

LLANGATTOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The following are the minutes of the Council Meeting that was held on Tuesday, 17th November 2015 in Llangattock Community Hall, Llangattock, commencing at 7pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs. A. Waring, Chairman
Cllr. R. Jones
Cllr. I. Preece
Cllr. Mrs. N. Stockham
Cllr. R. Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Mrs. J. Dobbs, Cllr. Mrs. S. Jones,
Cllr. Mrs. S. Kilbride

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public and Mrs J Pritchard, Temporary Clerk.

To Receive Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

Cllr Preece on planning application 15/12616/FUL, 13 Beaufort Avenue

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

779/15

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

On a proposal by Cllr R Jones, seconded by Cllr Stockham it was agreed by all those who had been present at that meeting that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 20th October 2015, previously circulated, could be signed as a true record of that which took place.

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

780/15

(767/15) BBNPA - Chairman, Cllr Waring reported that as there had been no feedback received from the BBNPA representatives she had written separately to both the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Planning requesting feedback with particular concern regarding the footpath through the Horseshoe Public House Car Park.

(773/15) - Recreation Ground and Public Toilets - Cllr Preece had obtained two quotes from Tree Surgeons for work in the Recreation Ground. Dragon Tree Care at £90 plus Vat and Julian Jones, Llangattock at £60 with no VAT.

Cllr Stockham asked about the whereabouts of the aqua sacks for use in the event of flooding and following a brief discussion Cllr Preece volunteered to speak to Mr and Mrs Wright, Park Lodge.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

781/15

15/12616/FUL Proposed garage attached to existing bungalow for trailer and motorcycle.
13 Beaufort Avenue, Llangattock, Crickhowell, NP8 1BT.

Cllr Stockham, Cllr S Jones and Cllr Williams had reviewed this planning application and made a site visit. Cllr Stockham reported that the proposed plans appeared to be out of proportion compared to others in the area and said that this was their recommendation to the BBNPA, this was formerly proposed by Cllr R Jones, seconded by Cllr Williams and unanimously agreed.

GRANT REQUESTS

782/15

Citizens Advice Bureau, Brecon

Cllr Waring reminded Council that Grant requests are traditionally considered by Council in November each year. Members discussed the letter received from the Citizens Advice Bureau, Cllr Preece said that he is a big fan of the CAB having used them himself in the past and proposed a donation of £50, this was seconded by Cllr Stockham and unanimously agreed.

Eisteddfod

It was agreed that the Eisteddfod is out of the area and therefore not in the Councils remit for donation.

RECREATION GROUND MAINTENANCE

782/15

Tree Surgeon Quotes - Cllr Preece reminded Council that he had requested quotes from three tree surgeons, only two had responded, Dragon Tree Care quoted £90 plus Vat and Julian Jones, Llangattock quoted £60 with no VAT. Cllr Preece proposed that Council accept the local quote from Julian Jones at £60, this was seconded by Cllr R Jones and unanimously agreed. Cllr R Jones also proposed that Council give Cllr Preece the mandate to arrange and complete the BBNPA forms to carry out the work required in the Recreation Ground, this was seconded by Cllr Waring and unanimously agreed.

Public Conveniences Grant - A grant is available from PCC for the maintenance of Public Conveniences, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact PCC for more information on applying for this grant.

Playground Equipment - Cllr Preece reported that he had found it tricky to get quotes for the work required to the large wooden climbing frame that was identified as being a medium risk in the recent safety inspection report. Two quotes had been submitted for the work, Ian Rott quoted £1980 with no VAT and J L Stephens had quoted £1550 plus VAT based on 3 days labour which would be reduced accordingly if it took less time to complete. The quote from Ian Rott of £1980 included the replacement of a supporting beam deemed as low risk in the report however the J L Stephens quote did not include the replacement of the beam as they could not cover this in their liability insurance therefore Ian Rott had reduced his quote to £1860 to not include the replacement of the supporting beam. Following a lengthy discussion

where members debated replacing the whole structure which originally cost around £30,000 it was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr R Jones and unanimously agreed to have a site meeting and for Cllr Preece to contact the Play Inspection Company who carried out the safety survey, to query the supporting beams risk assessment and the reasons for it being categorised as low risk.

Cllr K Holmes and County Cllr J Holmes arrived at the meeting at 7.43 pm.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

783/15

Speed Signs - County Cllr Holmes began by reporting that he had done his monthly inspection of the village on the 3rd November and said that the speed signs were waiting to come back after being in for repair but should then be in place for three to four months.

Horse Riding Signs - County Councillor Holmes said that there were some concerns that there is a lot of horse riding in the lanes but there are no horses signs around the village to make vehicles aware that there could be horses in the road ahead.

Dog Bins - There is one dog bin missing from the Canal and Cllr Holmes said that this will be replaced as soon as possible.

Drainage near the Rectory Hotel - In previous winters there have been problems with rainwater running down the Hill from the Canal Bridge towards the Rectory Hotel which has frozen causing ice and dangerous driving conditions; this should now be rectified with the installation of a grip to take the surface water away.

