

Llanbister Community Council General Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 6th March 2025 **Time:** 7:30pm **Venue:** Community Hub.

1. Apologies received: None

2. Members Present: Tracy Lewis, Catherine James, County Councillor Geoff Morgan, Darren Rogers, Wayne Bowen, Gareth Bowen, Marc Williams
Jennifer Turner (Clerk).

3. Declaration of Interest. None

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting(s) – Minutes of the 16th January 2025 general meeting were reviewed. It was agreed they were an accurate record. Proposed DR, Seconded GB Approved and Duly signed by the Vice Chair

5. Matters Arising from Minutes-

- Graveyard – Information received from solicitor regarding Execution Clause and signing. GM to contact solicitor and feedback exactly what is required. Clerk then to send information
- Community Engagement – There were some issues with distribution of Issue 3 highlighted in a letter from the editor. Councillors will distribute to the wider village, with editors delivering to the heart of the village. Suggested a notice to residents is included in the next copy advertising where copies can be collected in person and asking residents to notify Tidbit team if they would like a copy delivered and aren't receiving one so far. Some households receive two copies with one coming through the school, this may have to be looked at in the future to prevent duplication and avoid additional printing costs. Advertisers need reviewing and contacting to renew. Clerk to provide information of payments received. A grant has been secured to cover the remaining printing costs for twelve months aside from advertising revenue.
- PAVO – an application was successfully submitted for funds for one year of printing for Tidbit. Cost of printing 4 issues, £1,300, advertising income is £260. Funds requested £1,040. It may be possible in future to apply to BUTE for funding for other activities
- Speedbump – paint has been sourced, and this will be completed once the weather improves

6. Planning – None

7. Finance - Balances as at 6th March 2025

Savings Account - £ 9,116.17 (£8000 belonging to current account)

Community Current Account - £2154.15

Income (as part of above balance) - None

Outgoings in addition to the above balance –
£5 Bank charge

Clerk's salary (March and April to include payrise and backpay)

£26 x 2 Clerks expenses (March and April)

£48.60 HMRC (March and April plus additional for payrise)

£79 One Voice Wales

Approved

Councillors reviewed NALC pay increase guidelines and agreed to increase Clerks salary on same scale 11 to £14.13 per hour

(Proposed DR, Seconded GB)

8. School Governor's Report.

A new parent governor has been appointed, there will be more vacancies in the next twelve months. The school has received funding from PAVO for school buses for swimming for a year, Coding kits x 2, ICT support and sports equipment. Years 3 and 4 had a great trip to the library to celebrate World Book Day and were bought ice-creams by fund raisers on PTA. Eisteddfod is 7th March.

9. Community Hall / Hub Report.

Big Breakfast was a great success with 82 breakfasts being served. Psychic night went well with approximately 40 attending, this was hosted by Young Farmers. Pool Team have continued success. Catch Up Club is well attended. There is a Coffee Morning on 1st November to raise funds for Poppy Appeal. Young Farmers are organising concert. Beer and Bowls is going well. Hub is being used more frequently with regular bookings for meetings and by a local photographer.

10. Any Other Business.

- Letter from resident requesting clean up at Cefn to enable better churchyard access. This is not Church land, Councillors will consider options and discuss at the next meeting
- CJ - Fly-Tipping in laybys is becoming a problem. A litter pick will be arranged – to be discussed at next meeting
- VE Day – Councillors discussed options and decided to provide all children attending the school with a VE Day Poppy pin to commemorate the occasion. This will be given out in a school assembly. Clerk to order 60 units at £5 each to be added to payments as reimbursement for clerk. DR to liaise with school.
- GM – Council Tax is rising by 8.9%.

Date of Next meeting - Thursday 1st May 2025 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed at 20.55