



Llangattock Community Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Community Hall on Tuesday 20th November at 7.00 pm.

Public Participation. Mr Sam Ridge, Warden of the Brecon Beacons National Park spoke about the fencing along the Beechwood/Recreation Ground boundary. The National Park offered to meet, in principle, in the middle, on any new fencing.

Representatives of the Allotment Society pointed out that the barbed wire on the top of the fence was useful in deterring human incursions.

Rabbit proof fences need to be dug into the ground to 12" if there are to be effective – unfortunately this would be likely to damage tree roots in the area.

The warden offered to get 3 quotes for the work. The Community Council will get a quote also.

A resident asked to speak to the meeting. In the playground there is a very slippery patch by the see-saw which needs the moss clearing from it. Also there are several hedges around Llangattock which are overgrown forcing pedestrians into the road to pass by. The resident asked that the Community Council write to owners of such hedges to ask that they be cut back.

Present

Cllr R. Jones (Chairman), Cllr G. Dobbs, Cllr A Williams, Cllr G Parsons and Cllr R. Williams.

In Attendance

S Dale (Job Share Clerk), K Bailey (Clerk and RFO), Warden Sam Ridge and 5 members of the public.

Welcome

208/18	Apologies absence	for	Cllr J. Dobbs, CCllr J. Charlton
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209/18	Members' declarations of interest	None
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210/18	Minutes	From the council meeting of the 16th October 2018.
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Proposed by AW and seconded by GP, approved with amendments to 191/18.
 "Pathway between church over bridge" to read "Pathway from the church to the bridge – there is a fence which has fallen. Clerk to write to the owner to repair it."

Archive project item, second line "oaky" to read "okay".

211/18	Matters arising
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- 191/18 The item concerning Crickhowell Bridge needs to record the fact that the bridge was renovated in the late 70's early 80's and personnel changes have led to the emergency services not knowing the robust properties of the bridge.
- Trees – applications accepted, now awaiting decision
- Toilet – the work has been completed, further comment needed on slate roof
- Friends of the Cemetery – date decision last Saturday of each month starting Dec 29th 2018
- Friends of the Recreation Ground - date decision last Saturday of each month starting Dec 29th 2018
- Bee Friendly scheme – no update at present
- Zip Wire – See correspondence section
- Cemetery Gate work completed – please see photo from Chair
- Three spaces are now up for Co-option – no applications to date
- Village Vision survey – printed the first batch for Cllrs to take this evening
- Notice boards have been ordered – awaiting delivery
- Water Fountain test completed – awaiting results
- Flood plan – update from flood, do Council want an agenda item next month
- Education Trust – Cllr A Williams, discuss trustee issue. Cllr A Williams to remain as representative to the Education Trust
- Christmas lights – forms given to Cllr Williams, update. This item is not being taken forward as the forms and process are too lengthy and costly
- Playground equipment – quotes have been requested, one Co requests payment to do so, discuss in December meeting
- Quotes for noticeboard (oak) replacement – Cllr Jones
- Dates for the Christmas meet up are being circulated – sent via email. Most replies so far are favouring the 3rd Dec
- All other actions are either recurring, or in progress – please feel free to request the full log from the Clerk
- **Outstanding**

- Newspaper article about Dog waste
- **Other actions:**
- Letters completed – copies provided
- Residents regarding car parking opportunity – draft, in hand
- Recreation Ground photo of conveyancing document regarding use attached

212/18	Planning
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18/16792/FUL – Glanusk Park. Provision of mobile shelters (pods) providing facilities for tourist uses including fishermen and guests. Provision of a septic tank (retrospective).

How many units are to be built? No other objections.

213/18	County Councillor's report – for information only
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- Monthly County Councillor Newsletter placed on all notice boards. The newsletter from the notice boards in the Church are still being taken down. Would like to put out on Nextdoor but technology has got the better of me and don't know how to achieve this??
 - About to assess the Recycle Survey carried out during Oct and Nov.
- Headlines from the surveys so far:-**
- Llangattock residents highly value recycling
 - Green Waste Bin valued (this has been shared across Brecon & Radnor by other Lib Dem Councillors and a way forward proposed soon).
 - Would like to be able to do much more recycling of soft plastic

I am sure there will be a full report from Richard on the Public Meeting held on 30 October too but if you need any feedback from me please just ask. Have been in touch with Portfolio Holder and gave a response back on that. No one has been in touch for any further information since the meeting. I have made sure that those who need to know about the Public Meeting and the strength of feeling have been told. The consultation comes to an end on 2 December.

- Been a very busy month for me in Powys County Council developing a new Scrutiny Process after criticism from the Wales Audit Office. County Councillors will be asked to support this in January and will be attending a development session to ensure this is fit for purpose. Scrutiny is a key part of all strategic planning for the Council where strategy and policy comes under the spotlight of Councillors before the Cabinet makes a decision as well as monitoring of substantial changes in the council.

Some areas which are important to us all:-

- Children's Services
- Adult Social Care
- Leisure
- Education
- Highways
- Recycling and Waste
- Trading Standards

And much more.

