



## Llangattock Community Council

### CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWG

The following are the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Llangattock Community Council held at the Community Hall on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020** at **7.00pm**.

**Present:** Cllr J Rees, Cllr Jones (Chair), Cllr Parsons (Vice Chair), Cllr C Jones, Cllr G Dobbs, Cllr A Williams

**3 members of the public**

Clerk to the Council – Kay Bailey

County Councillor Jackie Charlton

**Public Participation:**

None

<b>01/20</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Cllr A Williams arrived at 7:05pm
<b>02/20</b>	<b>Members' declarations of interest</b>	None received
<b>03/20</b>	<b>Minutes of the Ordinary meeting to be approved from 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	
<b>04/20</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from the above meetings (For information Only) – available on the day</b></p> <p><b>Outstanding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog signage – awaiting Sam Ridge to confirm signage is now in (see email)</li> <li>• Phone Kiosk – no further information</li> <li>• Cemetery metal work – update Cllr R Jones confirmed that Adam is hoping to start soon</li> <li>• Hedge email to Powys – small update from Cllr Jones. (Clerk contacted the officer and is awaiting a response regarding the full contents of the email).</li> <li>• Speeding signage – Cllr Parsons/PSCO Billy Dunn confirmed she is still awaiting this information</li> <li>• Place Plan – Clerk to start planning the poster by the end of Jan, further contact with Helen at Brecon Beacons National Park regarding the funding available, she has pencilled in the public meeting, there is money to allow for printing and posting to all residents if a steering group is formed.</li> <li>• Recreation Ground Community Group – no further feedback from the Clerk. Cllr Parsons may have two interested parties and County Councillor J Charlton stated she was happy to be on the committee</li> <li>• Noticeboard – wall – currently awaiting feedback from National Parks</li> <li>• Email to commissioner regarding parking on The Legar</li> <li>• Email to Duke of Beaufort (and others) regarding an overgrown pathway (reported by Cllr Rees, need photos)</li> <li>• Email to police commissioner regarding likelihood of enforcement of speed</li> </ul> <p><b>Other actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hall rental analysis completed for GP – work needed</li> </ul>	



	<p><b>Actions completed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Precept sent to Powys</li><li>• Public meeting set for 9<sup>th</sup> Feb on Facebook and Website (posters available for notice-boards)</li><li>• Volunteers buffet – date of 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> Feb currently being put forward. Letter of thanks has been drafted. (Update from Clerk)</li><li>• Emailed <a href="mailto:llandrindodcouncil@btconnect.com">llandrindodcouncil@btconnect.com</a> regarding pride 2020</li></ul>
<b>05/20</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications:</b></p> <p><b>19/18148/FUL - Proposal: “Removal of single-storey extension and construction of two-storey extension to rear elevation”</b> <b>Address: Yard Cottage , Hillside Road, Llangattock Crickhowell NP8 1HU</b> No Comment</p> <p><b>20/18185/FUL - Proposal: “Demolition of small side extension and construction of side and rear extension with new front porch”</b> <b>Address: Annex At Penrheol Darren Cottage, Hillside, Llangattock Powys NP8 1LF</b> No Comment</p> <p>You can see all applications by going online <a href="http://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/planning/">http://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/planning/</a></p>
<b>06/20</b>	<p><b>County Councillor’s Report (For information Only)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Speeding problems</b> awaiting the date for a Public Meeting. Jo Lancey will provide information and answers to any questions before the public meeting. Will be putting some questions together and will provide feedback if required at the appropriate time and if you have anything you want to ask please get in touch.</li><li>2. <b>Council Tax is rising again.</b> Proposed increase this year is 5%. Lib Dem opposition group is working on getting this lowered to 3.5%. We have exposed some anomalies in the budget so are confident that a proposal to limit the rise this year is achievable. We have also exposed the draconian measures and savings from small project grants that will save just £63,000 but will be reduction in grants of 30%. These include Wyeside, Theatre Hafron, Theatre Brychieniog and other small grant pots. Y Gaer is still experiencing difficulty in attracting volunteers to enable the library to open fully.</li><li>3. <b>Monthly litter pick</b> completed this month from Llangynidr canal bridge to Turnpike Road. Llangattock Litter Pickers were filmed this month for ITV and await news on when this will be aired.</li><li>4. <b>Crickhowell High School</b> have not met since December. Some good news from the Powys County Council budget for all schools as the threat of some financial pressures have been avoided due to better than expected funding from Welsh Government and all salary and pension increases will be covered centrally. There was a threat of schools having to absorb those costs which are very high.</li><li>5. <b>Llangattock Church in Wales Primary</b> governors have not met yet this term. More work and negotiations ongoing between the school and Community Hall on the parking issues. Still awaiting information from Powys County Council regarding land ownership, access and agreements for the school and Community Hall to be clear about responsibilities, liabilities and legal issues.</li><li>6. <b>Monthly surgery</b> on the second Saturday of the month which was held on 11 January. Next surgery is planned for 8<sup>th</sup> February. Anyone is able to attend with issues or concerns and if you would like a more private meeting then please get in touch. Regular Monthly Newsletter went out on 8 January and is placed on all notice boards.</li><li>7. <b>Pressure on banks withdrawing from Post Offices</b> ongoing as still under threat. Also major Brecon &amp; Radnor Campaign regarding charges for ATM cash withdrawals. Not</li></ol>



	<p>happening here yet, but real risk due to recent government changes that this will be a future threat.</p> <p><b>8. The Grange Hospital</b> will be opening next year and there is to be more information regarding the impact for Crickhowell and Llangattock people soon. Powys Community Health Council is keeping up the pressure to enable us to have more information on the new service very soon. Will keep you posted here is a useful link:-  <a href="https://abuhb.nhs.wales/clinical-futures1/clinical-futures-news/">https://abuhb.nhs.wales/clinical-futures1/clinical-futures-news/</a></p>
<b>07/20</b>	<p><b>To receive any Co-Option forms</b>  Forms to consider have been received  The Council discussed the two forms that had been received with the following outcome:  Tim Jones and Mark Reynolds were co-opted to the Council</p>
<b>08/20</b>	<p><b>Outside Bodies &amp; Other groups update</b>  <b>Community Hall Committee:</b>  Cllr R Jones (Chair) investigations were on going regarding the area at the back of the hall as to whom the land belonged.  <b>Coffee Morning:</b>  Cllr G Parsons (Vice Chair) discussed a concern brought up from a resident at the coffee morning regarding the drains outside the Horseshoe pub – that they require to be checked before any resurfacing takes place (from Dukes Yard to the Old Shop). Would Council assist with writing a letter regarding this?  <b>Resolution: That the Clerk send an email to Highways officer Vincent Playdon concerning the matter.</b></p>
<b>09/20</b>	<p><b>Handyman meetings feedback (Cllrs Parsons, Dobbs and Jones)</b>  Cllr R Jones (Chair) and Cllr G Parsons (Vice Chair) confirmed that after meeting with candidates that they recommend the applicant Wayne Thomas to be the handyman subcontractor for the Council.  <b>Resolution: For the Clerk to create a Service Agreement for the sub-contractor</b></p>
<b>10/20</b>	<p><b>Quotes received:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Overhanging trees in the Cemetery</b></li> <li>• <b>Foliage in the Recreation Ground</b></li> </ul> <p>The quotes were reproduced for the Council as there were now three contractors.  Quote 1 £150 &amp; £300 = £450.00  Quote 2 £600 (plus VAT) &amp; £500 (plus VAT) = £1320.00  Quote 3 – combined quote of total (inc VAT) £816.00  The Council discussed the quotes, quote one included the use of a hand pole so not thought to be enough height), quote two and three were then discussed, and the lesser of the quotes accepted.  <i>Proposed by Cllr G Parsons and seconded by Cllr J Rees</i>  <b>Resolved: for the Clerk to contact OTM to contract the work on behalf of the Council</b></p>
<b>11/20</b>	<p><b>Financial Report and Cheques for sign-off</b>  <b>Current Account Bank Balance £21,396.14 (16.01.2020)</b>  <b>Reserve Account Bank Balance £8,427.05 (16.01.2020)</b></p> <p><b>Expenses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk’s Salary £742.32 (includes three months of home office costs)</li> <li>• A Braithwaite Toilet Cleaning £180.00</li> <li>• Home Improvements Toilet cistern repairs &amp; guttering repairs (from vandalism) £113.64</li> <li>• OTM Ltd Grass cutting £202.50</li> <li>• Viking Stationary £8.84 &amp; £43.49</li> <li>• Thomas Waste £5.20</li> </ul> <p><b>Income:</b></p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Precept £6,445</li> <li>• HMRC cheque (report from Clerk) £475.74</li> <li>• Came &amp; Co £272.46</li> <li>• Western Power distribution £119.52</li> </ul> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr A Williams and seconded by Cllr G Parsons</i> The Council voted unanimously to accept the payments and pay via electronic payment where applicable</p> <p><b>Resolution: For the Clerk to pay the payments online bank transfer.</b> The Council discussed the Finance Statement for Jan and the Clerk ran through the “income item” and the HMRC refund, the refund related to the Temp Clerk (Maternity) and the payroll being outsourced to Powys. The Temp Clerk had paid some of the tax incurred from her own bank account due to confusing information relating to tax code set up at Powys, the RFO stated that therefore some of the money needed to return to the Temp Clerk (bank statement received from Temp Clerk stating amount due).</p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr A Williams and seconded by Cllr G Parsons</i> The Council voted unanimously to accept the payment and pay via electronic payment where applicable.</p> <p><b>Resolution: For the Clerk to pay the payment online bank transfer.</b></p>
12/20	<p><b>Correspondence – available via the Clerk or on the day in the Main Meeting Pack</b> Email: from resident expressing her interest in the new ventures. (Clerk to update on this)</p> <p>The email was read by the Council – the resident was in attendance and gave a brief overview of her experience.</p> <p>Email: VE Day 75 Celebrations request:</p> <p>Cllr Williams requested the email and Council requested an agenda item for February.</p> <p>Email: Grant request from LACAS</p> <p>Council requested an agenda item for February.</p>
13/20	<p><b>Items for the Newsletter for Feb 19</b> Place Plan information A “who to report what to number section” @ Powys</p>
14/20	<p><b>Date of next ordinary meeting to be the 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020</b></p>
15/20	<p><b>Chairman update on Code of Conduct and Personnel issues</b> <i>To resolve if this meeting should exclude the public and press as per the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 due to the potential of personal/confidential information being discussed. The Council unanimously proposed to exclude the public from the meeting at this point.</i></p> <p>The Chairman address the Councillors on the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That there is currently an issue with regards to over talking in the meetings both by Cllrs and the Public, this is leading to difficulties with missing information for both Cllrs and the Clerk</li> <li>• That Cllrs should be reminded to abide by the Nolan Principles when speaking and address the Chair</li> <li>• That Cllrs should be reminded to contact the Chair if they have any concerns about performance of an employee</li> <li>• That the Council should think about how they intend to work with the County Councillor</li> <li>• That training is necessary to address some of the points raised</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk requested a Personnel Committee Meeting at their earliest convenience.</p>

