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LLANDRILLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Draft Minutes of the Llandrillo CC Ordinary Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 22nd November 2022**

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

The meeting commenced at 7:05 pm

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

The Clerk and RFO, Siân E Thomas, was also present as was 1 member of the public and DCC Councillor Gwyneth Ellis.

279. Councillor Becky Mollison-White welcomed everyone to the meeting.

280. Apologies were received from DCC Cllr Alan Hughes, Cllrs Rhys Roberts, Rhys Jones and Dafydd Phillips.

281. Declarations of Interest: The Chair asked for any Declarations of Interest Cllr David Williams expressed an interest in item 290.

282. Public Participation Session.
No questions asked.

283. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 25th October 2022. Council, having considered the Minutes, agreed they are a true record and can be signed.

284. Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 25th October 2022

- a. The Clerk has contacted the contractor regarding repairing the bench outside the Ganolfan, but no response has been received as yet.
- b. Cllr Robinson has designed a sign stating that no campervans are allowed to park on the Wern overnight. Public convenience Action Group to make a decision on them. There are 3 campervans there at the moment and one is SORN. Apparently the Wern is on an

app showing free overnight parking for vans. **Action:** Councillor Gwyneth Ellis is to contact DCC about them to see if they can be removed.

- c. The rubbish has been cleared from the cemetery by Cllr Robinson and helpers and the bins have been relocated nearer the gate.
- d. The Clerk has passed on the CC's comments regarding the planning permission required for Tyn y Wern Faerdref, Cynwyd.
- e. The Windfarm pre-application form has been circulated to Councillors to complete.
- f. The Clerk has contacted DCC to ascertain the ownership of the roadway to the cemetery. Unfortunately, DCC don't know who owns it and have suggested we contact Land Registry. **Action:** Cllr Bryn Roberts to contact the Land Registry
- g. Cllr Ellis has contacted Gill German regarding education and she is going to contact the Clerk about the matter.
- h. Cllr Ellis has spoken to the Rebecca Williams who says she is waiting for us to contact her. The CC is still waiting for her to contact us regarding legal advice. **Action:** Clerk to contact her again. It was noted that it is difficult to get legal advice for CATs.
- i. The Clerk contacted DCC regarding the handrail on Llety Bridge and she has been informed that the repairs will soon be carried out.

285. Finance Issues

- a. The RFO gave an update on the banking situation and financial tasks outstanding,
- b. The RFO presented the Schedule of Payments for September 2022 and it was agreed to accept them, including all the payments. It was noted that since it was prepared £1,000 has been received from Tyfos for the wind turbine and £1,068 Commuted Funds from DCC.

To	Amount	Comments
HMRC	£170.00	PAYE for Clerk
Clerk	£195.50	Salary for October and expenses for September
HSBC	£5.80	Bank Charges for September
SLCC	£54.00	Training Fees for Clerk
B Evans	£133.00	Flowers for Village
Total	£558.30	

- c. The Internal Audit Report has been circulated to Councillors and the actions noted.
- d. It was agreed to set a precept of £7.945 for 2022/23

- e. The cost of living pay award for the Clerk from 1st April 2022 was agreed at an extra £1 per hour. **Resolved:** to pay the Clerk back pay to April 2022.
- f. The application for the Green Communities Grant has been submitted for £47,319.81. We should know by next week whether we have been successful or not. If we are, we have got a tight turnaround to spend the money as all projects will need to be completed by March 2023.

286. Planning Matters

None this month.

287. Donation to the Community

A meeting was held with the Executors of the late Charles Davies attended by the Chair, Vice Chair, Councillor Delyth Jones and Clerk. It was explained that a sum of £50,000 has been left to care for the family graves and to be used for the community and that the Council has been asked to take care of the funds. **Resolved:** The CC has agreed to take on the responsibility of the money as long as the solicitors agree, and to open a trust fund to use the money for the upkeep of the graves and to benefit of the community. **Action:** Clerk to contact the executors in order to move forward.

288. Reports from External Committees.

- a. **Wellbeing Group.** The Chair attended a meeting and learnt that they are going to make an ebook of the school and are busy organising a Christmas event. Also, volunteers from colleges are being involved in creating a youth club in church.
- b. It was noted that Councillor Rhys Roberts is now a governor at Ysgol Cynwyd.

289. Councillor Training Plan

Councillors were reminded that they need to complete the plans by 30th November 2022 and send them to the Clerk as they will be audited. The Clerk is available to assist if needs be.

290. RWE Windfarm Application

RWE have responded to the questions raised by councillors at our last meeting. Their responses are in italics below:

- o What are the specific quantified benefits that RWE believe this investment will bring to the communities?
The planning application will be supported by an economic impact report, these cannot be quantified at this stage of the project but will part of the Development of National Significance planning application.

- What would be the grants and funds available to the communities, and how are these calculated?

RWE is committed to supporting the communities in which we operate and will offer a community benefits package which is designed around the needs of the local area. In many cases this includes a community benefit fund but is not limited to this. The value of any community benefits package is usually linked to the installed capacity of the project and made available on an annual basis throughout the lifetime of the project.

At this stage in the Gaerwen project we are concentrating on listening to feedback from local stakeholders and the wider community so that we can start to understand better how the project might best support the local area. The forthcoming exhibitions provide an excellent opportunity for this conversation to begin, and we are keen to listen to ideas and suggestions from local people about what is important to them and how the project could potentially support their local area in a positive way.

