

.MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LLANGENNITH, LLANMADOC AND CHERITON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2016 AT THE GORDON ROOM, BURRY GREEN

Present

Paul Richards	Maria Brain
Paul Ransome	Joyce Jenkins
Jonathan Bale	Steve Rimell
Marjorie Stubbings	Elizabeth Maliphant
Paul Kirby	

Apologies Matthew Cowley

In Attendance Margaret Waymark – Clerk plus three members of the public

Declarations of Interest There were none

16/11 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 January 2016 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16/12 Matters Arising

There were none.

16/13 Highway Matters

An update was given on highway matters:

The Clerk reported as follows:

- Dip by Talizmand - C&C Swansea had intimated that this was below intervention levels. The Clerk had replied that this repair had been agreed and had quoted the relevant emails. C&C Swansea had agreed to carry out the work within 2 weeks from 26 January but this was dependent on the weather conditions.
- Blocked drain and need to renew hard standing at Coity Green. C&C Swansea had inspected this area and asked for agreement to continue the trench which had been started there. They would implement this and attempt to clear the gully on the roadside, which would hopefully improve drainage.
- Flooding between Northill Farm and Cheriton - C&C Swansea had carried out an inspection and would now arrange for the gully team to suck up the water to look for any existing pipes used to drain the water into the field. If there were no pipes then they would seek permission from the landowner to drain the water via a pipe into the field.
- Need to drain water run off from Ryers Down to the pond on Burry Green. In view of the fact this had not flooded this year the Clerk was concentrating on pursuing the other items.

In addition the following updates were given:

- Clerk still to contact Cllr R Lewis re: SLOW/ARAF signs at either end of Burry Green. MW
- Pothole halfway between Tile House and the turning to Reynoldston - reported.
- Blocked gulley outside Brook Cottage in Llangennith - now cleared.
- Pothole by gulley near the triangle of grass on Tile House at Reynoldston turning
- Hills Lane blocked gulleys outside Braganza and near static caravan site.
- Pothole on left at Muzzard if travelling to Llangennith
- Street light at Burry Green junction still not working - now repaired.
- Culvert in centre of Llangennith blocked - reported

The following new matters to be reported:

- Blocked gulleys by King's Head bend, Llangennith MW
- Potholes before Landimore (just outside this Council area)

16/14 Footpaths

S Parry had sent in a report as follows: Update on Seawall - Safety barriers, signs and

diversion routs being checked on a regular basis. Survey of seawall being undertaken by Quantum Geotech who are taking boreholes of the structure.

Work Done - no groundworks in January

Work Planned included LG19 - Repair stile again at Stormy Castle; CH2/5 Cheriton Wood - clearance of legal line; LG2/3 - New stiles, waymarking Burry Head; LG9 - New stiles Burry Head and repair bridges; CH17 Pill Cottage - stepping stones undermined; LG16 Coity Lane - clear sides, repairs to gates and signs; LM22 Youth camp - extra signs and waymarks to prevent wandering off the path; CH8 Fences to be installed to prevent use by horses; LG16 Coity Lane - clear sides, repairs to gate and signs; CH15 - gorse clearance and reinstate waymark post.

Work outstanding included CH1 Stembridge - install gates, clearance, levelling of surface - site meeting still needed; LM6 - Surface/drainage improvements; LG35 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. (It was noted that the Legal Officer dealing with footpaths is on sick leave and no one is covering his work).

A consultation enquiry had been received in respect of a new fence line on LG32A on land owned by Broughton Farm. This was intended to prevent sheep wandering into the western end of the caravan site. The Council had no objection to this proposal. MW

16/15 Finance

The Clerk had received an application for assistance with the cost of tree surgery which was required in St Madoc's churchyard. It was agreed the Council would pay Branching Out Tree Surgery direct for the work on the Alder and Roadside trees to a total of £500.00 net. MW

The following payments were agreed:

Post Office Ltd re: HMRC	£34.50
P M Waymark - pay and expenses January	£159.87
Burry Green Presbyterian Church	£25.00
Gower Timber - Christmas trees*	£220.00

*Gower Timber had offered to reduce the cost by £25.00 but the Council believed that, since Gower Timber had volunteered to change the tree, they should be paid the full amount.

The balance after the above was £5715.73.

The Clerk gave an update on the problems with the website hosting and asked for permission to change this. This was agreed at an anticipated cost of £49 net.

16/16 Common Land

The following matters were discussed:

Burry Green

- Bus Shelter - the two benches had been installed. Thanks were recorded to B and M Stubbings and M Cowley. The only remaining task was to replace the drain pipes. MC
- Ponds - B Briggs had advised that the latest time to dredge the ponds was end of February. In future years it would be a good idea to dredge them alternately.

Llanmadoc

With regard to the application to register the land in Llanmadoc P Ransome and the Clerk had meet with Maria Brain, Roger Brain, Stuart Jenkins, Jamie Jenkins and Joyce Jenkins. Agreement on width, direction and surface of the various access points had been reached. These details were being forwarded to E Harris for submission to the Land Registry.

Concern was expressed about some phraseology in the letter from E Harris. As not all councillors had seen this letter, it was agreed to consider writing to E Harris after the next Council meeting.

16/17 Planning

The following decisions had been received from C&C Swansea:

2015/2295 Cadiz Hall - use of land as garden - lawful (There had been notification of an appeal against the previous decision which was that the development was unlawful. Presumably this would no longer be valid as the decision with the new evidence was that it was lawful).

2015/2350 Bryn y Mor Llanmadoc - side extension - approved

There were no new applications.

The Clerk had queried the Enforcement decision regarding the entrance from Bank Farm on to Mor lane. She had been advised that the officer had visited the site and, since the road was unclassified, the Planning Department had discretion for entrances for agricultural purposes. This was the reason why they had taken action regarding Longcroft but were not taking action regarding the Bank Farm entrance.

16/18 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- Swansea Power Cleaning with an offer to clean the bus shelters at the Community Council's expense. This was not accepted.
- One Voice Wales regarding Queen's Birthday Beacons 21 April -agreed to put this suggestion in the newsletter but the Council would not action this.
- S Wentworth re planting wild flowers on the roadside by Burry Green where drainage work had been undertaken. Clerk to reply detailing last year's actions. However E Maliphant said she had several packets of wild flowers left and she would be willing to donate them to seeding in this area.
- C&C Swansea re Gower local bus service - request to contribute to match funding for the Sunday and Bank Holiday service. As the council had already submitted its precept requirement for the forthcoming year, it was unable to support this financially.

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16/19 Defibrillator - Cwm Ivy

MW/SR

With regard to the request for the provision of a defibrillator at Cwm Ivy, Llangennith Manors had agreed to give £1,000 to this. The Clerk was still pursuing a reply from the National Trust. Agreed to publicise this in the Parish News.

16/20 Matters Raised and for Publication

MW

The litter bin on Burrows Lane near Bryn Heulog is lying on the ground - Clerk to report this.

MW

The war memorial in Llangennith has been cleaned - Clerk to request that in future this work is carried out nearer to Remembrance Sunday if possible.

SR

It was agreed to publicise the donation received so far for the defibrillator; the Council contribution to the tree surgery at St Madocs and the possible interest in lighting a beacon for the Queen's Birthday.

Next meeting 2 March 2016 at Llangennith parish Hall. Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.