

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LLANGENNITH, LLANMADOC AND CHERITON  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2016 AT THE GORDON  
ROOM, BURRY GREEN**

**Present** Paul Richards - Chair Matthew Cowley  
Maria Brain Steve Rimell  
Joyce Jenkins Paul Ransome  
Marjorie Stubbings Jonathan Bale  
Paul Kirby

**In Attendance** Margaret Waymark – Clerk

**Apologies for Absence** Elizabeth Maliphant

**Declarations of Interest** 2016/105 S Rimell re: Christmas tree, Llangennith

**16/101 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was proposed by J Jenkins and seconded by M Stubbings that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2016 were a true record. This was agreed and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**16/102 Matters Arising**

There were none.

**16/103 Highway Matters**

An update was given on highway matters.

The Clerk reported as follows:

- Flooding between Northill Farm and Cheriton - Clerk reported she had met with Highways on 10 November. The location was now agreed and Highways were looking at the size of soakaway required. MW
- Broken road surface just before the Kings Head - reported
- Potholes beyond Bullans Well - Now repaired..
- Old Stone Lane surface - awaiting inspection by C&C Swansea.
- Gulleys outside Dunraven Farm and outside Brook Cottage now cleared.
- Gulley blocked opposite Harbour Cottage on Catchpool Lane - reported.
- Blocked gulleys aon bend at Cheriton Bridge - reported
- Steep drop at end of Kyfts Lane on the Kennexstone side of the narrow section - Clerk had received reply from Commoners that they did not intend to carry out any work in this area.
- The culvert in the triangle in the centre of Llangennith - P Ransome had carried out some investigations and photos had been forwarded to C&C Swansea. They had promised to do some work hopefully in the next two weeks. This period had just expired and the Clerk would chase this up. MW
- Blocked gulley at Lower Muzzard - this had been reported and the Clerk would follow this up. (Comment made about leaving the sludge from the gulleys from the drains on the road to be passed to C&CS). MW

**16/104 Footpaths**

S Parry had sent in a report as follows: Safety barriers etc being checked on a regular basis. NRW have now stated they will not support and low level causeway so other options are being investigated. Ranger team are working hard to catch up but there have been problems with the machinery used for stile installation and repairs. The reduced budget is now spent so the team are working with the materials they have in stock.

Work Done LG10A Cwm Lane - branches cleared, fallen willow cut up and ditch cleared; CH6 Ryers Down Roman Bridge - path scraped, low branches cut, fallen tree removed; LM4 Cwm Ivy woods - low branches cut back; LM2 Whitford Point - contract cleared route on eastern side of point towards the bird hide.

Work Planned included LG37 Clear back willows as above; LG17/18 - 3 new stiles needed, stone step repairs and some clearance - owner contacted and access agreed - in job list to

finish off; CH5 - contact owner re fence: LG2/3 - new stiles, waymarking Burry Head; LG9 - new stiles Burry Head; LM22 Youth camp - extra signs and waymarks to prevent wandering off the path - in job list; CH8 - fences to be installed to prevent use by horses - in job list; LM21 Lagadranta bridge to be replaced with longer railway sleepers; LG14 Community Field - snapped trees to be cut; new stile to Bremel Cottage - in job list; LG49 Stormy Castle to Hillend - cut back section through gorse - in job list.

Work outstanding included CH1 Stembridge - install gates, clearance, levelling of surface - site meeting still needed; LM6 - Surface/drainage improvements; LG35/36 Western House - legal line of path to be opened; LM11 Phillestone - waymarking improvements, some clearance; LG35 Well Park/Llanmadoc Hill - work to write report with Legal Section; LG15/15A Hardings Down to Llangennith - gate repairs, replacements - site meetings being arranged; LG40 - continue clearance. The Legal Officer has now returned to work and is drafting the report re Well Park to go to the Committee as there were objections.

The following matter to be reported:

- Missing sign junction LM4/LM2 at Cwm Ivy and the footpath closed ahead sign is possibly in the wrong location. **MW**

### 16/105 Finance

Noted letters of thanks from Llanmaodc and Cheriton Gardeners regarding donation to Christmas tree and from St Madoc and St Cadoc Churches for the donation towards churchyard maintenance.

