

LLANDINAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at Llandinam Village Hall on 29th November 2023 at 7.30pm

Chairman	Cllr Andy Owen	✓	Cllr Jackie Deakins	A
Vice Chairman	Cllr Linda Savage	✓	Cllr Mike Jones	✓
	Cllr Mike Brennan	✓	Cllr Tricia Jones	✓
	Cllr Michael Davies	✓	Cllr Karl Lewis	✓
	Cllr Roche Davies	A	Cllr Colin Owen	✓

✓ Present X Not Present A Apology for Absence

1. Apologies for Absence

2. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors on any items on the Agenda.** KL standing declaration of interest on all planning matters.

3. **Approval and signing of Minutes from the meeting of 25th October 2023.** Approved.

4. **Presentation** – Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust (Ceri Jones – Head of Living Landscapes)

Planned start date for river restoration is summer 2024, this will be funded by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant. However, the project is at risk due to damage on the site such as gravel being moved, deep tracks through the reserve and trees being removed. These actions increase the risk of flooding and have resulted in research costs already incurred of over £10,000 needing to be respent. The culvert is also damaged and will be repaired by Powys CC. The fence also needs to be repaired – an offer to repair this has been made by MWT. This damage may result in prosecution by NRW and MWT. A licence should be sought if gravel is to be removed. KL to continue discussions with resident responsible to hopefully resolve this ongoing situation.

This is one of the biggest river restorations in the UK and will hopefully still go ahead.

KL raised a residents concern that trees on MWT land are blocking the view from their property, MWT responded that if these trees are removed the river is more likely to flood causing damage to property. However, pollarding is a viable option. The CC requested that the footpath is re-instated, the trees blocking a property view are pruned and the drain is cleared. Funding will hopefully be available for work to repair damage and reinstate pathways by April 2024.

5. **Groundsperson Report**

JB reports :

Cenotaph - light wedding and tidied for Remembrance Day

Carpark – General tidying and wedding. Checked twice per week. Donated plants planted. Ongoing problem with rubbish being dumped, Black bin liner with approximately 30 cans, 20 bottles, bag of animal feed pellets, bin liner of general rubbish. All removed by groundsperson

Playground – checked twice per week

Playing Field – started removal of thistles

6. **Continuing Business**

(a) Car Park

- Monitored by groundsperson.

(b) Cemetery/Church

- No issues

(c) Play Area

- Benches will be sited as soon as the weather improves

(d) Highways

- TJ pleased with work completed

(e) War Memorial

- Thank you to all involved in the Remembrance Day service

(f) Flood Management

- No further update. Please see MWT report above.

7. Planning Applications

23/1665/FUL – Approved

23/1577/FUL - Approved

8. Review of Correspondence

Request for funding Air Ambulance. Request denied – clerk to respond.

Letter from OVW regarding Councillor allowances – Clerk to find out further information and if these can be rejected

9. Finance

Receipts – Interest £73.01, Burials £150

Payments - Clerks salary & expenses, Groundsperson payment, Morgan Griffiths Audit £330, Village Hall Grants £2000, E Griffiths £960, Powys CC £72, J Pryce £560

All receipts/Payments approved

10. Any other business at discretion of the Chairman - None

11. Information from members – None

12. Public comments/questions – None

Date of Next Meeting – 24th January 2024 at Llandinam VH.

MEETING CLOSED at 20.31