethau Bychain	Circulated
13.	1VW – Remote training	Circulated
14.	1VW- Council awards in wales	Circulated
15.	Mudiad Meithrin – Invitation	Circulated – RSVP 15/4/24
16.	Cymdeithas Cymru – Local Community enterprises as drivers of local economy	Circulated
17.	Green Gen Usk – Community consultation event 10/4/24	Circulated
18.	1VW – clerk salary scales	Circulated
19.	1VW Carmarthenshire Area Committee	Circulated
20.	Zurich insurance – copy of Public Liability Certificate	To provide to yr Aelwyd
21.	Copy of correspondence between solicitors for payment	Circulated

	of legal costs for transfer of land	
22.	PCSO – monthly meeting	Circulated.
23.	Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – request for support	To discuss
24.	CCC – invite to code of conduct training	Circulated.
25	Mid & West Wales – Timetable Review	Circulated.
26	Robin Griffiths – locations of defibrillators	Circulated.
27	Lyn Llewellyn – confirmation that he does not hold any of our council documents	Circulated.
28	Public Sector Executive - Podcast	Circulated.
29	Defibworld – ensure pads and battery checks	Forwarded to Cllr L Whatley
30	1VW- cost of living crisis workshops	Circulated
31	1VW – Innovative Practice Conference	Forwarded to Cllr L Whatley
32	CCC- invite to mayor making	Chair to respond

Defibrillators - Not able to discuss until we have access to the clerk's computer.

Completing the footpath map - unable to action due to the lack of capacity on the council with no clerk and only 9 out of 13 councillors.

Donations were deferred to the next meeting

3) Chair's announcements

The Chair has been invited and accepted an invitation to attend Carmarthen town mayor making ceremony.

The chair noted the work Cllr Bowen had undertaken relating to our accounts and all those who have undertaken extra work since the resignation of the clerk were thanked. The Chair seconded by Cllr Totterdale proposed a vote of thanks which was supported by all those in attendance.

The Chair, following a brief discussion, proposed that due to current pressures the AGM and May full council meeting be held on separate nights. It was agreed by all councillors that the Full council meeting would be held on the 16th May and the AGM would be held on the 20th May in Babel Chapel. Tea, coffee, and biscuits would be provided at the AGM. All in attendance agreed to the proposal which was seconded by Cllr Paul Totterdale.

17) Councillor reports

Cllr Geraint Bevan: Litter pick with support from Ysgol Llangynnwr arranged for 3rd May meeting at the school at 10.30. Also asked about the works at the roundabout by Charlies. Agreed that Cllr Elwyn Williams would get clarification from CCC about the plans.

Cllr Paul Totterdale: Concern expressed that no notice had been given by the county council that major work would be undertaken on the tree line by the bungalows. Agreed that need to ensure that any damage done to the grass area was repaired before the fun run.

CLr Matthew Williams: Noted that the use of two venues was creating cost issues and IT problems. Agreed needs to be discuss in more detail.

Date of next meeting 16th May 2024. Meeting finished at 8:08 pm

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