**Cyngor Cymuned Llangynyw**

**Llangyniew Community Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on**

**Tuesday, 5th December 2023**

**Present:** Cllr. C. Williams (Chair), Cllr. G. Watkins, Cllr. T. Isaac, Cllr. B. Thomas, Cllr. N. Williams, and Cllr. M. Watkins, Ccllr. J. Wilkinson

1. **Apologies** – Cllr. B. Humphreys, Cllr. D. Evans
2. **Declaration of Interest** – None
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – Minutes dated 8th November were signed as a true and correct record.
4. **Information Arising from the Minutes** -

12. National Park – A public meeting was held at Llangyniew Church on the 22nd November 2023. Views of the public were taken and a response was completed on behalf of the community.

14. Clerk’s resignation – the position has not yet been advertised. An advertisement is to be placed in the Ysgub, Chronicle, Plu’r Gweunydd and the County Times for publication by the 15th December 2023 for the period of month. Enquiries are to be directed to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Community Council via email. Shortlisting will be carried out by the Chair and Vice Chairs. Cllr. Cath Williams will contact One Voice Wales for a job description.

1. **Chairman’s Report** – Nil
2. **County Councillor’s** Report – Ccllr. J. Wilkinson had attended the Budget Seminar on Monday where it was discussed that County Council farms will be considered for sale as they come available to assist the council’s funds. They are looking for at least £4 million each year from farm sales. A motion is to be put forward at a council meeting on Thursday which will hope to create a policy so in the very least know where they stand with their tenancies in the future. With this uncertainty tenants will not want to make future investments to the farms. Cllr. C. Williams will ask the the Clerk to send an email before Thursday’s meeting to express the Community Council’s concerns regarding selling the County Council owned farms.

Adult and Children’s Services are the only areas not facing cuts in the next financial year, all other areas will face cuts.

Ccllr. J. Wilkinson also gave a brief explanation of the proposed changes to the voting system, where they may be a possible move to the Single Transferable Vote (STV). The council agreed to write to the Head of Democratic Services expressing our concerns.

Ccllr. J. Wilkinson shared a survey from CRAGGATAK Consulting regarding the National Park, which highlights the special qualities our area has. This report is to be forwarded to the clerk to share with the community councillors.

Cllr. B. Thomas asked if our MP and AM could be congratulated on their success in gaining the £17million Levelling Up fund for Powys.

1. **Correspondence** – Further information was received from Debbie Simmonds regarding the Friendly Club request for a 137 Grant – the Councillors we’re happy that the money would be used towards the cost of their Christmas Lunch and agreed that the sum of £200 should be paid.
2. A letter was received from Richard Jones which explained that he will visit us in January to discuss footpaths.
3. **Finance** – The cheque for £1500 is to be given to the Pont Robert/Llangyniew Urdd group as agreed at a previous meeting.
4. **Highways** – The works planned for the Godor road have been delayed until the new year. There is a blocked land drain belonging to Plas Coch farm near the Tan House crossroads which is causing a lot of standing water on the road.
5. Planning – None
6. Defibrillator – Clerk to contact Cllr. B. Humphreys to see if he has any further information regarding the servicing of the defibrillator at Llangyniew Church. Cllr. T. Isaac will also contact Ianto Guy.
7. Ysgol Bro Caereinion Consultation – The Chair will fill in the Consultation page on Powys County Council website expressing the community council’s support for the Welsh language but that they have concerns - school transport should be provided for English speaking pupils who will have to travel to schools out of the Llanfair Caereinion area to access an English education.
8. Tan y Ffridd Caravan Park – Ccllr. J. Wilkinson to request a site visit with council officers to see if conditions are being met.
9. Next Meeting - To confirm the Council Meeting to be held in Llangyniew Church on Wednesday, 10th January 2023 at 7pm.