

## LLANYMYNECH AND PANT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on the 30.11.23 at Pant Memorial Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**Present:** Cllr A. Bond (Chairman) Councillors A. Brown, S. Brown, C. Hadfield, T. Mason, I. Pollitt, P. Roberts and B. Robinson and the Clerk V. E. Byrne, plus 1 member of the public.

23/157 **Apologies for absence.** Received from Cllr Hitch, Cllr Catmur-Lloyd, and Shropshire Cllr Vince Hunt (all prior engagements) these reasons were accepted.

23/158 **Police report.** PC Karl Bryant and PCSO Stuart Carroll in attendance. Police Report was given. Parking in Station Rd Llanymynech was discussed. It was agreed that the Council could display small signs in the bottom of their hedge discouraging parking on the pavement. The Police had provided notices and displayed them in the village hall and agreed to attend if possible when matches are on. The Clerk had sent a fixture list to end of 2023 and would forward the next list when available.

23/159 **Shropshire Council Report emailed by Cllr V. Hunt**– The Leader of Shropshire Council, Cllr Lezley Picton would be in Oswestry Library on the 4.12.23 to meet people. He asked for any matters arising to be forwarded to him.

23/160 **Matters Raised by the Public.** A member of the public reported the new light at the top of the hill in Penygarreg Lane is dazzling drivers, so a canopy was requested to shade it.

23/161 **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest or Bias.** None declared.

23/162 **Casual Vacancy.** The vacancy has been advertised without a Poll being called. Councillors would make enquiries with residents to fill the vacancy.

23/163 **Planning:** The following were considered for comment:

23/05016/FUL - Llwyntidman Lodge, Llanymynech. Erection of two storey extension and refurbishment (revised scheme).

23/04286/TPO: Shirley Gorse, Pant: Fell 1 Atlas Cedar. Permission Granted.

Agreed to enquire of Cllr Hunt regarding Shropshire Council TPO's on Scots Pine trees.

Shropshire Council Enforcement notice was displayed on a property on the lane, agreed to raise this with Cllr Hunt.

23/164 **Vyrnwy Frankton Connection.** No new information.

23/165 **Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting held on the 26.10.23 were Proposed, Seconded and Approved as a correct record.

23/166 **Highway Matters.** Shropshire Council had replied regarding traffic calming on Station Road, Llanymynech had been noted (copy to be sent to the Chairman). The mud on the A483 and pavement by School Lane, Pant had been reported to the Clerk on the 10.11.23 this had been reported to Shropshire Council, Fix my Street and National Highways. The road had been cleared, but the pavement was untouched. Agreed to report this to Shropshire Councillor Vince Hunt. National Highways contractors are doing further work on the A483 lighting with over night closures in place, but the signage is not coordinated and sometimes incorrect. A car rally had problems, unaware that the road was closed and the work is having an impact on surrounding lanes. The work will continue into January 2024. Well House Lane ditch was blocked and the lane was flooded Cllr Roberts would photograph the site and send it on Fix my Street.

23/167 **Financial Matters:** The statement of expenditure v budget to Nov 2023 was circulated and noted. Payments made as shown on list below totalling £4,053.34 were authorised.

23/168 **Shropshire D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration** – Deferred to next meeting.

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23/169 **Rockwell Wildflower Meadow.** The Clerk gave a progress report on the meadow and had circulated a quotation for the hedge planting and laying. This was approved in principle and would be placed on the January Agenda. The main body of work will be booked for spring 2025, as the company are fully booked, but the hedge to be planted beside the newly erected fence will be completed in early 2024.

23/170 **Donations.** A Thank You card had been received from the Community Café for the £100 donation.

23/171 **Rights of Way.** Cllr Brown reported that he had cleared some of the Offa's Dyke path and had also visited a RoW in Llanymynech and agreed access with the property owner,

23/172 **Street Lighting Account.** Clerk reported on the Scottish Power energy account which following the resolution of the incorrect charging now had a credit of £4,602 a refund of this amount had been requested.

23/173 **Councillor or Clerk Reports on Local Issues.** St. Agatha's Church Warden had asked for a volunteer to do a reading at the service on the 18.12.23, Cllr Hadfield volunteered. The Clerk presented information leaflets for Llanymynech area and the Heritage Limeworks and suggested that these be reprinted for visitors next year, which was agreed. Sources of funding will be explored.

23/174 **Date of Next Meeting and Items for Agenda.** It was proposed that in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the next meeting be held on the 18.1.24.

23/175 **Council in Private Session.** To Resolve: That under Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the item of business number 18 on the Agenda as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the likely disclosure of personal information.

23/176 **Clerk's Remuneration.** The NALC pay award for 2023, back dated to the 1.4.23 was Proposed for payment, Seconded and therefore RESOLVED. It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk's 40<sup>th</sup> year of service in 2024 was to be marked by an increase to SC point 32 on the NALC scale from the 1.1.2024.

Cheq	Payee	Amount	Supply
1870	S. Power	194.89	Lighting energy Inv 92943 (paid)
1871	Highline Electrical	196.32	Lighting Maintenance June & July
	" "	196.32	" " Aug & Sep
	" "	98.16	" " Oct
	" "	463.20	Penygarreg Ln new lantern and P'cell
1872	Pant Memorial Hall	56.25	Room Hire Jan to Mar 2024
1873	V E Byrne	1397.19	Salary + back pay
	" "	211.00	Use of room.
1874	HMRC	338.57	Tax & NI
1875	G. Gaskill	314.00	Website - domain name, Adobe etc
1876	M & T Pritchard	636.00	Grounds Maintenance Oct Inv 1713