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**Draft Minutes of the Llandrillo CC Ordinary Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 27th September 2022**

These minutes can also be found on the LCC website
<https://www.cyngorcymunedllandrillo.cymru>

The meeting commenced at 7:03pm

Present: Councillors Becky Mollison-White (Chair), David Robinson (Vice Chair), Delyth Jones, Lawrence Jones, Bryn Roberts, Dafydd Phillips, David Williams, Rhys Roberts and Rhys Jones.

The Clerk and RFO, Siân E Thomas, was also present as were 24 members of the public and 2 representatives from RWE.

- 241.** Councillor Becky Mollison-White welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 242. Apologies** were received from DCC councillors Gwyneth Ellis and Alan Hughes. It was noted that Councillor Rhys Jones and given his apologies to a councillor for the past 2 meetings.
- 243. Declarations of Interest:** The Chair asked for any Declarations Interest, Cllr David Williams expressed a personal interest in the Gaerwen Windfarm item and it was noted that Cllr Rhys Jones is a tenant of one of the windfarm applicants.
- 244. RWE Renewables Presentation**
A presentation was given on the proposed Gaerwen Windfarm, this will be available on our website as soon as we receive it. It was explained that it is not a done deal and that they still need community input. A public exhibition will be held, hopefully in December 2022, where questions can be brought to the table. Bat and bird surveys have been completed but as yet the layout of the site has not been decided upon. The amount of Community Investment is dependent upon the number of turbines erected; the maximum will be 15. Local residents will be able to buy shares in the scheme if they so wish, however, it was reiterated that no compensation will be given to residents living near to the proposed turbines.

245. Public Participation Session

Questions were asked to RWE regarding:

- a) Grid connections – these have already been accepted by Scottish Power etc.
- b) Communities will be consulted when the export route is agreed upon.
- c) Microphones are currently in place to record any background noise readings prior to turbines being installed. The noise recorded has to fall within legal limits.
- d) It was explained that birds have been surveyed over the past 2 years as RWE have had permission from the landowners to do so.
- e) Has the carbon accounting over its lifetime been taken into account? Not yet but will be done later, including the peat content of the area.
- f) The matter of the area being a SSSI was mentioned in relation to the bird survey. RWE will get thorough answer to this question.
- g) Consultations with airports regarding routing of planes have been undertaken. The MOD have no concerns over the height of the turbines. Once the design is finalised, there will be further consultations.
- h) It was mentioned that there will be an impact on house prices, possibly dropping by 12-15% in the area. Again, it was said that no compensation will be available.
- i) It was noted that the dates are vague; when will they be firmed up? Eg Planning dates are not clear enough. It was explained that it is a slow-moving process and that dates can change daily. They require a firm design layout on site before dates can be firmed up. Clearer dates will be available by December 2022
- j) When/where is a formal assessment on people in community being done? They can produce an indicative layout but this may change. A 3D model will be produced when the layout is finalised.
- k) Visual impact. RWE are happy to engage specifically with individuals whose properties are very close to site. Many think it will be catastrophic for them. Properties won't be able to be sold as they are so near to the windfarm.
- l) It was mentioned that there are legal timings between formal engagements and the planning process.
- m) An informal Public Exhibition will be presented in 3 local villages and on line as well.
- n) The CC were thanked for this event, and they responded by saying that they will publicise everything on their website.

246. **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 26th July 2022.** Council, having considered the Minutes, agreed they are a true record and can be signed.
247. **Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 26th July 2022**
- a. Missing Sign – DCC have informed the Clerk that village signs are the responsibility of the CC. **Action:** Clerk to contact DCC to get a quote for a new sign.
 - b. Speeding Issues – DCC have informed the Clerk that the areas where we are concerned about speeding within the village are in the remit to have their legal road speeds reduced to 20 mph. Information from the SID will be provided to the CC by DCC.
 - c. Quote for repair of bench. **Action:** Clerk to email the resident concerned to see if it has been repaired.
 - d. Following the perusal of historic minutes, it was noted that the road to the Sewerage Work is the joint responsibility of DCC, Welsh Water and the landowner.
 - e. Dog waste bins. DCC no longer provide these bins, they are putting signs on all waste bins to state that dog waste can be put into them.
 - f. River Ceidiog. It was noted that some work has been carried out upstream from Plas Estyn.
 - g. Rights of Way. The Clerk has chased up DCC again for a response and an email has been received.
 - h. Flood Plain – no response has been received from NRW regarding the retaining wall. DCC need to rebuild the wall between Quillet and the Iron Bridge but NRW won't let them do it as they want to. **Action:** Clerk to contact Jim Hall regarding the wall reinforcing in Berwyn Street.
 - i. Planning Breach Enquiry. Councillors need to decide whether they make a formal complaint or send a letter to the residents. **Resolved:** Clerk to reply to DCC saying it's an obvious breach of planning, and for them to look into it again as the submitted drawings haven't been actioned.
 - j. Projects to apply for future grants – all councillors to action.
 - k. Gates on school field **Action:** a Clerk to add onto the Green Communities Grant application form and Councillor D Robinson will get a quote for the work.
 - l. Mid-year budget. This has been provided to all councillors
 - m. Black bin for cemetery. We have received the charges from DCC and now need to decide how often we would like it emptied.
 - n. Benches on the Wern. The Clerk is investigating as to whether the benches can be funded by the Green Communities Grant. Chair has obtained quotes for the benches. **Action:** Clerk to meet with

