

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LLANGENNITH, LLANMADOC AND
CHERITON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2014 AT
LLANGENNITH PARISH HALL**

Present Paul Richards - Chair
Steve Rimell
Paul Ransome
Joyce Jenkins
Maria Brain
Jonathan Bale
Marjorie Stubbings
Matthew Cowley
Elizabeth Maliphant

In Attendance Margaret Waymark – Clerk plus one member of the public

Declarations of Interest

14/83 M Stubbings re: Burry Green car parking
14/84 J Bale re planning application

14/78 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 October 2014, subject to the addition under 14/76 of "Burry Green Chapel re: car parking", were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

14/79 Matters Arising

The search for a new councillor was ongoing. M Cowley volunteered to follow this up. D Earrye raised concerns regarding the reply received from the Gower Medical Practice. It was noted that there was little further action which the Community Council might take. It was agreed to publicise the reply from the Practice Manager and to contact Cllr R Lewis about the matter. **MW**

14/80 Highway Matters

An update was given on highway matters:

The following items were awaiting repair from C&C Swansea:

- Dip by Talizmand
- Potholes at Stormy Castle and round the gulleys between Burry Green and Kyfts Lane
- Potholes at Muzzard
- Potholes near St Cenydd's church

With regard to the above the Clerk reported that she was pursuing these repairs on a regular basis and would continue to do so.

An update was given on the following matters:

- Blocked drain and need to renew hard standing at Coity Green - Clerk had been informed that the C&CS proposed to put in extra piping before replacing the hard standing.
- Break up on Cock Street near Bullans Well - this has now been referred to the construction team as a longer term solution is required.
- Kyfts Lane Junction - Work was almost complete. The matter of overgrowth on both sides was raised and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the owner of Kenning Cottage to request that the hedge be cut back farther; contact R Lewis to ask that C&C Swansea request the owner of the field on the Llangennith side to cut back the overgrowth and to contact Swansea Garden Services for a price to cut back this overgrowth. **MW**
- Need to drain water run off from Ryers Down to the pond on Burry Green - C&C

Swansea are looking into this matter.

- The Clerk had contacted C&C Swansea regarding the buses turning at the roundabout not the bus terminus at Llangennith and the bus company manager had agreed to remind drivers of the correct place to turn. There had been a further occasion when the driver turned at the roundabout but the reply had been that a lorry at the building works was blocking the road. No further action to be taken at present.
- The need for the renewal of bus stop markings at Llangennith bus terminus had been reported.
- The Clerk had reminded C&C Swansea about the need for a speed monitor in Burry Green. She had been informed that currently they have no budget to provide this but they may be able to carry this work out with a hand held speed monitor.

14/81 Footpaths

S Parry had sent in a report as follows:

Sea Wall at Cwm Ivy - meeting took place on Nov 7th there should be an official press release early December explaining the background and the timescale for the solution. Work team were currently on lighter duties due to injuries.

Work Done included LM22 Youth camp - waymarking upgraded, gates maintained; LG20 Llangennith Moors contractors returned to clear - this has been checked (Council had reported this to the last meeting) LM1 Seawall - Safety signs replaced when vandalised, fallen tree on diversion route cut; LG40 Kennexstone - site visit carried out with local horseriders to assess work required to open up route.

Work Planned included LG 26 Delvid - second gate to be installed by contractor; LG 22 Llangennith Moors - replace 3 stiles with metal self closing gates contractor now has all materials - site visit to plan works TBA; LG36 - repair stile near Western House; CH2 Cheriton Wood - clearance of short section of path; LG37 Coety Green to Lower Mill - repair of sleeper bridge, clearance of route of path from undercut edge, gate repair, low branches contractor to now do this work; LG16 Coety Lane - Gate at top of lane to be replaced.

Work outstanding included CH1 Stembridge - install gates, clearance, levelling of surface; LG40 Open up route; LM6 - Surface/drainage improvements; LG15 - Gate repairs/replacements; LG35 Western House - legal line of path to be opened; LM11 Phillestone - waymarking improvements, some clearance; LG 35 Well Park/Llanmadoc Hill - legal work on path ongoing have now met with objectors to legal order and will be discussing with Legal Department.

C&CS had replied that the issue of clearance of cuttings would be addressed in the next contract.

The following to be reported:

- Waymark sign fallen down and is in dunes at the end of LG30
- Ongoing concern about the timescale to reopen the sea wall.

MW

14/82 Finance

Request received from Llanmadoc and Cheriton Gardeners for a grant towards the Christmas tree. It was agreed to contribute £75.00.

The following payments were agreed:

P M Waymark - pay and expenses October 2014	£150.25
Post Office Ltd re: HMRC	£28.60
David Miller	£52.00
Llanmadoc and Cheriton Gardeners	£75.00
Llangennith Parish Hall - Room hire	£25.00

Balance after above payments was £3567.86.

Noted that allowance for plinths for village signs would be made in the budget for 2015/6.

