**Cyngor Cymuned Llangynyw**

**Llangyniew Community Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday November 8th at Llangyniew Church.

Present: Cllrs. C. Williams, B. Humphreys, M. Watkin and B. Thomas

1. **Apologies -** Councillors present resolved to accept apologies from Cllrs. G. Watkin, N. Williams, T. Isaac and Ccllr. J. Wilkinson.

2. **Declaration of Interest** - Cllr. B. Thomas declared an interest in planning.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting -** Minutes dated October 11th were signed as a true record.

4. **Information Arising from the Minutes -**

1. Christmas Light Competition - Cllr. Thomas advised that he had asked Mr. Poole, last year's winner to judge the competition. Mr Poole had gratefully accepted. Judging would take place on 21st and 22nd December, with the winner being announced on December 23rd.
2. Christmas Light Switch on will take place on Saturday 25th November, 5.30pm. Father Christmas will be in attendance.

5. **Chairman’s Report -** Cllr. Williams advised she had attended the One Voice Wales meeting. The main focus was on the Welsh Air Ambulance consultation. The Clerk advised the closing date had been extended until Monday 12th November. The Clerk was asked to write another letter to support the Air Ambulance staying in Welshpool.

6. **County Councillor’s Report - Nil**

**7. Correspondence**

**Pontrobert Gardening Club -** A grant request had been received from Pontrobert Gardening Club, Councillors discussed this and studied last year's accounts, Councillors agreed a grant of £200 be awarded.

**Powys County Council Single Transferable Vote -** Councillor’s agreed to add this to the agenda for December.

**8. Finance**

Payments:

Clerks Wages - £427.46

HMRC - £51.60

Royal British Leigion - £20.00

Rachel Bumford - £575.00

Councillor’s noted the quarterly accounts presented by the Clerk and a pay increase of £1.11 per hour for the Clerk, which needed to be backdated to April.

The Clerk advised that £1,500 which had been previously agreed as a donation to the Urdd Eisteddfod, had not yet been paid out and needed to be accounted for in the figures presented.

The Clerk was asked to look into the possibility of purchasing equipment to enable hybrid meetings, as this is a statutory requirement.

9. **Highways-**

1. Drains that were blocked and had been reported previously by Banwy Fuels had been emptied.
2. The Clerk was asked to report blocked drains by Ty Mawr and by Hafod in Llangyniew.
3. Nasty pothole at the bottom of Penbryn bank.
4. The Clerk advised that the Meifod to Llansantffraid road would be closed on 27th November until 31st March, to raise the road and stop flooding.
5. The Clerk was asked to put 20 MPH speed limit on the December agenda.

Cllr. B. Thomas left the room.

10. **Planning**

1. **23/1572/FUL - Proposed change of use of the Old School Hall and associated external areas to residential use - providing a 2 bedroom property and garden spaces.**

*Councillors were in favour to support this application.*

*Concerns were raised regarding the future use, the neighboring property which is under the same ownership is used commercially rather than residentially.*

*Councillors wanted to ensure that no road access was granted to the property and access to the property would be using the pedestrian gate only.*

**11. Defibrillator maintenance -**

The Clerk had had no response from Ianto Guy. It had been suggested that the Community Council speak to Llanfair Medical Centre to see if they have a contact, who may be willing to look at the defibrillator. Cllr. Humphreys agreed to ask Mrs. Humphreys to investigate and come back to the Clerk.

**12. National Park -**

Following the meeting in Llanfyllin on Monday 6th, many concerns were raised for various reasons. It was agreed that before the Council could comment on the matter, they needed to know how the Community felt. A public meeting will be held on November 22nd, at Pont Village Hall if available, if not at Llangyniew Church. Clerk to arrange and advertise.

**13. Tan Y Ffridd -** Due to Cllr. G. Watkin not being present it was agreed to defer this item until December.

**14. Clerks resignation -**

The Clerk tendered her resignation due to other commitments. Councillor’s agreed to advertise the post. Clerk to action.

**15. To confirm the Council Meeting to be held in Llangyniew Church on Tuesday 12th December 2023.**

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