



MINUTES FROM LBSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Llangennech Rugby Club on Thursday 26th July at 645pm.

• **Attendees:**

Emma Evans	Cncllr. Rob Willock
Victoria Prendiville	Cncllr. Gary Jones
Peter Williams	Emyr Williams
Martin Williams	Cncllr. Jacqueline Seward
Cncllr. Steve Hughes	

• **Apologies:**

Daniel Price	James Cartwright
Aled Davies	John Peet
Catrin Rees	Katie Mcauley
Clark Hartnell	Nathan Mcauley
Ceri Hartnell	Liz David
Curtis Roberts	Mike Lloyd
Rhian Roberts	Cncllr. I.M. Williams
Helen George	Natalie Price
Neil Bryant	Phil Willock

All absentees agreed to go with a majority in event of a vote. No votes were conducted during the meeting.

- Election of Officers:

Chairperson: Self-Nominated, pre-meeting -

PHIL WILLOCK, Community Member (Agreed)

Secretary: Self-Nominated, pre-meeting -

DANIEL PRICE, Llangennech AFC (Agreed)

Treasurer: Self-Nominated at meeting -

EMMA EVANS, Cylch Meithrin (Agreed)

Media & Communications Officer: Self-Nominated, pre-meeting

CERI HARTNELL, Llangennech RFC Jnr (Agreed)

Events Officer: Self-Nominated, pre-meeting

HELEN GEORGE, Llangennech Netball Club Jnr (Agreed)

Agreed that further officer roles could be filled in future.

- Treasurer Emma is now under the remit to open a bank account in the name of the Llangennech and Bryn Sports Association, with Chairman Phil to complete relevant application as secondary signature.

- Discussion of ongoing perusal of leases and funding:

- **"Phase 1" Dog park;** the current refusal to acknowledge this proposal is due to the ongoing confusion over a planned construction of a barn (which has not been in LBSA plans since the original proposal was put together and knocked back in March); The LBSA plan is to install a grass training pitch, which can also be used as a rugby/football minis playing field, among other sports/activities. There was also a statement regarding upholding the council stance on their "hedge policy" (we are still unclear as to definition of this).

It was agreed at the meeting that if the removal of the hedgerow became a deciding factor in negotiating the agreement of any lease then - as long as a sufficient regulation sized mini playing pitch could be fitted in to the design - then the complete removal of the hedgerow should not be pursued.

The grants Project Officer Ground Survey is due from the grants bodies surveyor, Alan Lewis. We are awaiting a date. This has been communicated to the council in previous correspondence and meetings. Date/appointment of this survey will be followed up by E. Williams. Following

the report of the grant surveyor (to include suggested design), quotes for work will be sought and a business plan put together in order to suffice the council in order to secure a lease on this area.

- **Access to grant funding** is agreed in principle from WRU/FAW/Sport Wales, dependant on lease agreement and strength of application.

- **Confirmation** has been received in writing from Sport Wales that Alan Lewis would be allocated as the project officer, and his fee would be incorporated into the overall project costs.

- The members of the LBSA agreed that this project would - from here-in - be pursued as a **main focus** of the group (as opposed to pursuing a lease on 2 areas) due to the following reasons:

- a) Initial meeting with grants officers for funding (4/6/18) deemed the Dog park venture the most feasible and achievable in attaining the most funding and have the most impact in satisfying our community's current demand for a better facility. Hence it was titled "Phase 1".
- b) It appears that the dual venture is causing some confusion for the council surveyor, so we shall be better off dealing with things one at a time.

- According to the Councillors in attendance, a **Letter of Intent** is to be issued from the Council Clerk to the LBSA with the recommendation of a lease agreement to develop the Tennis Court and surrounding area; "when the LBSA is properly constituted and full business plan is submitted" as per the reports. We now pursue this as a secondary venture, due to the aforementioned and the following reasons:

- a) Funding for regenerating of the tennis court area to construct a "Multi-Use Games Arena" (MUGA) would require restarting the process of seeking potential funding since the current avenue (WRU/FAW/Sport Wales) would not see a MUGA as a suitable project to develop.

b) The MUGA would be a bigger and more complex construction project compared with the ground works proposed for the Dog park, so - while we are forced to pursue one venture at a time - it was agreed that it would be more advantageous to pursue the initial Dog park venture due to its perceived simplicity and completion within a shorter timeframe. This would also prove our group's competency to complete a full project, with a view to moving on to others with the confidence and support of the council, while building relationships with grants officers, contractors, project officers and gaining the experience from a first successful project.

This is not to say that we cannot pursue this as an option further along.

- **Indoor Training Barn** - R&A Properties own land at rear of Stradey Park industrial estate, adjacent to Community Centre. Suspected Japanese knotweed present; our research says this can be treated or buried. Provisional enquiries to be made regarding potential purchase of this land and potential for grants to fund such an endeavour.

- **St. Mikes School Playing Field** - meeting between LBSA, School Directors/Head & Notts Sport (www.nottssport.co.uk) is pencilled in for September regarding potential for funding and design of full sized 4G playing field.

- **Cae Pwnd** (Brynhyfyd Park) - Provisional enquiries to be made with councillors regarding potential lease of this land and potential for grants to fund such an endeavour for a training/playing facility similar to that of Dog park or training barn. It is envisaged that the steep slope would be the main physical and financial barrier to such a development.

- Chairman to approach Llangennech Cricket Club to discuss membership and participation within LBSA with a view to increasing contribution, views and interest in the projects that we aim to launch. (P. Willock)
- LBSA Constitution to be amended to include details of relevant "Legal Advice" as directed by council advisors. (E. Williams)

Forthcoming discussions

- Update on Website / Social Media launch
Ceri Hartnell in process of build, but was unable to attend. E. Williams to contact Ceri with regard to progress. It was agreed at meeting that a strong online presence is essential to build support from community.
- Ideas for the official launch and initial fundraising events / initiatives
 - Sports day at Park? Dates to suit all (avoid clashes)?
Steve Hughes mentioned holding something at the Community Centre? Maybe opportunity also for the clubs and businesses to have a stall to promote participation?
 - Rob Willock reads that the recently formed Brynamman Sports Association have launched with a "river litter pick" followed by a "duck race"! It was agreed that contacting the association for advice would be beneficial.
 - If anyone who knows of any people who are keen to join the Association then please come forward or spread the word.

Summary of Actions:

Member	Action	Completed
Emma Evans (Treasurer)	Open bank account	TBC
Phil Willock (Chairman)	Secondary signature for bank acc.	TBC
Em Williams	Follow up Grant ground surveyor	TBC
Phil Willock	Discuss participation with Cricket Club	TBC
Em Williams	Amend Constitution	TBC
Em Williams	To contact Ceri (media and comms officer) for an update	TBC