

Minutes of the Llanelidan CC Meeting 24th April 2023 These
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Present: Councillors David Roberts, Chair, David Edwards, Vice Chair, Leaf Pettit, Neil Gallagher, Iwan Roberts and Dylan Jones. In attendance was the Clerk & RFO Sian E Thomas, DCC Councillor Hugh Evans and 1 member of the public.

Meeting commenced at 7: 30 pm

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 439. Apologies** were received from Cllr Holly Williams.
- 440. Declarations of Interest.** The Chair asked for any Declarations of Interest. None were expressed.
- 441. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30th March 2023**
Council, having considered the Minutes, agreed that they were an accurate record and that the Chair should sign them.
- 442. Matters Arising from the Minutes**
- Councillors have had a look at the roof of the bus shelter and it does need some repair. As buses no longer stop there, it was suggested that a new use could be found for it.
 - The Clerk has contacted DCC regarding the wall around King George's Field and has been told that it is owned by the Estate.
 - The Clerk has contacted DCC regarding a post sticking up in the road by the Old Rectory and it has now been removed.
- 443. Public Participation Session**
The member of the public stated that nothing is being done to repair the roads in the area and they are in an appalling condition, especially by Rhydymarchogion. DCC say they will do it when they have funds available. Cllr Evans responded by saying that 3 roads in the village will be repaired from September onwards, using the £4 million of prudential borrowing raised during the previous DCC administration. The context is that there isn't any money available from the Welsh Government for repairing the roads, unless they have any money left at the end of the year. In previous years, DCC has raised money for repairing roads through prudential borrowing, but this is no longer the case. Cllr Evans stated that there is now more traffic in the village and larger farm vehicles are using the minor roads thus pulling the sides of the roads down and causing destruction. Climate change has also had an impact on the condition of the roads as rain runs off the fields onto the roads, making them worse now than 30 years ago. The combination of heavy vehicles and no capital investment means that DCC cannot keep up with the

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maintenance required. As such, small maintenance projects become massive projects. When he was the Leader of DCC, Cllr Evans called a meeting with the previous Chief Executive, the Director of Highways and the Lead Council Member for Highways, but unfortunately no progress was made. He has also taken Highways staff around the area in order to see the poor condition that some roads are in. The current Chief Executive has also been given a tour of the roads and couldn't believe how bad the roads are. DCC has been in denial regarding the state of the roads in its area and it's going to be difficult to change their mindset. There isn't an easy answer to the problem but the CC and members of the public need to report issues with the highway as soon as they arise to DCC.

Action: Clerk to invite an officer from DCC to travel around the area with members of the CC.

444. Finance Issues

- a. The RFO gave an update on the banking situation and financial tasks. Due to the amount of grants obtained there has been a lot of extra work these past couple of months. Work has been started on claiming back the VAT for 2022-23 and on preparing the accounts for the internal auditor. **Resolved:** To appoint JDH Business Services as the Council's auditors for this financial year.
- b. The RFO presented the Schedule of Payments for March 2023 and the payments were agreed.

March

Fineline	£224.00	Signs for Village Green
Post Office Counters	£68.00	100 2nd Class stamps
Amazon	£25.98	2 X First Aid Boxes
Amazon	£92.49	Outdoor Swing Sign
Amazon	£15.99	Playmat
Greenbarnes Ltd	£1,740.05	Notice Board
Mrs S E Thomas	£314.70	Clerk's Salary for March 2023 and expenses for February
D I Jones Timber Gates	£351.60	Gates and fixings
Fineline	£41.40	Envelopes and flyers
Llanelidan Village Hall	£1,200.00	Hire of Hall for warm Hub
Llanelidan Village Hall	£600.00	Electricity for Warm Hub
Amazon	£28.98	TV Bracket and shipping
Ian Sturrock	£175.00	5 Fruit Trees
Amazon	£329.00	Television
Argos	£320.00	Cooker
Total	£5,527.19	

- c. The Income and Expenditure for 2022/23 had been circulated and will be looked at again at the next meeting.

- d. Budget for 2023/24. This will be clarified at the next meeting.

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445. Bullying and Harassment Policy

Resolved: It was agreed to adopt the SLCC and OVW guidance as a Council policy.

446. Grants

1. Green Communities.

Most of the work for this scheme has now been completed. The lime rendering has been done on the wall and the notice board is in the process of being erected. Trees will be planted on the Bank Holiday. Most of the grant monies have been reimbursed by Cadwyn Clwyd but there are still some amounts outstanding.

2. Croeso Cynes

The paperwork for this has now been completed and will be sent off shortly.

3. Lottery Grant - Llanelidan Community Day

The funds for this have been received and purchases have been made for the event to be held on the 8th May. Pots and plants are to be purchased for the Coronation, with the invoice to be sent to the Clerk.

4. Democratic Engagement Grant. The Clerk is in the process of applying for this for video conferencing equipment. The application must be submitted by the 1st May. The cost of the equipment is £3,495.

447. Future of Community Events

A discussion was undertaken as to which groups in the village should be responsible for community events. It was noted that the assets purchased through the recent grants all belong to the CC and are insured by them and on their asset register. It was asked as to whether the situation as regards the CC being the lead for grants and community events was going to continue? What would benefit the community best? Should everything be overseen by the CC? The setting up of a group with its own constitution was mentioned, possibly a Friends of St Elidan's group to be set up with the Church to organise events of the village. **Action:** Clerk to organise an Extraordinary Meeting on the 11th May 2023 at 7.30 pm to discuss the matter.

448. Common Land

The signs have now been erected and the posts have been marked. Cllr Edwards is investigating as to who is being paid rent from BT for their poles on the land. The Land Registry still hasn't been amended. **Action:** Cllr Edwards to investigate this.

449. Churchyard

The grass has been cut and strimmed and it was agreed to ask the contractor to continue to cut the grass this year. Cllr Edwards has received an email from the Church regarding its maintenance and the possibility of using probationers to carry out the work. It was agreed that part of the grassed area wouldn't be cut in May, in line with No Mow May. **Action:** Clerk to ask the Church for a bank statement relating to the funds available to cut the grass.

450. Correspondence for Review

- a. Darren Millar Survey. It was felt that it wasn't very well thought out as it was mainly tick boxes.
- b. No Mow May – please see above.
- c. Cllr Pettit has signed up for one of the Eco Literacy courses.

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

- a. Cllr Petit has reported to Scottish Power that one of their poles is very close to the stream and requires moving.
- b. Provision of village composting facilities. Cllr Pettit is looking into this and will report back to a future meeting.
- c. Provision of a skip for the village. Cllr Pettit suggested hiring one for the village a few times a year in order to remove rubbish. **Action:** Clerk to get costs for a mini skip.

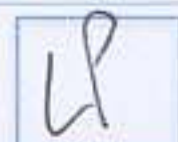
452. Planning matters None received this month.

453. Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the Council will be an Extraordinary Meeting on the 11th May and then the AGM on the 30th May 2023.

The meeting closed at 21:05 pm

Approved as being a correct record by:



Designation: Chair

Signed: 

Date: 30.5.23

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