

**Draft Minutes of the Llanelidan CC Meeting
24th November 2022**

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Present: Councillors Holly Williams, Leaf Pettit, Dylan Jones, Neil Gallagher, Iwan Roberts and Vice Chair, Councillor David Edwards – who chaired the meeting. In attendance was the Clerk & RFO Sian E Thomas and 1 member of the public.

Meeting commenced at 7:31 pm

The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

382. Apologies were received from Cllr David Roberts.

383. Declarations of Interest

The Chair asked for any Declarations of Interest, Councillors D Edwards and N Gallagher declared an interest in Item 386a.

384. Public Participation Session

No questions were asked.

385. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27th October 2022

Council, having considered the Minutes, agreed that they were an accurate record and that the Chair should sign them.

386. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a. The Clerk has contacted DCC regarding a planter or bench at Pen-y-Bont and is awaiting a response.
- b. The Clerk has contacted DCC regarding the road surfacing work that is required by Rhyd-y-Marchogion.
- c. The Clerk has contacted DCC regarding more accurate road work bulletins but has yet to receive a response.
- d. The unclassified road from the Old Rectory to the Corwen Road has had some improvements made to it by DCC.
- e. A response has yet to be received from Tad Huw regarding the churchyard.

387. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 10th November 2022

Council, having considered the Minutes, agreed that they were an accurate record and that the Chair should sign them.

388. Matters Arising from the Minutes

See Item 385.

389. Finance Issues

- a. The RFO to give an update on the banking situation and financial tasks
- b. Annual Insurance, it was agreed to pay it after enquiring about public liability for Village Green **Action:** Clerk to contact BHIB.

- c. The RFO presented the Schedule of Payments for October 2022 and the payments were agreed.

To	Amount	Comments
Clerk	£166.77	Net Salary for October 2022 expenses for September
H Williams	£6.98	Halloween Event
Llanelidan Village Hall	£200.00	Room hire for CC meetings
Holly Williams	£10.37	Halloween Event
Holly Williams	£88.18	Halloween Event
Holly Williams	£48.53	Halloween Event
ICO	£40.00	Annual Fee
Total this month	£560.83	

- d. Internal Audit Report. This has been circulated to Councillors and we are now awaiting the External Auditors report.
- e. Precept for 2023-24. Following a discussion, it was decided not to increase the precept, it will remain at £6,048.00 for 2023-24.
- f. Annual Pay Award for Clerk **Resolved**: to pay the Clerk the nationally agreed pay award from April 2022.

390. Churchyard

It was noted that a response has still not been received from Tad Huw regarding the churchyard but that the grass was continuing to be cut alternately by a contractor and members of the community. A working group helped clear the area a couple of weeks ago. The CC needs to know how much money is left in Llanelidan's account with the church and some members of the community are keen to donate to the upkeep of the churchyard. The setting up of a Friends of the Church group was discussed but we need to discuss the matter with Tad Huw in the first instance in order that he is clear that the CC want to do something differently to what the church wants them to do. It was noted that better communication is required between the church and the community to move the matter forward. It was also noted that there is a big push nationally to plant more wildflowers in churchyards to improve the environment and to reduce the need for grass cutting. **Action:** Clerk to contact Tad Huw again to reiterate our position and to ask for a monthly financial statement.

391. King George's Field

Following the Extraordinary Meeting on 10th November Councillors Pettit and D Edwards have undertaken a site visit. It was noted that the gates and walls need a lot of work doing to them to bring them up to an acceptable standard. Initial costs are thought to be about £1200 to fix gate and posts and around £1,000 for fencing. It was agreed that the layout needs altering to update the land registry. Councillor D Edwards has been in touch with Fields in Trust, and they are going to come over and have a look at the field sometime after Christmas. It appears from the documentation obtained by the CC that Fields in Trust are responsible for the fences, gates and walls whilst the managers

should be making annual reports as to the condition of same. It was agreed that the community needs to know it's for their use and it would be useful if picnic benches and a notice could be obtained. Parking on the field was considered and it was **Resolved:** that anyone who wishes to use the field for parking needs to ask the CC before their event is held. Maintenance of the field was discussed, and it was agreed that the Clerk could see if we could put in a bid for a sum from the Green Communities Grant, once it has been proved that the CC can take on the responsibility of the field. It was agreed to compile a list of everything that needs to be carried out and then put it to the Hall to see what they say.

Action: Councillor Edwards will put together a plan to be put to the Hall, which will be agreed by all Councillors prior to our next meeting. The Clerk will enquire about the Green Communities Grant.

392. Village Green

a. An email had been received from a resident complaining about the shoot on the Village Green, stating that only local parishioners are legally allowed to be there. **Resolved:** to apologise to the resident and to ask the shoot not to have any back gunners near the Village Green and to erect a sign stating the legal use of the Village Green. A lengthy discussion then took place regarding the Village Green and the shoot. Following the discussion 2 options were put to Councillors to vote upon:

a. not to allow dead/injured birds to be collected from the Village Green

or

b. allow it under certain conditions

One councillor voted for Option A, four councillors voted for Option B and one councillor abstained. It was **Resolved:** that Councillor Edwards will draft a document to circulate to all councillors incorporating this decision, once it has been agreed upon it will be released as an open statement to parishioners and to the shoot. **Action:** Councillor Edwards to draft the document.

b. Future of the Village Green

As it is 12 months since this was discussed it was **Resolved:** To inform the Hall that nothing is going to be done as regards negotiating a land swap for a further 12 months, when the CC will discuss it once more.

Action: Clerk to inform the estate.

393. Correspondence for Review

It was **Resolved:** to adapt the Bullying and Harassment information into a CC policy. **Action:** Clerk to undertake.

394. Items brought to the Council's attention by Councillors

- a. A councillor mentioned that someone had told her that shot had fallen on their car during a shoot. They were advised to contact the shoot directly but to let the CC know if it continued to be an issue.
- b. It was noted that the defibrillator was used at a recent helicopter crash
Action: Clerk to order a spare pad for the device.
- c. The free Wi-Fi in the Village Hall will have to be paid for by the Village Hall committee after 12 months.
- d. DCC have advised the Council that Welcome Hubs funding is available to use Village Halls as safe, warm places for members of the community to go to during the day to either relax or work, perhaps for a day a week etc. Funding is available until the end of March.

395. Planning matters

2 Bro Meudwy, Rhyd-Y-Meudwy, Ruthin. It was agreed that no objections were to be made.

396. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on 26th January 2023 at 7:30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9:25 pm

Approved as being a correct record by:

Designation: Vice Chair

Date:

Signed: