

LLANGATTOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The following are the minutes of the Council Meeting that was held on Tuesday, 19th January 2016 in Llangattock Community Hall, Llangattock, commencing at 7pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs. N. Stockham, Acting Chairman
Cllr Mrs S Jones
Cllr. R. Jones
Cllr. R. Williams
Cllr R Thomas

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Mrs. J. Dobbs and Cllr Ms K Holmes

IN ATTENDANCE: 4 members of the public and Mrs J Pritchard, Temporary Clerk.

To Receive Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

None.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

811/16

On a proposal by Cllr R Jones, seconded by Cllr S Jones it was agreed by all those who had been present at that meeting that the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th December 2015, previously circulated, could be signed as a true record of that which took place.

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

812/16

(799/15) Council Communications - Cllr R Thomas said that he would prepare something on Communications for discussion at the next meeting.

(802/15) - Arnold Baker Council Administration - The Clerk advised that this publication had been ordered and delivered and was available for any member to look at.

PLANNING APPLICATION

813/16

15/12262/OUT

RECONSULTATION DUE TO AMENDMENT

Erection of 17 Dwellings and garages including 4 affordable dwellings and related works, landscaping and infrastructure. Chestnuts and Cedars Home, Hillside Road, Llangattock, Crickhowell, Powys, NP8 1LD.

Members looked at and discussed the amended plans and noted the reduction in the number of dwellings from 20 to 17. Council was reminded that they had no objections to the proposal last time round but had submitted some observations to the Planning Authority. The proposed area of development is an historic part of the village and whilst the Council had no objections to the application it was agreed to invite the BBNPA Case Officer, Mr Ryan Greaney to meet with Councillors to give them a summary of the application and inform Council on what the implications are for the village and particularly its Historical value.

PLANNING DECISIONS

814/16

- 15/12815/FUL Permission for Alterations to existing side extension in order to develop first floor conservatory proposal.
at Llwmws Farm, Hillside, LLangattock, Crickhowell, NP8 1LF.
- 15/12616/FUL Permission for Proposed garage attached to existing bungalow for trailer and motorcycle.
at 13 Beaufort Avenue, Llangattock, Crickhowell, NP8 1PN.
- 15/12756/LBC Permission for the Removal of all the existing windows to the main dwelling "Hendreforwydd" and their replacement with new units at Hendreforwydd, Glanusk, Crickhowell, NP8 1LP.

WALES AIR AMBULANCE

815/16

A letter had been received from the Wales Air Ambulance requesting financial assistance from the Council. Members noted that as grant requests are usually considered in November this discussion should be deferred until then.

BUDGET AND PRECEPT

816/16

County Cllr Holmes arrived at 7.44pm.

The Clerk had prepared and circulated a budget from what limited resources were available to her and advised Council that the bank balances were approximate as there were still some bank statements missing. It was noted that the invoice for the local election held in November had not been received and that another election could be called soon following the recent resignations. The Clerk asked the Council what they wanted to do in regards to the precept and it was noted that the budgeted income was £4000 less than the budgeted expenses. Cllr Thomas said that he would not wish to put the precept up without knowing what the expected projects were going to cost the Council.

It was resolved on a proposal from Cllr R Jones to keeping the precept the same as last year which was £18686, this was seconded by Cllr Thomas and unanimously agreed. Cllr Thomas said that he would like to look at the budgeted figures more closely at a future meeting.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

817/16

A copy of the most recent model financial regulations from One Voice Wales had been circulated to all members and discussed briefly at last months meeting.

It was resolved on a proposal from Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr R Jones it was to adopt these Financial Regulations as the official Financial Regulations for this Council.

THE DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) BILL

818/16

Cllr Thomas had circulated via email a briefing from the Welsh Assembly's research service on the impact of the Draft Local Government Bill. Members noted that it is only a draft bill at present and is subject to change before it becomes law. Members also discussed the impact on Community Councils which includes compulsory training for local Community Councils and a postponement for Community Council elections from 2021 to 2023 so that they take place at the same time as County Council elections. It was also noted that Community Councils may be asked to merge with neighbouring Councils.