The Scrutiny Process is about to become much more transparent and inviting people to provide information, evidence and support as witnesses to the monitoring process too.

- County Council members will be participating in the interview process for a new Chief Executive to take place on 20 November.
- Pot holes are opening up all the time. The one at The Vine Tree is a particularly bad example but on the case and it was filled last week. This will open up again and have asked that a fuller assessment can be made of this because it keeps on opening up and it looks like the road is sinking.
- Powys County Council will be taking back in house verge cutting and other grass and amenity work from April 2019.
- The emergency flood plan has been on the agenda and it has been accepted that the chaos of last month must not happen again. A local emergency group is being planned and better co-operation between different agencies agreed. Not sure how this will impact on cross authority support between Powys and Monmouth on highways and Dyfed Powys Police and Gwent Police on emergency road closure support.

214/18	Presentation from National Parks Officer regarding fencing into the Beechwood.
See Public Participation.	

215/18	Precept Report (Clerk)
KB presented the precept report.	
Budgeted levels of Hall hire were queried, KB to analyse the last 3 years and report back.	

The high cost of cleaning the public toilets was queried – a councillor felt they were not clean enough.

The budget for the newsletter was noted – this has not been used for purpose yet. Although the budget has been useful for the village vision project and office expenses.

£1500 (£150 per councillor) is mandatory.

£1200 for a tree survey has been saved due to co-operation between BBNPA and the Community Council. This saving can go into the resultant crown-lifting project.

The Bee Friendly scheme has no cost heading, engagement has been via social media and scouts and beavers. Costs have been kept very low so far.

The car park budget could be spent on the wall survey.

Maintenance on the roof of the public toilet is required and a contingency fund for repairing acts of vandalism.

Clerk to ask Powys County Council for information about capital grants for re-building the public toilets. Clerk to ask Tesco's about being on the tokens scheme.

One Voice Wales has indicated that the Chairman's fund is the usual route to pay for thank you celebrations for volunteers.

The total spent under Section 137 amounts to £762 so far.

It was noted that the village hall has undergone a very positive turnaround recently.

216/18	Woodlands group request regarding the stone in the cemetery
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The stones are left over from grave digging.

RESOLVED: Approved, all in favour.

217/18	Village Vision – questionnaire for handing out and preliminary delivery roads.
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20 questionnaires were ready for each councillor. Roads were assigned:

GP Plas Derwen and Clos Ciliau, RJ Village, RW Park Drive, GD Ffywddog, AW Dardy.

218/18	Archive files from Community Hall – sign off for destruction
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RESOLVED: The proffered papers were approved for destruction. Except for one police report which was retained.

RESOLVED: Clerk to look into the feasibility of destroying the papers by the clerk shredding them.

219/18	Use of the cemetery over the winter months
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With the longer hours of darkness comes risks of accidents in the cemetery.

RESOLVED: To reduce the hours of interments to the cemetery to no later than 2pm.

RESOLVED: To inform the church (and funeral directors) of the change.

RESOLVED: To put problems with funeral arrangements on the agenda for next time.

220/18	To receive any co-option forms
None	

221/18	Village hall update and request for temporary replacement Cllr due to ill health.
Cllr G. Dobbs was assigned as the temporary replacement.	

222/18	Feedback from the public meeting on the 30th October regarding green waste (Powys) consultation
<p>The feedback is on social media. The meeting was well attended with about 30 residents. The closing date is the 2/12. Residents are encouraged to complete the have your say forms which are kept at the library.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To ask Powys County Council for six of the new bins to be used for community green waste. Grass cuttings and other waste are collected in the course of community activities which may cease if volunteers have to use their own facilities to dispose of them.</p>	

223/18	Financial report and cheque sign off.	
	Current account Bank Balance	
	Reserve account bank balance	
Payee	Amount	Notes
K Bailey (Nov payment)	£465.60	Wages (electronic transfer)
S Dale (Nov payment)	£215.60	Wages (electronic transfer)
A Braithwaite (Nov payment)	£180.00	Electronic transfer
OTM	£202.50	Grass cutting for cemetery and graveyard
Crickhowell Home Improvement	£222.17	Moss clearance and toilet roof maintenance
SLCC	£100.00	Clerk's membership to the SLCC
C W Thomas	£300.00	Stone pillar for cemetery – completed via electronic transfer, all agreed.

224/18	Correspondence – available via the clerk or on the day of the main meeting pack
Email: Rubicon (subcontractor for the zip wire) 09.11.18 – update on zip wire and interaction with a resident.	
Email: LACAS – regarding vandalism of a bench 08.11.18	
Email: S Dale (Clerk) – regarding leaving date at end of November	
Email: Cane and Company, confirmation of extra yearly premium for the zip wire – 13.11.18	
Email: One Voice Wales – Tree charter day 14.11.18	

225/18	Date of Next Meeting
Tuesday the 18th December 2018, 7pm at Llangattock Community Hall	