

Llangyniew Community Council

COMMUNITY/OPEN MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th June 2014
at Pontrobert Village Hall

Present: Cllr Gwalchmai, Cllr A Downes-Evan, Cllr B Thomas, Cllr M Watkin, Cllr H Davies
and Cllr D Lomas

Apologies: Cllr D Evans, Cllr Glynn Watkins

Members of Public: Mr G Forshaw

1. **Chairman's Report .** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and expressed his sadness at the attendance. The chairman's report was short and brief. The chairman thanked the council for their endeavours over the past 12 months. The chairman particularly thanked the previous chairman for her dedication and perseverance in the problematic times of administration within the council. He also thanked the Clerk for bringing the council back on track. The chairman stated that he looked forward to the coming year working with the council assisting the communities of Llangyniew and Pontrobert to enjoying life in this part of the world.
2. **Public Comments and Questions.** There were no public comments or questions in person, however the Clerk had received two letters from Mr L Palmer of Pontrobert who had requested them to be read out in his absence. The clerk duly read them.

Letter 1 - Mr Palmer apologised for not attending and gave his opinion's on the National, County and Local councils futures. The chairman and councillors had no comments to make on the opinions except to thank him for sharing them and accepting his best wishes.

Mr Palmer had 3 questions

Q1: Mr Palmer asked if the council had a 5 or 10 year plan, what changes and challenges do the council foresee and what plans do council have to overcome or enhance them to the benefit of the community? Mr Palmer stated that at the previous open meeting this same question was asked and he wondered what were the results of the councils deliberations.

In answer to the questions posed, the Chairman stated that the subject had not been discussed in council and advised the clerk to make it an agenda point for the next council meeting. He further instructed the council members to ponder the subject ready to bring their thoughts to the next meeting.

Q2: Mr Palmer stated that Welshpool Town council had held a special public meeting specifically to seek the public's opinion on the councils plans and would this also happen for the plans affecting Pontrobert?

In answer to this question the Chairman stated that this wouldn't happen for the following reasons: a. Apathy of people in attending public meetings (this meeting has been well

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published and only 1 person attended) and b. The councillors live in the communities of Llangyniew and Pontrobert and speak daily with residents and can canvas and get to know the communities wishes.

Q3. Mr Palmer asked about the carved benches that were purchased by the council in commemoration of the Queens Diamond Jubilee. He made suggestions to the location of the benches and wished to know how much they cost and where they were currently located.

In answer to the question/statement the chairman stated that the location for the benches had already been decided by council namely the Pontrobert church yard and village green. The council does though, feel that Mr Palmer has a valid point and idea and the council will consider his points when the occasion occurs in the future.

The clerk read out a second letter from Mr Palmer, on the subject of cleaning of road signs with in the area of the Pontrobert boundary signs. The chairman thanked Mr Palmer for his offer but the matter will need to be considered by PCC. The clerk was asked to forward the letter to Highways department of PCC.

Mr Forshaw commented that the public were happy with the information now being posted on the Community Hall web pages.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting a 7.40pm

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