DCC's AONB officer. She will also mention the sign on Wern that's fallen down – a new map required – and the bench with 3 legs that needs replacing.

248. Committees

- a. to appoint Members to Committees **Resolved:** that Councillor Delyth Jones will continue to be on Ysgol bro Dyfrdwy Governing Body and Councillor Rhys Roberts has been put forward to represent the Community Council, Councillor David Robinson will represent the CC at Canolfan Ni and the Chair will be our Wellbeing representatives. We still require representatives for finance, the cemetery and the playing field
- b. to appoint any new Committees - deferred to October meeting

249. Finance Issues

- a. The RFO gave an update on the banking situation and financial tasks outstanding,
- b. Clerk to look at Finance Toolkit Scheme by the next meeting.
- c. The RFO presented the Schedule of Payments for July and August 2022 and it was agreed to accept them, including all the payments.

July 2022

To	Amount	Comments
Clerk	£211.20	Salary for July 2022 expenses for June 2022
HMRC	£85.20	PAYE for Clerk
HSBC	£5.00	Bank charges for June
R Helsby	£1,640.00	Grass cutting
A Roberts	£50.00	Work done in Cemetery
Total	£1,991.40	

August 2022

Clerk	£211.20	Salary for August 2022 expenses for July 2022
HSBC	£5.80	Charges for July 2022
Y Ganolfan	£40.00	Hire of room April to July 2022
R B Roberts	£116.39	Fixings for goal posts
Total	£373.39	

250. Planning Matters - nothing to discuss this month.

251. Cemetery issues – defer to next month

- 252. Road to Sewerage Works – see above**
- 253. Tree Planting on the Wern – we can apply for up to 500 trees.**
Councillors have been sent all relevant information and it was **Resolved:** that the area can be used for the planting of trees if the project is viable.
- 254. Education in the Community**
No response has yet been received from DCC’s councillor Gill German.
- 255. Old School Project**
DCC have been asked if there are any funds available for legal fees. We are awaiting a response.
- 256. Correspondence for Review – please see list attached list.**
- a. DCC’s Corporate plan. Councillors have been advised to comment on it.
 - b. Request from the church for assistance with grass cutting costs. To pay 25% instead of 50% **Resolved:** to pay the extra 25% for this year, about £300, as it’s a direct benefit for the community.
- 257. Items brought to the Council’s attention by Councillors**
- a. It was mentioned that footballs are going over the fence as the new goals have been placed against the fence. The bowling club fence is being flattened as footballers are climbing over it to get their balls back. **Action:** Clerk to see if a gate can be purchased via the Green Communities Grant.
 - b. Cllr Phillips mentioned that there is a mess in the cemetery and that water is needed there.
 - c. A villager has enquired as to whether the taps in village can be reconnected. **Action:** Clerk to ask AONB for grant.
 - d. Air Ambulance want to donate a bench or something similar to the village as they have been left a substantial amount of money from some local people and want to buy something for the village. **Action:** To discuss further next month.
 - e. Roads and bridge by Tyfos still need repairing.
 - f. Campervans on the Wern – taking water and breaking taps. **Action:** Clerk to contact DCC to ask permission to prevent campervans parking overnight on the Wern car park.
 - g. BT generator has now been removed from the village.
 - h. It was noted that a training plan is required for all councillors. **Action:** Clerk to draft by next meeting.
 - i. The Chair has been told that some residents in the village are receiving free water due to the bursts in the area inconveniencing

them. **Action:** Clerk to contact Welsh Water to see why some residents are having free water and not others.

258. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th October September 2022. It was agreed not to hold a meeting in December but to have one in January 2023 instead.

The meeting finished at 9:05

Sian E Thomas

Clerk and RFO

Approved as being a correct record by:

Designation: Chair

Date:

Signed: