



## **Llangattock Community Council**

### **CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWG**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Community Hall on Tuesday 21st February at 7.00 pm.**

#### **Public Participation.**

The Chairman welcomed councillors and Paul Sheridan (a visitor from the Canal and Rivers Trust) who gave an update on the canal work in Llangattock. The relining of the canal is proceeding at great pace and it will reopen on the 1st of April 2017. There is a diversifying planting scheme that will enhance the canal's appeal to wildlife, particularly dormice. Thirty-one sites are to be cleared to improve the view from the canal. Councillors enjoyed their visit to the canal.

#### **Present**

Cllr. R. Jones, Chairman, Cllr A. Fryer, Cllr G. Dobbs, Cllr R. Thomas (arrived late), Cllr J. Charlton, Cllr A. Williams, Cllr N. Shugar.

#### **In Attendance**

A member of the public – one visitor from the Canal and Rivers Trust  
S Dale (Temporary Clerk)

<b>21/17</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Cllr J. Dobbs, Cllr S. Jones
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<b>22/17</b>	<b>Members' declarations of interest</b>	None
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<b>23/17</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>From the meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>
The minutes of 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 were approved.		

<b>24/17</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>
Independent Remuneration Panel held a well presented event attended by Cllr J Charlton. She reported that the IRP are keen to attract more younger people to the role of Community/Town Councillor. The IRP have extended the range of allowance councillors can claim including up to £403/month for childcare/carers allowance. There is a website to refer to: <a href="http://gov.wales/irpwsb/home/?lang=en">http://gov.wales/irpwsb/home/?lang=en</a>	

The coffee morning was well received. Possible future venues are the Chapel, Heron's Nest, The Vinetree, The Horseshoe and the Village Hall. The coffee mornings are to be quarterly but some councillors feel that the event should be monthly. Agenda item for the March agenda, Temporary Clerk to action.

The Community Council has applied to the Llangattock Community Education Trust for a grant of £400 to help with the costs of the zip wire.

9/17 Cllr R. Jones together with members of the Recreation Ground Committee will, when required, write a letter to elicit interest from the business community.

04/17 The bench has been delivered see item 31/17.

10/17 Burial regulations update needs revisiting as the intention of some councillors was to make burials of deceased pre-school age child free. Agenda item for the March agenda, temporary clerk to action.

<b>25/17</b>	<b>Report from the County Councillor.</b>
Update on the Gilwern Road Depot – the site is nearing closure.	

<b>26/17</b>	<b>The crack on the Hafod Road is widening, the crack on the Gilwern Road has not been corrected. To be discussed and action agreed.</b>
Powys haven't responded to the clerk's enquiry. However it looks though the work may begin soon on the Hafod Road and is beginning on the Gilwern Road.	

<b>27/17</b>	<b>Signs in the car park are missing. To be discussed and action agreed</b>
A list of the missing signs is to be compiled, together with their wording. Temporary Clerk to action.	

<b>28/17</b>	<b>Proposal for an outdoor war memorial and garden for Llangattock. To coincide with the 100 years of remembrance tribute in November 2018. Adjourned from January meeting.</b>
Adjourned to March agenda.	

<b>29/17</b>	<b>Grass cutting contract to be renewed.</b>
The 3 year contract was chosen as it offers value for money. Prop. Cllr A. Williams. Sec. Cllr. G Dobbs, all in favour.	

<b>30/17</b>	<b>Letter from a resident about the refurbishment of the 22 benches in the community – she mentions sponsoring some of the refurbishment. To be discussed and action agreed.</b>
The literature that came with the new bench should be sent to the resident. Benches are on the list of things to do, part of the rejuvenation of the recreation ground. Favourable consideration was given to the idea of a new bench near the tennis court.	
<b>31/17</b>	<b>A resident has suggested moving the Dardy bench 10 yards closer to the</b>

	<b>village for better enjoyment. To be discussed and action agreed.</b>
Approved. The position of the bin was also discussed, it was resolved to move the bin to Cwrt-Isaf farm.	

<b>32/17</b>	<b>Discussion about the canal meeting which took place on the afternoon of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.</b>
Councillors reported that it had been hugely enjoyable, very informative and a good job.	

<b>33/17</b>	<b>Risk Assessment to take place for every event involving volunteers. To be discussed and action agreed.</b>
This to include the Friends of the Cemetery and the Park Drive toilet volunteers. Cllr J. Charlton to provide an example of a volunteer's risk assessment.	

