

LLANSTEFFAN AND LLANYBRI COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN LLANYBRI COMMUNITY HALL

14th DECEMBER 2015

Chairman Councillor C Jones

Present Councillors D Hunter, G Howells, A Cooper, S Taylor, El Davies [7.30] and B Charles

Apologies Councillors D B Davies, M James and B Ryder

Attending Dean Ellis, Rural Regeneration Officer

Clerk L Dutch

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Howells as Llansteffan Church Warden, Parochial Church Council Member & Llansteffan School Governor Chairman and Community Rep; Cllr Dr Hunter as Llansteffan Memorial Hall Chairman; Cllr Cooper as Chair and Secretary of Llansteffan First Responders; and Cllr Sian Taylor as Laugharne View Caravan Park proprietor.

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2. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN [RDP] FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES 2014 – 2020

The Rural Regeneration Officer was welcomed to the meeting. He gave an overview of the new Rural Community Development Fund - a new capital grant scheme administered by Welsh Government. Schemes would open and close regularly throughout the life of the programme. The current call for funding applications was focused on: (i) Small scale infrastructure (including for renewable energy); (ii) Improvement or expansion of local basic services and/or public amenities including leisure and culture; (iii) Investments in small-scale tourism infrastructure; and (iv) Conversion of buildings and other facilities which would lead to job creation.

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In comparison, the new LEADER revenue grant scheme was designed to get local people, businesses and communities involved in delivering sustainable, yet innovative solutions to address the economic, social and environmental challenges facing rural areas. Projects that might be funded included:

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- Pilot projects e.g. piloting new ways of delivering rural services.
- Feasibility studies to research a specific issue or problem.
- Facilitation and mentoring support to organisations and groups to help develop their skills and expertise.

LEADER could provide financial support of up to 80% towards a project's costs. The first call for expressions of interest was seeking innovative projects that facilitated, investigated, and piloted new ways of implementing the LEADER Themes:

Theme 1 - Adding Value to Local Identity and Natural and Cultural Resources

Theme 2 - Facilitating Pre-Commercial Development, Business Partnerships & Supply Chains

Theme 3 - Exploring New Ways of Providing Non-Statutory Local Services

Theme 4 - Renewable Energy at a Community Level

Theme 5 – Improving Access to Digital Technologies

Members suggested the following project ideas: a small touring caravan site on The Green Llansteffan [not to compete with Llanybri caravan sites]; a Three Rivers Estuary cockle food processing feasibility study to capitalise on valuable local shellfish resources and retain income within the local economy; a social enterprise being established in currently closed Llanybri church; a feasibility study examining a hovercraft link between Llansteffan and Ferryside; a feasibility study to evaluate the financial viability of an asset transfer and income generation package for Llansteffan; and finally the provision of street names and tourist signage throughout Llansteffan and Llanybri to assist both the postal and emergency services and

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holiday-makers. The Chair thanked the officer for a thought-provoking session on European funding opportunities.

Resolved

That RDP Funding Opportunities be itemised on the January 2016 agenda. 365

3. PRECEPT 2016/17 MEMBER'S PRE-BUDGET MEETING CONSULTATION

The clerk explained that member's views were welcomed before embarking on the budget preparation task, a task which the Wales Audit Office had now made more onerous by the requirement to prepare 3-year budget forecasts in addition to the draft budget for 2016/17. Whilst the Chair expressed a view that the current £20K Precept should be retained, all agreed that the draft budget and budget forecasts needed detailed consideration in January. 366

4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16th NOVEMBER 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November were confirmed and signed as a true record. 367

5. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

Pheasantry and Footpath Creation Agreements

The Countryside Access Manager had received the Council's written comments, provided by Edward Harris Solicitor, on 28 November and had forwarded them to Legal Services. 368

Grounds Maintenance Timesheets

Timesheets would be distributed in the New Year. 369

Reinstatement of The Green following drainage scheme completion

The clerk would contact the County Council to request a meeting prior to 6 January. 370

Public Access to Morfa

Birt and Company, agent for Plas Estate, had advised that action could only be taken to protect the 1996 Conveyance restrictive covenants whereupon the access had been blocked-up and/or where physical development had commenced on caravan park land which had been sold for the purposes of either an access road or a children's play area. 371

Hen Gapel

The maintenance works prescribed by Cadw had been completed, which would release the final Management Agreement payment. 372

