

**Minutes of the Meeting  
of LLANGAMMARCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Held at 7.30PM ON Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
at the Tirabad Hall with remote access through Zoom Pro**

*Zoom access was opened at 7.15pm*

**Present:** Cllr Kay Coldrick (Chair), Cllr Jon Hather, Cllr Woods, Cllr Nicola Jones, Cllr Mairwen Price, Cllr Kees Vugts, Cllr Butterfield-Else.

6 residents, representing the Alexandra Hall Committee.

**In Attendance**

County Cllr Peter James MBE, Sue Lilly (Clerk)

**2984. Apologies:**

There were none

**2985 Declaration of Interest**

Cllrs Price and Jones declared an Interest in item 11c on the agenda

**2986 Casual Vacancy**

Shaun Hughes presented his reasons for wanting to join the council. He was then asked to leave the room.

After a short discussion, Cllr Price proposed the co-option and Cllr Jones seconded it. The council agreed unanimously to ask Shaun to join. Shaun Hughes was asked to return and Cllr Coldrick welcomed him to the council. He then signed his acceptance as office of councillor. The Clerk will arrange the Induction Training ; **ACTION Clerk**

**2987 Item 11c – Hall Grant**

Cllr Coldrick moved to bring forward the item 11c. This was unanimously agreed as 6 members of the Alexandra Hall Committee were present.

After a long discussion about how the hall was run and the costings involved, it was suggested that the precept be increased to accommodate the hall's grant. Cllr Hather said this was not necessary as provision had been made in the council budget. The hall has a significant reserve and it was suggested by several councillors that these reserves be earmarked, rather than left as a general reserve. This would help with obtaining further grants from other awarding bodies. Cllr Hather suggested that the hall committee look at capital expenditures over 5, 10 etc years, with painting, boiler replacement etc, earmarked. Cllr Vugts asked where the reserves were kept, suggesting that interest on those reserves would bring in a significant amount.

Cllr Coldrick asked if the Council were prepared to take a vote now, on item 11c. It was proposed by Cllr Hather and Seconded by Cllr Vugts that 60% of the fixed costs be given as a grant (total £969.46). This was unanimously agreed.

Additions to the grant form need to be added for next year to include reserves **ACTION Clerk**

Cllr Coldrick thanked the Alexandra Hall committee for coming to present their case for a grant. They were invited to stay if they wished for the rest of the council meeting.

*Zoom access was closed at 8pm.*

**2988 Minutes of the Meeting on the 12th July 2023**

C Cllr James' name needed to be added as in attendance.

The Minutes were then agreed as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Jones and Seconded by Cllr Hather.

They were signed off by Cllr Coldrick.

**2989 Matters Arising**

- Wood for the replacement of the fencing at Tirabad Bus Shelter has been kindly donated by Gelli Crugiau
- The co-operative group including DIGS has received the RHS grant and is proceeding with two projects.
- The trees at Mynegbost are being left for a year.
- The planters from Roman Solutions have been made (see 11b)
- we have not yet allocated a Digital Ambassador (topic for next meeting)
- the manager of Serenity/The Cammarch is meeting with the Clerk on the 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss having an open day for everyone
- Tirabad Hall organised a 'pop-up' Pub. People from The Manor attended, which was very welcome.

**2990 Riverside Gardens**

These came into the council's ownership on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023. They are in the process of being registered with the Land Registry.

With the responsibility of ownership has come:

- 2 more ash trees that need removing
- Cherry trees need sorting (agreed at previous meeting)

We have a quote for tree work, but if the cherry trees are removed, the quote will be smaller. It was unanimously agreed that if there is a major change upwards for some reason, an EGM will be called. It was unanimously agreed that the work can go ahead. **ACTION Clerk**

- Issues to do with grass-cutting and plant maintenance. This can be done under an insurance disclaimer (*Clerk is now looking at another way*)
- The steps down in the gardens need fixing. Clerk to tie off the access **ACTION Clerk**. Cllr Coldrick asked for ideas of how to deal with the problem.

**2991 Future Investments**

Cllr Coldrick talked through the play area issue in Tirabad. A proposal was circulated that needs to be taken to the trustees/owners. If the council can have the area on lease or can buy the area, the Council will restore it as a play area. This would need a lottery grant. **ACTION Cllr Coldrick**

**2992 PCC, NextDoor, Other Correspondence received, Local updates**

-There were queries about the footpath that runs through Mayo House's garden, but Powys CC confirmed that since the flood defences have changed, access is not clear. It was also confirmed that trees along the riverbank from Horace's field to Lake and Spa are the responsibility of the landowners.

-Barclays Bank have asked for confirmation of signatories. This may lead to a £5 per month charge as community accounts are being closed.

**2993 Planning Matters**

Nothing confirmed about the noticeboard.

Confirmation of the lifting of agricultural restrictions on a property in Cefn Gorwydd.

**2994 Public Conveniences & Play Area (Llangammarch)**

- Bin in the Play area is not being emptied - Cllr Jones agreed to decant into a Keep Wales Tidy bags.
- Cllr James confirmed that recycling is struggling through lack of drivers.
- Query over closing the toilets this winter as there were complaints last year and people used the gardens! There would be an option to keep them open, except for low temperatures,

but it would need someone nearby with door lock and appropriate signage. **ACTION Cllr Vugts?**

#### **2995 Finance**

- a) Receipts and Payments for 31/8/2023. These were proposed by Cllr Woods and seconded by Cllr Hughes, then signed off by Cllr Coldrick
- b) Payments for approval:  
*British Gas – still in credit; S Lilly £60.64 for toilet rolls & 9.98 for flags, £520 Roman Solutions. £42.67 to Cllr Jones for hosepipe and attachments*  
These were unanimously agreed.
- c) See Minute 2987 above
- d) IRPW payments – HMRC/OVW have met but no advice has emerged yet. It was proposed by Cllr Hather and Seconded by Cllr Price that the Clerk act on the advice and pay the councillors soon after. **ACTION Clerk**

#### **2996 Other Matters from the County Council**

- The Leisure Review is available
- Walk and Talk groups are growing in number.
  
- Next Meeting is on the 1<sup>st</sup> November at the Alexandra Hall, Llangammarch, at 7.30pm
- Cllr Coldrick thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 2130