



Llangattock Community Council

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You are *summoned* to attend an extraordinary meeting of Llangattock Community Council to be held at the Community Hall on **Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 7.00pm.**

Kay Bailey
16 Kennelwood, Gilwern, NP7 0BD

AGENDA

Public Participation:

Present

In Attendance

170/18	Apologies absence	for	
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171/18	Members' declarations interest	of	Reminder to members. A personal interest is also a prejudicial interest because under the objective, public perception test (<i>Para 12(1) of the Members' Code of Conduct</i>) where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority you may also have a prejudicial interest in that business if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonable regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.
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172/18	Minutes to be approved from 14 th August 2018 Extraordinary Meeting Minutes to be approved from ** July 2018 Ordinary Meeting		
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173/18	Matters Arising from the above meetings (For information Only)		
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174/18	Planning Applications - 18/16585/FUL – rear extension – Penllangwilym, Hillside - 18/16526/FUL – PVC Conservatory, 12 Beaufort Avenue - 18/16492/FUL – Upper House, Llanwysg You can see all applications by going online http://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/planning/		
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175/18	County Councillor's Report (For information Only)		
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176/18	Clerks report on the complaints received by the Ombudsman for Wales in relation to a Cllr
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177/18	<p>To discuss the complaint received from a resident regarding the upkeep at the Cemetery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could or should the Council pay for general maintenance to be undertaken throughout the year • Could or should the Friends of the Cemetery group meet more often
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178/18	<p>Playground Equipment Report has been received, notably actions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-play medium risk <p>Discuss the report and authorise remedial actions Discuss the letter received from Powys regarding extra services available for inspections</p>
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179/18	To discuss the request for a Public Meeting on Parking Issue
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180/18	A report from PCSO 80 Billy Dunne regarding parking issues in the Village
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181/18	To discuss the flower troughs around the Village (Cllr J Charlton & Cllr Richard Jones)
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182/18	Update on Zip Wire and further comments
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183/18	Update on LACAS show and further comments
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184/18	<p>Financial Report and Cheques for sign-off Current Account Bank Balance £13,881.13 Reserve Account Bank Balance £9,384.04</p>
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Payee	Amount	Notes
K Bailey (Aug payment)	£446.20	Wages (Electronic transfer)
S Dale (Aug payment)	£225.40	Wages (Electronic transfer)
S Dale (Sep payment)	£196.00	Electronic transfer
K Bailey (Sep payment)	£463.00	Electronic transfer
A Braithwaite (Aug payment)	£180.00	Toilet Cleaning – Electronic transfer

Andy Braithwaite	£180.00	Toilet Cleaning – Electronic Transfer
Printerinks	£143.05	Printer Inks (Cheque sent)
OTM	£202.50	Invoice 862 (Cheque sent)
OTM	£202.50	Invoice 914 (Cheque sent)
Viking	£103.89	Boxes and inks for A3 and stamps (Cheque Sent)
W Thomas	£604.60	Toilet repairs (guttering, paint, repairs to woodwork)

185/18	To discuss and accept the quote for the new Noticeboards
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186/18	To discuss the grant application from Crickhowell Archive Centre
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187/18	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beavers and Scouts email 03.09.18 - Booking form for the 29th OVW AGM 24.08.18 - Email from family regarding a recent burial 12.09.18 - Email request from resident regarding a tree in the recreation ground (via Cllr J Charlton's CC surgery) 20.08.18
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188/18	Discuss a possible response to problems with the Garden Waste lorry and parking at the school
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189/18	Discuss the repair to the Information Panel (original folder supplied for history)
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190/18	Date of next ordinary meeting to be the Oct 18 7pm at Llangattock Community Hall
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Public Speaking Procedure at Council Meetings

The following criteria should be followed:

- a) If there are a number of the public in attendance each address would be limited to 5 minutes per person.
- b) All questions and answers addressed through the Chair.
- c) If on the same topic, then two people to represent the whole group.
- d) May put any relevant question to the Council or Town Councillor
- e) There will be no discussion in answering the question from either party.
- f) Where the six-month rule applies, the question may be put, an answer shall be given providing it had already been discussed.
- g) Questions should be submitted to the Clerk 5 working days before the next Council meeting

Pack for Agenda:

173/18 Matters Arising:

To be circulated and presented at the meeting (via email on Monday 17th Sep) to allow for most up to date response.

174/18 Planning applications are in the pink folder with Sue

175/18 Cllr J Charlton to report

176/18 Clerks Report to the Council regarding correspondence received from the Ombudsman

The Clerk has received two pieces of correspondence relating to two complaints received by the Ombudsman regarding the (ex) Cllr N Shugar. They are enclosed for your information.

Mr N Shugar had requested that these letters be placed on the noticeboards, however, all complaints to the Ombudsman are confidential and from individuals or residents and are therefore not of the jurisdiction of the Council to disseminate on public noticeboards. The Ombudsman copies in the Clerk to the Council to keep them informed, but they are not at liberty to discuss the cases due to confidentiality but can report back to the Council once decisions have been made.

Of the two complaints the Ombudsman has discontinued one and did not uphold the other.

177/18 Cemetery Complaint

A resident contacted the Clerk via the Council website with a complaint regarding the Cemetery to state:

"I am writing to complain about the appalling state and maintenance of the cemetery in Llangattock. My father died 4 years ago and we have been increasingly fed up with the way that the grass is cut and all the grass cuttings left strewn all over the graves!

The access path is slippery and covered with moss making it dangerous to walk when wet. It is incredibly disrespectful and upsetting for the families who have their loved ones buried there. I have on many occasions brought this to the attention to a numbers of counsellors and they had had the 'couldn't really care less' attitude, but the problem still seems to be the same, and nothing has ever been done to rectify the general upkeep. It seems that the contractors have the ethos of cutting the grass and getting it done in the shortest time possible with no thought or respect.

We have spoken to other families that visit the graves and they are all of the same opinion. We would like this matter looked into and responded to as soon as possible. I hope that this can receive your immediate attention."

The Clerk spoke to the resident via the telephone and had a detailed discussion regarding the length of time and the nature of the complaints the group of residents have. The length of time the issues have been occurring is over 4 years, so the issues do not relate just the grass contractors currently employed. The complaint is that the upkeep of the whole cemetery is not up to standard and that instead of the Friends of the Cemetery group being the only group tacking the general maintenance that the Council should revert to using paid labour as has been done in the past. The resident had also taken photos of some of the issues they saw (enclosed). The Clerk stated she would report her concerns to the Council and the grass cutting contractor, which she has done via email, sharing on the photos taken regarding cutting over the top of graves leaving soil only, rather than cut grass. The resident stated that she understood that the grass cuttings after growth periods would be notable but left that this together with the general upkeep of the borders, the moss and the leaf debris that it should be included in the complaint towards finding a better way of dealing with the Cemetery upkeep. The resident left that the Council are showing a lack of concern for the views of residents regarding the grounds.

CLERK COMMENT/SUGGESTIONS

- Council could re-examine the requirement for a handyman, which was last discussed in 2016, agreed, but no advertisement was produced. The handyman role could include monthly tending to the asset (brushing up leaves, tending to the boarder, clearing dead flowers and grass racking, hedge trimming, bench and light gate maintenance).
- That the Friends of the Cemetery group meet more often to contend with the general upkeep over the Spring/Summer period, especially meeting after grass cutting has taken place so as to pick up on any issues caused (broken flower pots, general mess)

178/18 Playground Equipment Report

The latest ROSPA report states that the following items are at the end of their useful working life:

- Swings
- Multi-play – specifically that the item's decay may affect structure integrity and that they recommend replacement rather than just repair
- Corrosion on the seesaw

CLERK COMMENT/SUGGESTIONS:

- Given the nature of the report the Council may/should take the view that this is the next part of the Recreation Ground redevelopment.

179/18 Public Meeting regarding parking

The Councillors are aware of the current issues regarding parking in and around Park Drive, a resident has requested the Council hold a public meeting so that the public can discuss their concerns. The Chair has suggested that the Police Commissioner be invited to this meeting as traffic issues are outside of the remit of the PCSO.

180/18 PCSO 80 Billy Dunne to discuss issues regarding parking

181/18 Flower troughs

The Chair received a report that the flower trough near the Cemetery has been thrown in to the Glebe Field, the Clerk and the Chair reported this action to the Llangattock Litter Pickers. Enquires by Cllr Charlton have provided further information on the troughs around the village and who currently looks after them.

Cllrs R Jones and J Charlton to lead the discussion.

182/18 Zip Wire

Still awaiting start date from Rubicon

183/18 LACAS Show

Flip chart, table and A3 folding notice board secured

184/18 Financial Statement and cheques to sign and sign off from Aug and September

185/18 Invoice for new noticeboards enclosed for discussion and sign off to pay electronically

186/18 Grant application from the Archive centre to consider

187/18 Correspondence list

188/18 Garden Waste Lorry issue – Cllr G Parsons

189/18 Information Panel

The Information Panel has rotted away and collapsed. Cllr R Jones has completed an inspection and can expand, original file found in archive material for information. Discussion and agree action.

190/18 Next date