<b>34/17</b>	<b>Finance statement and cheques to be approved for signing.</b>	
Payee	Amount	Notes
Marmax	£432.00	Invoice (incl. £72.00 VAT)
Mr A Braithwaite	£180.00	Cleaning
Tim Batchelor	£2,000.00	New extended path/rail, low wall (incl. £333.33 VAT)
Richard Jones	£33.86	Expenses; bench fixings . £5.99, Slate sign fixings £14.37, mileage 30 miles at 45.5p £13.50
One Voice Wales	£390.50	Finance training
One Voice Wales	£35.00	Code of conduct training
One Voice Wales	139	Member
S Dale	£536.31	59*9.09=£536.31 Maternity cover, temporary clerk
The cheques and finance statement were approved.		

<b>35/17</b>	<b>The pricing structure for the cemetery to be discussed and action agreed.</b>
Adjourned to next meeting. And add date of eligibility to St Gatwg's Electoral College qualification.	

<b>36/17</b>	<b>A letter of congratulations should go to the Llangattock Litter pickers for their raising the profile of Llangattock in such a positive way.</b>
Resolved, the temporary clerk to send letter.	

<b>37/17</b>	<b>Newsletter to be discussed and action agreed.</b>
Councillors discussed how the newsletter should be delivered -electronically and hand delivered. Advertisers and donations would be sought to help defray the costs.	

<b>38/17</b>	<b>Correction to the minutes of September 2015. These should read "12<sup>th</sup> of May" not "6th of May". To be discussed and action agreed.</b>
Resolved.	

<b>39/17</b>	<b>5 Councils' liaison committee is to hold a meeting in March, do Councillors have any agenda items to suggest?</b>
Youth Council for the 5 Councils'. Arranging meeting dates to facilitate councillors of other community councils attending meetings. Do other councils have chambers? If so what are they like?	

<b>40/17</b>	<p><b>Since 2014 the National Park have been looking at ways of enhancing community engagement to support the Beechwood with local management. It is a complex piece of land with a long history. One proposal was for a "Friends" group to be set up. After an initial meeting about 12 months ago bringing different groups and individuals together from the community it was proposed to prepare the way for this to proceed. In October last year a meeting was held with several people including representatives of the Council.</b></p> <p><b>The proposed way forward was to ask the Community Council if it would be prepared to take on the role of parent organisation to a "friends" group.</b></p> <p><b>This motion therefore asks for support from the Community Council to begin a process to engage and invite residents and/or groups in Llangattock to support a new organisation called "Friends of Llangattock Beechwood".</b></p> <p><b>As the Community Council is the most sustainable organisation in the community it will be able to support this process with a constitution which will be managed by a working group initially and then a permanent "friends" group.</b></p>
Resolved, that Llangattock Community Council take the parent role, one or two councillors interested in the project need to agree the constitution. Prop: Cllr J Charlton, Sec: Cllr A Fryer. Public liability for the Beechwood does not reside in the Community Council.	

<b>41/17</b>	<b>Document Storage, to be discussed and action agreed.</b>
The Community Council resolved to spend up to £180 on office equipment from the "office costs" budget heading.	

<b>42/17</b>	<b>Glebe Field Tenancy is due on the 2th March 2017. The possibility of extending the tenancy by mutual agreement is to be discussed.</b>
Cllr G Dobbs declared an interest and left the room. The possibility was discussed, it was resolved that the Community Council should wait for the advice of One Voice Wales'. In the meantime, it was also resolved, to enable the tenant to plan,	

the Community Council will offer a 3 month time extension to the lease.  
Cllr Dobbs returned to the meeting.

<b>43/17</b>	<b>One Voice Wales Membership (£139) – to be discussed and action agreed.</b>
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Resolved. It was also noted that councillors can access the members' area once they have the password. Temporary clerk to distribute the password.

<b>44/17</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
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Email – Reforming Local Government : Resilient and Renewed – a white paper. Quite a lengthy document, one part dealing with Community and Town Councils.  
 Email – The Ombudsman's Casebook – Issue 27  
 Email – Draft Powys Wellbeing Assessment .  
 Email – A40777 night closures 19.00-7.00 27/3/17 to 31/3/17. Temporary Clerk to seek clarification, does this mean New Road as well? How will emergency services attend Llangattock?  
 Letter – appeal for financial assistance, Teenage Cancer Trust. To be adjourned to the April meeting.  
 Letter – appeal for financial assistance, wla for life kidney wales. To be adjourned to the April Meeting.

<b>20/16</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>
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Full council – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017  
 Finance Committee – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.  
 Recreation Ground Committee – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

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Temporary Clerk

06/03/17