



Llangattock Community Council

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

Public Participation.

Present

Clr A. Williams, Cllr G. Parsons, Cllr J. Dobbs, Cllr N. Shugar, Cllr C. Mason and Cllr R. Jones

In Attendance

4 members of the public
S Dale (Job Share Clerk)

Welcome

36/18	Apologies for absence	C Cllr J. Charlton and Cllr G. Dobbs
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37/18	Members' declarations of interest	Cllr R Jones personal interest in 59/18 took no part in the decision.
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38/18	Minutes	From the council meeting of the 20th February 2018.
Approved.		

39/18	Matters Arising – for information only	
Agenda-ed where necessary, but clarification given re 184/17, which refers to laurel trees at Llanwysg/West Llanwysg and 247/17 information was received that the chair of governors agreed that the silver birch tree needed attention.		

40/18	Planning	
None		

41/18	County Councillor's report – for information only	
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- Newsletter is now published, the C Cllr is looking for feedback on the best way to share the report.
- Adverse weather conditions have highlighted the need for a contact plan, like that for the flood management plan. May this be added to the village plan?
- The local democracy boundary commission of Wales have reported – Llangattock and Llangynidr are to be joined for County Council elections, where only one Councillor will be elected for the new ward. See www.ldbc.gov.wales for details and to comment.
- The future of the Old Yard on the Legar is to be discussed, see item 58/18.
- A Powys bottle return scheme has progressed with a supportive motion being passed by Powys County Council.
- Seeking safer travelling through the village, with potential for 20 mph limits, traffic calming and parking changes.
- Negotiating with Powys County Council for a reduction in the speed limit on the Dardy to 30mph.
- Pot holes and drains are always in need of improvement and this is made worse by bad weather, it is an uphill battle.

42/18	To discuss the creation of a Friends of the Recreation Ground Group to help community engagement with the upkeep and projects in the grounds
RESOLVED: To check if the proposed volunteer signing in sheet is required by the insurers.	
ADJOURNED: To accept the proposed volunteer documentation on the next agenda.	

43/18	To approve the final sign off of the new bench policy
RESOLVED: To accept the new policy.	
RESOLVED: Send copies to the three residents in correspondence with the community council.	

44/18	To receive an updated quote for the guttering and maintenance of the toilet. To discuss the recent pipe issues experienced in the extreme weather and further maintenance that may be required.
Pipes burst in the cupboard and in the ladies the tap broke. A “frost heater” may still be in the cupboard – clerk to ascertain. Vandalism is a problem – should the toilets be closed, perhaps in the winter? Clerk to specify the costs of operating the toilets for consideration next meeting.	
ADJOURNED: To examine the costs of operating the toilets next meeting.	

45/18	Blacksmith quote for the Cemetery Gate (Clerk)
The piers need to be rebuilt with new pins for the gates, this cost would not included the improved access to the cemetery. Improved access would involve widening the access considerably, costs would included new gates, masonry and tarmac. Estimated to be in	

the region of £10,000.
RESOLVED: To engage with the community and raise funding.

46/18	To discuss gaining two more signatories for the cheque book and the potential for the council to have some payments via internet banking
RESOLVED: Council accepted Cllrs Mason and Williams as signatories. Internet banking was accepted by 4 of the 6 councillors.	

47/18	To discuss the received quotes for the removal of the Cemetery Trees and to further discuss the project in more detail – see clerk report
Residents have asked that certain trees be trimmed in the short term. In the absence of guidance from the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA) the trees cannot be trimmed.	
RESOLVED: To wait for guidance from BBNPA.	

48/18	To discuss Maesyffynnon – Crickhowell Day Care Centre report back (J Charlton)
RESOLVED: Maesyffynnon is an issue for Llangattock residents. There is to be another meeting at the end of April, another tender has been withdrawn.	

49/18	To receive the consultation information from the boundary board
RESOLVED: The report states that Llangattock and Llangynidr will be joined together as one ward for County elections. Comments can be made via: http://ldbc.gov.wales/reviews/electoralreviews/?lang=en	

50/18	To receive any updates from the school governors : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Draft letter regarding the improvements to be accepted – Update of trees on the boundary issue, Council awaiting response
RESOLVED: To send the amended letter to the Welsh Government.	

51/18	To receive information regarding the bee friendly scheme and discuss how to implement the themes suggested
Wild flowers could be grown in beds in the recreation ground, but they could not be grown in to the grass of the recreation ground and the glebe field (assuming the licensee agreed). A Bee champion is needed- Cllr G Parsons will liaise.	
ADJOURNED: To confirm the Bee Champion at the next meeting.	

52/18	To receive the flyer for the village vision (Cllr C Mason)
RESOLVED: The flyer was approved subject to some cosmetic amendments. A trial of the data gathering process will take place soon with residents (date to be arranged). The flyer to be delivered in June.	

53/18	To revisit the photos of the noticeboards (Rec. Dardy, Fawyddog, Vine Tree) and decide which to refurbish or replace. To discuss the funding opportunities that could be investigated to coincide with the new financial year.
<p>The photos were accepted and the need for a new noticeboard opposite the Chapel was discussed and accepted. Dimensions of the noticeboards were available.</p> <p>ADJOURNED: Costs of fitting and prices of noticeboards should be detailed for the next meeting: To double the size of the Park Drive noticeboard, to seek to double the size of the Vinetree noticeboard (with permission from the owner of the Vinetree), to double the size of the Dardy noticeboard, to double the size of the Fawyddog noticeboard and to have a new noticeboard opposite the Chapel double the size of the Dardy noticeboard. The views of the National Parks should be sought about the appearance of the noticeboards and permission sought if necessary.</p> <p>RESOLVED: There was a discussion about whether or not the boards should be lockable. A majority (5 of 6) of those Councillors present voted for unlocked noticeboards.</p>	

54/18	To discuss the next steps in the Zip Wire project
<p>An application form for a grant from the Llangattock Community Education Trust was received. Further discussion and decision awaits information from the contractors.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The form to be completed by the clerk and presented to the Community Council next meeting.</p>	

55/18	To receive the draft letter to be sent to Highways regarding the disabled bays on Park Drive (Cllr R Jones).
<p>RESOLVED: To send the letter into Powys County Council (Highways).</p>	

56/18	To receive the latest information regarding the new Data Protection Regulations due to come in to force 25th May 2018. Tool kit now available (Clerk).
<p>RESOLVED: Covered by the letter to the five councils' liaison committee.</p>	

57/18	Cllr Nic Shugar- absence from Council for 5 months, attendance has now been breached and the role of councillor will now be placed up for co-option (Clerk).
<p>RESOLVED: The Councillor attended this meeting and was therefore not in breach of the 6 month rule on attendance.</p>	

58/18	To discuss the area known as the Old Yard with a view to requesting the use of this area for recycling (Cllr A Williams)
<p>There may be interest within Powys County Council in this idea. The Rotary Club of Crickhowell may also be interested. The idea should free up a small number of extra parking spaces in Crickhowell, currently used to house the recycling facilities there.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To find out about the factory on the site.</p>	

To approach personnel in Powys County Council (C Cllr J Charlton to be asked to identify the correct officer).

To liaise with the Rotary Club of Crickhowell on progress.

59/18 To discuss the request for a covered bus stop and the current bus stop outside the Horseshoe Pub (Cllr J Charlton)

RESOLVED: To find out about the contract renewal for the bus service, reported to be for later this year. To present findings at the next meeting.

After some discussion it was further resolved to refuse to support this request.

60/18 Finance Statement and cheques to be approved for signing

Payee	Amount	Notes
S Dale	£195.11	Payroll from Feb for approval only (£22.40 tax payback)
K Bailey	£350.74	Payroll from Feb for approval only
S Dale	£	Mar to be confirmed by Powys Payroll
K Bailey	£	Mar to be confirmed by Powys Payroll
Andy Braithwaite	£180.00	Toilet Cleaning
OTM	£607.50	Grass cutting (3 months, now up to date)
W Thomas	£TBC	Toilet repairs.

61/18 Date of Next Meeting

Items for the next agenda include; to discuss a proposal for zig-zag markings on the hill by the school and to discuss the poor state of Beaufort Road (the main road through the village)

The next meeting of the community council will be Tuesday 17th April 2018 in Llangattock Community Hall at 7pm.