

LLANGATTOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The following are the minutes of the Council Meeting that was held on Tuesday, 16th February 2016 in Llangattock Community Hall, Llangattock, commencing at 7pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs. N. Stockham
Cllr Mrs S Jones
Cllr Mrs J Dobbs
Cllr. R. Jones
Cllr. R. Williams
Cllr R Thomas

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

827/16

Cllr J Dobbs proposed that Cllr Richard Jones be nominated to serve as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr S Jones, there were no further nominations therefore it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Richard Jones be elected to serve as Chairman until the AGM in May.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

828/16

Cllr S Jones proposed that Cllr Ron Williams be nominated to serve as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr J Dobbs, there were no further nominations therefore it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Ron Williams be elected to serve as Vice Chairman until the AGM in May.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Ms K Holmes & County Cllr J Holmes

IN ATTENDANCE: 6 members of the public and Mrs J Pritchard, Temporary Clerk.

To Receive Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

None.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

829/16

On a proposal by Cllr S Jones, seconded by Cllr R Jones it was agreed by all those who had been present at that meeting that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th January 2016, previously circulated, could be signed as a true record of that which took place.

MATTERS ARISING from the previous meeting (for information only).

830/16

None.

LLANGATTOCK LITTER PICKERS

831/16

Mr Michael Butterfield was invited to join the table to discuss the proposals from the Llangattock Litter Pickers to take over the maintenance of the grass verges in the 30mph zone in Llangattock from Powys County Council. Members were told that this will involve road sweeping, weed control and grass cutting and to reduce the costs of mowing the grass more wild flower areas are being planned. Mr Butterfield produced a map which showed the areas that they are interested in and said that they plan to take a minimal amount of money from Powys County Council and intend to do this at no extra cost to the tax payer. Mr Butterfield informed Council that they would be using a 3rd party contractor to maintain the area along the Legar for health and safety reasons and answered several questions from Councillors. Before he concluded his address Mr Butterfield reminded Council about the Llangattock Litter Pickers supporters club which has been set up to help fund the wild flower planting and to replace the flower troughs when the need arises.

It was resolved on a proposal from Cllr S Jones to support the Llangattock Litter Pickers proposals to take over the maintenance of the verges in Llangattock, this was seconded by Cllr R Williams and unanimously agreed.

PLANNING APPLICATION

832/16

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Side Extension, Porch and Garage
1 Plas Derwen, Llangattock, Crickhowell, NP8 1HY

There were no adverse comments regarding this application.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

833/16

Cllr R Thomas said that he believed that there were three issues for the Council to discuss, Firstly the Council doesn't communicate well enough with the residents, second the Council needs to improve the Website and thirdly the Council should produce an Electronic Community Newsletter which he said would be very easy to do but the Council needs to be clear about a process for doing it. Cllr Stockham said that not everyone has internet access and it was mentioned that a paper copy of the newsletter could be printed for those who wanted it.

Website - Cllr Richard Jones said that the Council needs to purchase Adobe softwear for the Council laptop so that the Clerk can update the Llangattockcc.org web page. At the moment Mr Freeland is editing the website for the Council and when the software is purchased Mr Freeland has offered to train the Clerk and one or two Councillors on website editing so tha the Council can do this for themselves.

It was resolved on a proposal from Cllr J Dobbs to purchase the Adobe Software, this was seconded by Cllr S Jones and unanimously agreed.

BUDGET AND PRECEPT

834/16

The Clerk apologised saying that she hadn't had time to bring the accounts up to date and asked to defer reviewing the budget for 2016/17 until next month.

RECREATION GROUND

835/16

Fallen Tree - The tree that had recently been uprooted was discussed briefly and it was ***resolved on a proposal from Cllr S Jones, seconded by Cllr Dobbs and unanimously agreed that Cllr Ron Williams would cut it up and take it away.***

Notice Board - Cllr Ron Williams had obtained a quote of £183 for a new door for the Notice Board which was made with toughened glass. Members discussed getting other quotes and it was ***resolved on a proposal from Cllr R Jones, seconded by Cllr Stockham and unanimously agreed to spend up to £183 to get the notice board fixed asap.***

Overhanging Trees - Cllr Stockham asked about the overhanging trees in the Recreation Ground and was reminded that Mr Ian Preece had submitted a planning application to the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA) for permission to cut down the offending branches but nothing has been received back from the BBNPA. It was ***resolved on a proposal from Cllr R Jones to contact the BBNPA to chase up the planning application.***

Repairs to Playground Equipment - A quotation had been received from Rubicon Play to repair the multiplay equipment at a cost of £1521 plus VAT, this was cheaper than the previous 2 quotes submitted to the Council for this work, there was also a quote to repair the swings at a cost of £550 plus VAT and following a brief discussion it was ***resolved on a proposal from Cllr R Thomas, seconded by Cllr R Jones and unanimously agreed to accept these quotes to get the work done asap.***

Plan to Replace Playground Equipment and Apply for Funding - Members discussed putting together a new Recreation Ground Committee with interested residents of Llangattock so that a plan can be drawn up to replace the playground equipment. Cllr R Thomas said that the park area is the one thing that the Council are known to have remit over and is also one reason why the Council are not regarded very well. It was agreed that the Council need a plan for applying for external funding from places such as the Big Lottery Fund and members heard that a group in Talybont on Usk are also doing this. Members discussed the need to consult with the Community and put together a plan for Community approval.

