

Llanyblodwel Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Llanyblodwel held on Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.00pm in the Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Memorial Institute.

Present: Andrew Beckett (Chair), Ron Argyle (Vice Chair), Tony Lewis, Darren Counsell, Hollie Dixon, Neil Williams, Bethan Cross, Brian Edwards, Peter Shellard.

Also in attendance: Mrs A Jones (Clerk), 6 residents, Cllr Vince Hunt, 1 representative from the Shropshire Wildlife Trust.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – MINUTES

1.24 Welcome and apologies

No apologies.

2.24 Confirmation of the Minutes

To approve and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11.05.23.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11.05.23 and a copy was signed by the Chair of the Parish Council as a true record.

3.24 Parish Council Annual Report

To receive an Annual Report from the Chairman followed by a Financial Report by the Clerk/RFO.

The Chairman covered the following points in his Annual Report:

- £6300 has been spent on the Church walls with another £4860 of work ordered to be completed at Morton Church.
- Llynclys Crossroads – proposals are being drawn up by Highways England to bid for funding to reduce the speed limit across the junction to 30mph and install a static speed camera.
- New noticeboards have been installed in Bryn Melyn (and a bench), Llanyblodwel, Coopers Lane and Dolgoch.
- The VAS has been moved from Dolgoch to Bryn Melyn.
- The Community Group has done an excellent job this year of fundraising to support Parish Council projects.

The financial report presented by the Clerk/RFO was noted.

4.24 Presentation by Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Councillors and Residents listened to a talk by the Reserve Manager from Shropshire Wildlife Trust. Shropshire Wildlife Trust is a Charity based in Shropshire and set up as a local conservation organisation. There are six reserves in this area (5 in the Parish):

- Sweeney Fen – leased from The Sweeney Estate. Known as an SSI (equivalent to a listed building). Rich with marsh orchids and various wild flowers.
- Jones' Rough – SSI mainly because of the flowers. Animals used to manage the land.
- Dolgoch (land behind the Estate) – Small quarry leased from Tarmac and added to the site 10 years ago with the lease of the woodland at the front. It's on limestone which means it is more likely to be full of scarce plants which is why the Wildlife Trust have more land around here than anywhere else.
- Llyncllys Common – Prized for its limestone grassland. Lots of work has been completed up there recently to clear grassland. Trees cleared due to ash die back.
- Llyncllys Quarry – Owned by Tarmac, the working area is leased to Llyncllys Aggregates. The Wildlife Trust are currently carrying out contract work on the surrounding land (around 100 acres), clearing scrub. Home to scarce butterflies.

The report was noted and the representative was thanked for taking the time to attend the meeting and update councillors and residents on the work going on in the area.

5.24 Shropshire Councillor's Report - To receive a report from Shropshire Cllr Vince Hunt.

The written report (attached) was noted.

6.24 Annual Reports from Organisations in the Parish

- The Community Group gave a resume of activities that have taken place in the last 12 months. Noted. Suggestion made that the D Day 80 event provides free tickets to people who lived through the war, not just those who served.

7.24 Parish Matters / Open Forum - electors are invited to ask questions and raise matters

- Request to follow up on the road safety signs for Bryn Melyn (people crossing, children, narrow bridge) – been outstanding for several years.
- Issues raised about the unadopted lane in Porthywaen known locally as 'Sam's Lane/ Stoney Lane' – lane being eroded by water that is being discharged by the property at the top of the lane. Use of the lane is becoming more difficult and the discharged water is eventually ending up across the A495, directly in the path of Offa's Dyke. The Parish Council reported that they are currently following up the issue with Highways who are liaising with drainage about the water flowing onto the A495. Queries have also been raised about the building being erected on the site and whether this is permitted under permitted development rights. This matter is being followed up by Cllr Vince Hunt.

8.24 Closing remarks by the Chairman

Those present were thanked for their attendance and the meeting was closed.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at: 19.55