The Council considered a request for a contribution to the Parish Magazine from St Cenydd's Church. it was agreed to donate £500.00 to them. The invoice for the tree for Llangennith had been received and the price had increased this year. It was agreed that the Council would not be charged for the hire of the hall for the January meeting to help to meet the shortfall. (S Rimell declared an interest in this matter).

It was noted that the Clerk had been in correspondence with Edward Harris and the amount payable for the work towards registering the land up to 1 November 2016 had been considerably reduced. The expenditure incurred after the submission of the documentation came to £1738 ex VAT, the majority of which came from time spent on one objection.

The following payments were agreed:

Post Office Ltd re: HMRC - September	£34.50
P M Waymark - pay and expenses December (including domain renewal)	£175.58
D Miller - cutting hedges on Burry Green	£24.00
Edward Harris Solicitor	£3751.75
SLCC - Annual subscription	£55.00
Gower Timber - Christmas tree	£156.00
Burry Green Presbyterian Church - room hire	£25.00
St Cenydd's church re: Parish Magazine	£500.00

The balance after the above was £1527.49.

The Council considered the budget monitoring as per the appendix to these minutes and the budget for the forthcoming year. It was noted that the Council is required to allow for election expenses for the coming year, though, if there is no election, this money can be vired elsewhere. The Clerk pointed out that the defib batteries could possibly be paid by a grant from Awards for All. Finally she had not yet received a quotation from E Harris regarding the fees for registering the land around the village hall so she had put in a ballpark figure. It was noted that if the precept were retained at £7250 this would mean that the Council would have to be particularly mindful of the limited funds. It was proposed by P Ransome and seconded by M Cowley that the precept for 2017/8 be set at £7,250.00 and this was agreed unanimously. **MW**

### **16/106 Common Land**

The following matters were discussed:

#### *Llanmadoc*

It was agreed that, once the documentation was received from the Land Registry, the Council would seek legal advice regarding the various encroachments on the Green outside Sibwrdd y Mor.

**MW**

S Harris had quoted a maximum of £200 to cut the firebreak by the Village hall. He would carry out this work in January.

#### *Burry Green*

The Clerk had contacted the Commoners who were not willing for hardcore to be placed in the unofficial lay-by. They suggested posts to stop people parking there. It was agreed that, as an interim measure, the Council would place soil on the area to build this up to the road level.

**MC**

#### *Llangennith*

The well at Llangennith - It was agreed that this would be a voluntary activity and that several councillors would meet on Saturday 10 December to start this work.

**Couns**

### **16/107 Planning**

The following decisions had been received:

2016/3094 Avoca, Llangennith - Part first floor part single storey side extension, front canopy and front porch - approved

2016/1708 6 Clos St Cenydd, Llangennith - Installation of ground floor window in side elevation - approved

There was no objection to the following applications:

2016/3192 Sunnyhaven, Llanmadoc - single storey front extension, conversion of garage to living accommodation and addition of two rooflights to front elevation.

**MW**

2016/3379 Lane at Vicarage lane - replacement access stile with gate (application for proposed lawful development) BUT comment to be made that this should be subject to the agreement to this change by the footpaths officer.

### **16/108 Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- A Freem regarding installation of superfast broadband - this matter seemed to have been resolved and the service should be available in 2017.
- C&C Swansea regarding timetable for community council elections in 2017.
- C&C Swansea - request for precept for 2017/8
- It was noted that the Clerk had arranged to share the cost of publicising the revised Code of Conduct with other community councils on Gower.

**MW**

### **16/109 Matters Raised and for Publication**

J Bale raised an issue about building rubble. M Cowley agreed to check on this matter and inform the Clerk before any action was taken.

**MC**

For publication it was agreed to publicise the agreed precept and the timetable for the elections.

**SR**

Next meeting 4 January at Llangennith Village Hall.

The Chairman wished all present a Happy Christmas.

Meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

**MW**