Plas Derwen - There are plans in place to resurface Plas Derwen, but Cllr Holmes could not confirm when this would happen.

Salt Bins - Cllr Holmes reported that all the Grit Bins in the area have been checked and filled ready for the winter, he also said that Powys CC have enough grit for the winter.

Three weekly rubbish collections - There is a larger 240 litre wheelie bin available for larger families and those families with two or more children in nappies. Anyone who needs a larger bin or the purple sacks can contact Powys CC on 0845 6027035 and there is more information on the website at www.powys.gov.uk/recycle.

Beechwood Road -

Cllr Preece asked Jeff Holmes about the proposed 20mph zone and painting of white and yellow lines around the Beechwood Road area, County Cllr Holmes said that there was a moratorium but this has been lifted on certain things and he would look into it. Cllr Holmes said that it would be a good idea for Council to put together a list of issues regarding parking and 20mph zones etc to pass onto Jo Lancey at PCC, it was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Beech Hedge - Cllr Stockham asked if Powys County Council were going to trim the hedge from the Vine Tree up towards the village as per the agreement, Cllr Holmes said that he would look into this.

GLEBE FIELD

784/15

A letter had been received from the current Tenant asking for an extension on the tenancy so that he could improve the soil quality with lime and fertiliser. Cllr Preece said that it is common practice to look after a good tenant stressing that the tenant had already done a lot of work to improve the boundaries. Following a brief discussion Cllr Preece proposed that the Clerk contact Powys County Councils legal and scrutiny department to seek advice on extending tenancy agreements, this was seconded by Cllr Jones and unanimously agreed.

IT EQUIPMENT AND THE COUNCIL WEBSITE

785/15

Cllr Waring began by explaining that the Council needs to purchase a printer as it does not have one and the laptop needs replacing as the current one is slow and there is a problem with the charger. Cllr Waring and Cllr R Jones met with the administrator of the website who they found to be very professional, he had offered to give training on updating the website and will only charge for any work he has to do rather than an annual fee. The Council needs to purchase an Adobe program to be able to run the website from the Council laptop, which was noted and following further discussion Cllr Preece proposed that Council purchase a new laptop and printer at a budget of no more than £600, this was seconded by Cllr R Jones and unanimously agreed. It was also noted that all Councillors should have a dedicated email address solely for Council purposes.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL CLERK

786/15

Following a lot of interest in the post there had been three applications for the position of Clerk to Llangattock Community Council, it was agreed that as many Councillors as possible should look at the applications the following evening with a view to interviewing during the week commencing the 23rd November. It was agreed that the Personnel Group would conduct the interviews.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

787/15

The election to fill the vacancy on this Council takes place on Thursday 26th November in the Community Hall. The cost of the Election will be in the region of £1000 to this Council and Cllr Waring explained that if the Council wants Powys County Council to issue polling cards this will be at an extra cost of £500. It was agreed that as polling cards were not required to vote they would not be needed at the extra cost. Cllr Waring said that Election Notices will be put up around the village and on both the Llangattock Council website and the LLangattock Council page on the CriC website.

CORRESPONDENCE

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1. P.C.C Copy of Llangattock Litter Pickers Licence Agreement
2. County Cllr Graham Brown, PCC re Community Delivery
3. P.C.C Email re 3 weekly waste collections.
4. Mr M Butterfield, Emails re VAT and Freedom of Information Request.
5. Lyn Llewellyn, receipt of payment for internal audit 2014/15.
6. Kirsty Johns re Ffawyddog Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
7. Wales Audit Office – Newsletter.
8. Glenn Coldicott re Future of the Horseshoe Pub.
9. J Charlton re BDO Audit documents.
10. M Butterfield re Audit Documents.

ACCOUNTS

789/15

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

Members authorised payment of the following:

Mrs Jill Pritchard (Temporary Clerk)	£245.79
HMRC	£ 61.20
Mr A Braithwaite, (September)	£180.00
Mr A Braithwaite, (October)	£210.00
Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau (Grant Request)	£100.00
The Abergavenny Chronicle (Clerk Vacancy Advert)	£180.00
The Brecon and Radnor Express	£180.00

Members noted receipt of the following:

Mr M Butterfield, Photocopying cost of Freedom of Information Request. £2.90

CLOSED MEETINGS

790/15

The confidential reports of the closed meetings which were held on the 22nd September and 8th October 2015, previously circulated, were received and accepted as a true record.

OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

791/15

There were no meetings to report but Cllr K Holmes said that she will be attending Llangattock School Governors meeting the following evening and Cllr Stockham said that the Focus Health Group will be meeting on November 30th at 6.30pm.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDA'S

792/15

- SOLVA Project
- Communications
- Secondary School Budget Cuts (Crickhowell High School)
- Council Newsletter
- Arnold Baker Council Administration Publication

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

793/15

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Signature of Chair Date.....2015
Cllr A Waring