High Street Llansteffan traffic speed monitors

Cllr Cooper had met with the Traffic Management Officer to agree the best location for the reinstated speed monitoring cables. A county-wide voluntary local speed watch scheme had been established, for which Cllr Cooper had volunteered. An experimental traffic order, similar to parking restrictions introduced whilst scaffolding was erected by Ty Picton, may constitute a way forward to address the serious congestion and health and safety issues in High Street. These traffic issues could receive further consideration in the February meeting. 373

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

No report was received in Cllr Davies's absence. 374

Resolved

That the Chair be authorised to send a Get Well Soon card to Cllr Daff Davies. 375

7. LLANSTEFFAN SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY – COUNCIL REP

Cllr Howells, Governing Body Chair and Community Rep, outlined that there were 11 governors [3 being parent governors], 36 pupils and a school inspection likely in 2016. The role included an induction course, reading material and one meeting per term. 376

Resolved

That Cllr Jones be nominated to serve as Council Rep on Llansteffan School Governing Body, a nomination that was accepted. 377

8. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORTS

Morfa Playground

No issues were reported, other than the impact of relentless rainfall on the play chip surface and the need for minor paintwork when weather permitted. 378

Carrier's Lane

The damaged paving slabs and loose fencing remained matters of concern. However the leaf build-up had been cleared away, and another sweeping would be needed. 379

Morfa

The local tree surgeon had felled the rotten conifers on the Morfa boundary to the school grounds and the logs had been stacked. The timber had no commercial value. Following persistent rainfall, the playing fields remained saturated. The pond was encroached with vegetation and water levels were unclear. The shed had a loose fascia board. 380

Croft

The grass verge was in a better condition this year due to the lack of herbicide application. 381

Headland Path

Stretches of the popular path were still extremely muddy with potholes. Clearance was still required of the encroaching bramble and low branches at both First and Second Steps, the shelter and on the downhill section to Scotts Bay. A site meeting would be arranged with the contractors who maintain the Wales Coast Path to discuss seasonal priorities. 382

Hen Gapel

The maintenance tasks to remove the buddleia/vegetation and treat with appropriate weed killer and re-cap the low stone wall with slates held down by stones had been completed. However, two more slates had been dislodged by persistent high winds. Cadw had not yet issued a decision on the Ancient Monument Grant application for a comprehensive roof repair. 383

9. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved

That the following accounts be approved for payment:-

NAME	DETAILS	AMOUNT	
SE Dutch	Salary/Expenses	789.21	384
J Davies	Morfa Trees - removal of ten rotten trees	500.00	385
Edward Harris	Footpath Creation Agreement legal fee	579.60	386
Pro Print	Copies	25.08	387
SWALEC	Castle lights Aug to Nov - Direct Debit	88.84	388
SLCC	Membership 2016	103.00	389
Llanybri Hall	Hall fees 2015	80.00	390

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved

That the following items of correspondence be noted: 391

Welsh Government Draft Local Government [Wales] Bill consult to 15th Feb
NatWest Bank Mandate signatory revisions effective from 30th Nov

E. Twynog Davies - BT kiosk community arts project proposal

An email was received describing an arts project that would work in partnership with the local school and community in producing historical displays for the interior of BT kiosks. 392

Resolved

That BT be contacted to ascertain whether the unused BT telephone kiosk on The Square Llansteffan would be available on the Adopt a Kiosk for £1 programme. 393

Requests for Financial Assistance

None received 394

11. PLANNING MATTERS

Resolved

That a Planning Committee meeting be organized for 5th January 2016 in Llansteffan Hall to discuss the following application: 395

W/31230 Re-consultation on proposals to develop 19 houses on land to the rear of Maesgriffith, Llansteffan and public parking spaces; the housing to comprise of No6 2-bed social homes, No8 3-bed affordable homes and No5 4-bed private market homes.

12. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- Chair and Clerk had attended Devolution of Services training session and a Liaison Forum meeting on the County Council Budget 2016/17 in County Hall. 396
- County Council officers had agreed the cold tap in the beach car park should be re-sited on health and safety grounds. 397
- Salt bin on Pentrewyn Hill needed replacing and re-filling. 398
- Rubbish bags had been dumped on Plas Hill and ignored by passing County vehicles. 399
- Stile at Maen Melyn had broken. 400
- An update was needed on the removal of double-yellow lines in Church Road. 401

The meeting closed at 21:45

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 15th February 2016 in Llanybri Community Hall

Monday 21st March 2016 in Llanybri Community Hall

Signed..... Chairman/Vice Chairman Date

