

LLANDINAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
held in Llandinam Village Hall
on Wednesday 21st September 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman	Cllr Colin Owen	√	Cllr Jackie Deakins	√
Vice Chairman	Cllr Andy Owen	√	Cllr Mike Jones	A
	Cllr Mike Brennan	√	Cllr Karl Lewis	√
	Cllr Michael Davies	A	Cllr Linda Savage	A
	Cllr Roche Davies	√	Cllr Jon Sloan	A

√ Present

A Apology for Absence

X Not Present

In Attendance: Cllr Phyl Davies

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs M Davies, M Jones, L Savage, J Sloan
2. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any items on the Agenda.**
Cllr C Owen declared an interest in Agenda Item 13 (Publication of Council documents).
3. **Approval and signing of Minutes from the previous meeting on 31st August 2016.**
The contents of the minutes were approved as an accurate record. All agreed.
4. **Llanidloes Museum/Library merger**
The Chairman welcomed Cllr Phyl Davies to the meeting. Cllr Davies gave a brief explanation of the proposed merger and the costs involved to keep the library open. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.
Cllr Davies left at 7.50pm.
5. **Continuing Business:**
 - a) Mobile Post Office – Email received from the Post Office Programme Correspondence Team advised that an outreach service is the only option available in Llandinam at this stage.
 - b) Broadband – Email received from the office of Russell George AM updated the Council on broadband availability in Llandinam and Llidiartywaen
 - c) A list of other items to be followed up by Russell George AM on behalf of the Council was reviewed and agreed.
 - d) Councillor training – a new Schedule of courses from September to December 2016 has been received.
6. **Community Council Car Park**
Cllr C Owen informed the Council that the hedge has been cut and it looks tidy.
7. **Play area**
An invoice received from J W Pryce was authorised for payment.
Awaiting RoSPA Inspection report.
Cllr C Owen advised that a litter bin will be provided and that a manhole cover will be re-fitted.
Cllr R Davies pointed out that the hedges have not been brushed – Cllr Owen advised that it is in hand.

8. Highways:

- a) Drain covers – Highways advised that this was passed on to the NMWTRA Route Manager who was meeting with Severn Trent on 8th September 2016.
- b) Passing place by Middle Esgair – update on the current situation has been received from Highways
- c) Vehicles/car parts at Pen Rhiw – update has been received from PCC Parking Enforcement Office
It was agreed to refer this matter to Planning Department.

9. Cemetery – nothing to report at this time

10. Planning Applications – none received

11. Review of Correspondence:

- Letter from The Boundary Commission for Wales – The 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – Initial Proposals
This issue was discussed and the Council expressed its strong objection to the proposed split up of Montgomeryshire. It was agreed to make a representation – deferred to the next meeting.
- Email from Tracey Price (SLCC) and E J Humphreys (Newtown Town Council) – Adopting the Model Code of Conduct as amended 2016 and the new requirements this year to adopt the ‘Model Code of Conduct as amended 2016’ and the requirement to advertise the fact. Noted.

12. Members’ Code of Conduct

Following on from the Council Meeting on 30th March 2016, hard copies of the revised Members’ Code of Conduct (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016 were distributed to all Councillors.

The Council agreed to pass a Resolution that the revised Code has been fully adopted by the Council. It was resolved that:-

- In accordance with LGA2000 s51 copies of the revised Code will be made available for inspection by members of the public, an appropriate Notice will be published in the local newspaper and a copy of the revised Code will be sent to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

It was also agreed that a new Undertaking to Abide by the Model Code (in addition to the standard declaration of acceptance of office) will be signed by all Councillors.

13. Publication of Council documents on the Council website:

- Member’s Allowances (by 30th September)
- Register of Interests
- Freedom of Information – Publication Scheme
- Annual Return including Issues Arising Report (by 30th September)

Cllr C Owen declared an interest and left the room when the subject of website maintenance and associated costs were discussed. No payment for website maintenance was agreed at this time.

A half day training from Trimast at £150 was approved.

14. Finance Matters:

- a) Publication of Annual Return
 - Sections 1, 2 and 3
 - Notice of Conclusion of Audit
 - Audit Report

- b) Issues to be addressed prior to 2016/17 Audit
 - o Payroll management
 - o Members' Code of Conduct
- c) Introduction of Minute Reference – deferred to the next meeting
- d) Receipts and payments

Receipts:

PCC (recycling QTR1)	£243.92	Ian Hughes (Burial fees)	£175.00
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The Clerk presented the following **payments** for authorisation:

K & S Toilets (Aug 16)	£105.60	J W Pryce (play equip. installation)	£5792.40
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All payments were authorised.

- 15. **Clerk's Contract of Employment** – request for extra hours.
Five extra hours per month have been approved. An amendment to the Contract to be prepared for the next meeting.
- 16. **Information from Members.** None
- 17. **Date of Next Meeting** – 26th October 2016
- 18. **Public Comments/Questions.** None

The meeting finished at 9.30pm