LABY BY DAVID TAYLORS GARAGE

836/16

Council were informed that Powys County Council had agreed to re-instate the layby near to David Taylors Garage three or four years ago as Heavy Goods vehicles do not have anywhere to park and rest. Following a brief discussion it was ***resolved to write to Powys County Council to ask when they plan to reinstate this layby.***

Cllr R Williams left the meeting at 8.20pm.

ONE VOICE WALES MEMBERSHIP

837/16

On a proposal from Cllr R Thomas, seconded by Cllr R Jones it was ***resolved to renew the Councils membership with One Voice Wales.***

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

838/16

Council heard that there were two applications for the post of Clerk to Llangattock Community Council, it was agreed that all available members should interview the candidates and a date of Friday 19th February was set with the first candidate being interviewed at 5pm and the second at 6pm. Members agreed to meet before the interviews to go over the questions and the temporary Clerk was asked to be in attendance.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

839/16

County Cllr Holmes had sent his apologies and had also sent an email with updates on County Council matters which the Chairman read out in Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

840/16

1. Llangattock Litter Pickers proposals to maintain verges in the Llangattock 30mph zone. Discussed earlier in meeting.
2. Gerard Kilbride re Village Signs.
It was **resolved to write to Powys County Council to ask for the broken to sign to be replaced with "Llangattwg"**.
3. Powys County Council re Village Hall Annual Revenue Grant Scheme.
It was **resolved to complete this form and submit it to Powys County Council**.
4. One Voice Wales, Area Committee Agenda Friday 5th February. Noted.
5. Sam Ridge, BBNPA Warden re management works in Llangattock Beechwood. Noted.
6. One Voice Wales re membership renewal for 2016/17. Discussed earlier in meeting.
7. PCC new refuse and recycling collection search facility. Noted.
8. Ffawyddog Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - Notes for Guidance. Noted.
9. PCC re Cancellation of Community Delivery Meeting. Noted.
10. Cllr Sarah Kilbride resignation from Council.
It was **resolved to Sarah Kilbride thanking her for her services to Council**.
11. Mrs J Charlton re dogs in Llangattock Beechwoods. Noted.
12. Rubicon Play repair and maintenance works in Llangattock Park. Discussed earlier.
13. Llangattock Litter Pickers re Additional wild flower verges in Llangattock. Noted.
14. County Cllr Jeff Holmes, Llangattock Resident update. Read out earlier in meeting.
15. Cllr N Stockham, resignation from Vice Chairman post. Noted.
16. Powys County Council re Fuel Poverty Nest Scheme. Noted.
17. Ryan Greaney BBNPA re Cedars & Chestnuts planning Application. Noted.
18. Mrs J Charlton re Councillor Vacancies & Plaques for Jubilee Trees.
It was **resolved to purchase a plaque for the Jubilee Trees**.
19. Vale of Grwyney CC re next 5 Councils Meeting, 14th April. Noted.
20. Mr M Butterfield re Complaint re Councillors Meeting. Noted.
21. Kirsty Johns - Offer of Help from Ffawyddog Neighbourhood watch. Noted.
22. Powys County Council, reply to cutting of Llangattock Hedge. Noted.
23. One Voice Wales copy of response re Draft Local Government Bill. Noted.
24. Powys County Council re Powys Local Development Plan 2015. Noted.
25. Llangattock Community Allotment Society Grant Request. Agenda Item next month.
26. Vale of Grwyney CC re dangerous parking on Bellfountain road, Crickhowell.
Members agreed to support the request for the waiting times in the layby to be removed.

ACCOUNTS

841/16

On a proposal by Cllr J Dobbs, seconded by Cllr R Jones, Council unanimously approved the finances for February.

Members authorised payment of the following:

Mrs Jill Pritchard (Temporary Clerk)	£361.25
HMRC	£ 90.20
Postage Reimbursement (Oct to Jan)	£ 16.83
Mr A Braithwaite	£180.00
SLCC Enterprises (Arnold Baker publication)	£ 89.63
Printerland.co.uk, new Council printer (paid to Cllr R Jones)	£222.00
Black Hill Web Design Ltd (Llangattokcc website editing)	£ 60.00
S Kilbride (Gifts for Public Convenience Volunteers)	£ 15.50
One Voice Wales Membership 2016/17	£135.00
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (Public Conveniences)	£351.95
Scottish Power	£ 35.06

Members noted receipt of the following:

Western Power Distribution (Wayleaves)	£ 9.78
HMRC VAT return	£859.58
Mrs Edwards (Interment of Ashes in Cemetery)	£360.00
Western Power Distribution (Wayleaves)	£119.52

OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

842/16

None.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDA'S OR FOR THE CLERK TO ACTION

843/16

- Budget FOR 2016/17
- Plan for the Recreation Ground Refurbishment
- Llangattock Community Allotment Society Grant Request.
- Agenda items for next 5 Councils Meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

844/16

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 15th March.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

Signature of Chair Date.....2016