14/83 Common Land

Common Land Inspection:

Llanmadoc

- Stones at edge of Rattle Street - Correspondence from R Jenkins and the Clerk's response were noted. It was resolved not to reinstate the breeze blocks and to remove the earth from by the drain at the corner of Rattle Street. (This work had already been carried out). Clerk to advise R Jenkins of the Council's decision. **MW**
- Post Office Green - It was resolved to remove the cock and hen stones on the Orchard Farm side of the green where they were loose. S Rimell, P Ransome and P Richards volunteered to carry out this work. E Maliphant would arrange to replace the one loose large stone - in the meantime she had removed it so that it would not fall on to the highway. **PR/PR/SR/EM**
- Church Green, Catchpool Lane, Rhiwlas Green - these had all been visited and it was agreed that there was no need for any action at present.
- It was resolved not to cut back the firebreak by The Village Hall this year. **MW**

Burry Green

- The improved state of the green was noted and it was agreed that, for the forthcoming year, the only work necessary would be hedge cutting and grass cutting. It was also noted that D Miller had cut the hedges and agreed he be thanked for this work. **MW**
- It was resolved that, since the chestnut tree near Tile House was dead and two boughs had already fallen on to the road, it should be felled but a part of the main trunk would be left to rot away in order to promote wild life. It was resolved to ask Gower Timber to carry out this work. (It was noted that this was not in a conservation area).

Flowers by Roadside

- It was agreed that livestock may well damage any which were planted and so Burry Green seemed to be the only possible site for these. As the area near the junction was all common land it was agreed that the Clerk would ask the Commoners for agreement to plant wild flowers on a sample area near the wooden bollards at the junction. **MW**

Burry Green

- Noted that work on the bus shelter had started.
- It appeared that there had been vehicles going across the green - M Stubbings agreed to monitor this. **MS**
- The correspondence from Burry Green Chapel regarding a parking area was noted. This was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk would acknowledge this but no further action was required at present. (M Stubbings declared an interest). **MW**

Seats

- The painting of three seats was in hand but was weather dependent. **EM/MB/PR**

Grass Cutting Quotations

- The following prices ex VAT had been obtained:

Bay Landscapes for three cuts	£1380.00
G R Lloyd per cut	£300.00 or £400.00 depending on whether cuttings all cleared
Swansea Garden Services per cut	£180.00

It was resolved to accept the quotation from Swansea Garden Services for the summer of 2015. **MW**

Parking on Land at Rattle Street

- The Clerk had written to T C Davies regarding the parking of the trailer but had received no reply. It was agreed that that, since the trailer was now being chained to the fence by the common land, the Clerk would write again to TC Davies with a copy to the Commoners. **MW**

14/84 Planning

The following decisions had been received:

2014/1099 Phillistone Farm - Permission to site 5 caravans in any one year - Approved

2014/1048 Hardingsdown Farm - Amendment to Planning permission to allow dormers - Refused.

There was no objection to the following applications:

2014/1237 Swallow Barn, Cwm Ivy - single storey extension to arts and crafts shop to include ancillary coffee shop and variation of conditions to allow all year opening.

2014/1640 Hillend Caravan and Camping Park - Change of materials to window frames and rainwater goods to brown upvc (amendment to 2011/1545). J Bale declared an interest.

There was an objection to the following:

2014/1584 Land adjacent to Channel View - detached dwelling. The council resolved to object on the grounds of possible sub-urbanising and ribbon development; might create a precedent for further development; outside village envelope; highway access at that point and parking are already difficult; impact on surrounding dwellings and village scene; overdevelopment of the plot; inaccuracies in the application and the need to fell mature trees. (Correspondence of objection from Mr and Mrs Sambell, E Richards and G Clement was noted in this respect). **MW**

14/85 Correspondence

Correspondence as follows was noted:

- C&C Swansea - AONB consultation
- Friends of Pennard Library - no action.
- Llangennith Field - noted letter of support for the lottery bid had been sent. Thanks to Paul Ransome for canvassing the residents' views about this matter.
- SSAFA regarding recycling banks - Clerk to reply that there were already sites in the area for other charities so it did not seem viable to have a further bank. **MW**

14/86 Noticeboard

The site which had been suggested as a result of the Common Land Inspection was agreed, subject to the Clerk contacting Highways and the shop for their views on the proposal. The Clerk had found an external board from the Noticeboard Company priced at £654 plus VAT. There was also the cost of installation to be considered. **MW**

14/87 Proposed Meeting Dates

These were agreed with a possible change from the 1st Thursday for the March meeting.

14/88 Matters Raised by Councillors and for Publication

It was agreed to publicise the Gower Medical Practice reply regarding surgery hours and the undesirability of the practice of driving on Burry Green. **SR**

Clerk advised councillors that their postal addresses would be added to the website. **MW**

Next meeting was changed to **3 December 2014** at Llanmadoc Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.