NEW COMMUNITY HALL/HUB

819/16

Cllr Stockham and Cllr R Jones declared an interest as they are members of the Llangattock Community Hall Committee. County Cllr Holmes left the meeting at 8.20pm following some heckling from the Public Gallery.

Cllr R Jones said that he had asked for this to be on the agenda because he believed that it would be to the Villages advantage to have a separate village hall as the current one is linked to the school and unavailable during school hours therefore it has a limited use. It was noted that this Council is Custodians of the current Community Hall but it has a Management Committee to take care of the day to day running. Cllr Stockham informed Council of the fundraising activities that took place to finance the building of the current Community Hall. The Horseshoe public house was mentioned as being a possible ideal site to situate a Community Hub and following further discussions it was agreed that the Council should take the lead and liaise with the other Community Groups to work in partnership to look into the provision of a new Community Hall/Hub away from the Primary School.

GILWERN ROAD STONE WALL

820/16

Cllr S Jones said that she had asked for this to be on the agenda as she is worried about the state of the stone wall along the Llangattock to Gilwern Road which has been weekend through traffic accidents resulting in the ground beneath it giving way. Council were told that the Llangattock Litter Pickers had reported a crack in the road which is on the Powys County Council Monitoring list. Following a brief discussion it was agreed to contact Powys County Council to find out what they intend to do about the problem.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

821/16

Cllr Stockham said that it was a shame that County Cllr Holmes had left the meeting as she wanted to ask him about the trimming of the hedge from the Vine Tree up past the allotments to the Plas corner, which should be cut by Powys County Council as part of the agreement. It was agreed to contact Brian Price at PCC to ask whether this is going to be done soon.

CORRESPONDENCE

822/16

1. Mr M Butterfield, email re observations on December Council Meeting. Noted.
2. Cllr R Thomas, briefing on the Assembly's research on the impact of the Draft Local Government Bill. Agenda Item.
3. Llangattock Green Valleys re complaint to Council resolved. Noted.
4. Ceryl Hughes re Legar Community Flood Plan. Noted.
5. Cllr Ian Preece re damage to LCC notice board. Noted.
6. Bronwen Bermingham re Acceptance of LCC Internal Audit. Noted.
7. Powys Citizens Advice Bureau, thank you for donation. Noted.
8. Jo Lancey, PCC 2 Emails re Llangattock Parking and Traffic Issues.
Members discussed the response from Jo Lancey regarding the traffic issues. Following a brief discussion it was agreed to email Jo Lancey asking her why there is a moratorium in place, when will it be lifted and when will the next opportunity be for this Council to work together with PCC to discuss issues which Llangattock residents have raised with the Council.
9. Llanfrynach Community Council re Wildflower Planting Scheme. Passed to Llangattock Litter Pickers.
10. Cllr Ian Preece, letter of Resignation from Council. Noted.
11. Llangattock Litter Pickers Annual Report for 2015. Noted.
12. Powys County Council Refuse Collection Weekly Changes. Noted.
13. Powys County Council re Community Delivery Meeting with Llangattock Litter Pickers.
It was agreed that Cllr Ron Williams and Cllr Stockham would attend this meeting.
14. Cllr Anglea Waring, letter of Resignation from Council. Noted.

ACCOUNTS

823/16

On a proposal by Cllr R Jones, seconded by Cllr S Jones, Council unanimously approved the finances for January.

Members authorised payment of the following:

Mrs Jill Pritchard (Temporary Clerk)	£361.05
HMRC	£ 90.40
Clerks Office Allowance	£ 60.00
Mr A Braithwaite	£210.00
Black Hill Web Design Ltd (LlangattokCC website editing)	£ 52.20
Thomas Waste Management (Hire of Wheelie Bin)	£ 6.00
RCS Wales Ltd (Mowing & Strimming) Cemetery	£804.00
RCS Wales Ltd (Additional grass cut & leaf clearance in Cemetery)	£132.00

OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

824/16

None.

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

808/15

- Bettering Council Communications
- Budget FOR 2016/17
- Plan for the Recreation Ground Refurbishment
- Reinstating the Layby by David Taylors Garage

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to both Ian Preece and Angela Waring for their services during their time on this Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

810/15

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 16th February.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Signature of Chair Date.....2016