- What would be the employment opportunities for local businesses and individuals? Local being defined as within the main communities of LLanderfel, Llandrillo, Cynwyyd and others?

There will be employment opportunities associated with the development, construction and operation of the wind farm, subject to standard procurement process. RWE will engage with local businesses and suppliers to highlight the opportunities available to them.

- What evidence has been collected on impact to local communities post the implementation of wind farms in other locations?

RWE's operational wind farm projects across the UK are supporting their neighbouring communities to deliver a really wide range of positive initiatives that are helping to make a difference to local areas from supporting critical local services such as community shops and pubs, giving communities the impetus to set up community transport initiatives and make it easier for local people to get around and access appointments and services, helping to fund training initiatives for local people that mean they can access new jobs or even set up their own business and supporting communities on their journey to net zero by reducing their carbon emissions through installing green technology such as solar panels, air source and ground source heat on community building and installing electric charging points.

Because decisions are made by panels of local people where we offer community funds it means they can create ambitious ideas for their local area as well as ensuring these really meet the local needs and compliment and build on existing activities.

- Where there are tangible impacts to local businesses and individuals, where does liability for appropriate compensation lie, should the impact be detrimental e.g. property values, but also direct impact to individuals?

As part of the development process RWE will undertake a rigorous environmental impact assessment which will inform the Welsh Minister's assessment of the proposal. If consent is granted this will be subject to strict planning conditions (including ones controlling noise and residential amenity), which will be monitored and enforced by the local planning authority. There is no evidence that wind farms have a detrimental impact on property prices.

- With regard to the visual impact
 - Please provide accurate models of the site in both daylight and night time? *The landscape and visual impact assessment will consider daytime and night time impacts, including representative visualisations*
 - What will be the impact on the 'dark sky' environment at night? *The landscape and visual impact assessment will consider daytime and night time impacts, including representative visualisations. Infrared beacons which are not visible to the naked eye but are visible to aircraft pilots, can be used instead of traditional red beacons.*
 - Can models also include the visual impact with regard to movement of the sun on the major communities i.e. specifically the westerly aspects as the sun sets behind the rotating blades? *In line with current guidance the EIA will assess potential shadow flicker impacts on residential receptors. The orientation and operation of wind turbines can be automatically controlled in cases where blades cast a shadow over a property at a particular times of day and year.*
- Can RWE be more specific on key dates?
 - As this is such a significant investment, what can be done to improve the effectiveness of project management so there is better visibility of key dates e.g. submission of planning dates within a monthly forecast.
Please note that these dates are indicative and subject to change due to the early stages we are within the project, as well as any outside factors on the project, such as decisions periods for planning, discharging any conditions etc
 - *Dec 2022 – Informal Public Exhibition*
 - *Q2 2023 – Planning submission*
 - *Q3 2024 – Planning Decision*
 - *Q1 2025 – Discharge planning Conditions*
 - *Q2 2026 – Construction Commencement*
 - *Q3 2027 - Anticipated start of commercial operations*

Action: Clerk to contact them to see if there is any other information they would like to share with the CC ie visual plans which appear to have been shared via Facebook. Dismay was expressed that the answers from RWE were vague, lacking facts and data. The Council is looking forward to receiving a report following the public consultations. It was notes that a member of

staff from Ysgol Bro Dyfrdwy has contacted RWE asking if someone can go and talk to the pupils about the proposed development, however, no response has been received as yet.

291. Cemetery issues

Please see above

292. Education in the Community

Please see above

293. Old School Project

Please see above. **Action:** The Clerk is to contact Rebecca Williams.

294. Correspondence for Review – please see list attached list.

- a. The CC has received a request for the addition of a name to the cenotaph. Councillors, having considered all the appropriate information and noting that a grave was situated in the cemetery, agreed that it was a difficult decision and **Resolved:** Not to add the name to the cenotaph but to consider erecting a memorial to service personnel who died after 1st January 1948, when funds allow. **Action:** Clerk to contact the family.
- b. Bullying and Harassment Policy. It was **Resolved:** To adapt and adopt the suggested OVW policy for the CC. **Action:** Clerk to action.
- c. It was agreed to put the link to the Decarbonisation information on the website.
- d. Fuel Support Scheme was mentioned - link to go on the website.
- e. It was noted that soon the CC are going to be asked what to do with a donation from the Air Ambulance They are making the donation in remembrance of Charles and Peggy Davies in gratitude for their considerable donation to the charity.
- f. Request from Clwb Ceidiog Llandrillo for a donation to the Christmas Dinner for pensioners in the village. **Resolved:** To make a donation of £100. **Action:** Clerk to organise the donation.

295. Items brought to the Council's attention by Councillors

- a. Councillor Robinson requested that when the centre line road markings are replaced throughout the areas of new road surfacing that the road studs are replaced. **Action:** Clerk to contact DCC to see if they can be done.
- b. It was agreed that the Biodiversity Policy needs updating. **Action:** Clerk to update it
- c. Cllr David Williams said that the road by Tyfos still hasn't been repaired.

296. The next full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24th January 2023.

The meeting finished at 8:25pm

Sian E Thomas

Clerk and RFO

Approved as being a correct record by:

Designation: Chair

Date:

Signed:

Agenda Item – Correspondence for Review – all information has been emailed to Councillors.

1. WLGA Decarbonisation Masterclass Series
2. WG Fuel Support Scheme.
3. OVW Training Dates
4. DCC Roadworks
5. Welsh Air Ambulance
6. E mail regarding the addition of name to the cenotaph
7. Bullying and Harassment Policy