



## **Llangattock Community Council**

### **CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWG**

#### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Community Hall on Tuesday 18th July at 7.00 pm.**

**Public Participation.** Members of the public came to the meeting as individuals, some wishing to address the meeting:

The first member of the public made a positive remark about the usefulness of the green waste skip in the car park. However she went on to say that she is now mistrustful of the community council since she heard about the zip wire, how will it be secured in the evenings? Also the plans for a skateboard park. If you weren't sent a survey how do you register your views?

The second member of the public stated that the park is very rundown – the number of dead trees and the size of the trees making that obvious. The parking is contentious because drivers park without consideration for the people living opposite the park.

The third member of the public to speak had concerns about the wall bordering on to a private dwelling next to the park. The wall is damaged. Also the sign to the toilets has been defaced by orange paint. The possibility of the wall being surveyed at the expense of the council had been raised. There have been 2 questionnaires and no feedback for developing the recreation ground has taken place. Park Farm Caravan Park is also an issue. Concern over the zip wire, particularly that it was only the second most popular option (with a trim trail being the first). What will be the maintenance costs? There are other issues, overhanging trees and ivy on the fence, disabled access.

A community councillor responded by stating that he was delighted with the presence of the members of the public at the meeting and went on to outline plans for a feedback/engagement process in the autumn. Three meetings, starting with the LACAS show at the beginning of September. Three pinboards delineating 3 possible visions of the Recreation Ground for people to comment on.

When asked where the zip wire would be cited Cllr N Shugar replied that the recreation ground – beechwood boundary would be good. A member of the public was disappointed that no-one had come to explain.

A community councillor explained that the trim trail would be more expensive than could be afforded but the zip wire was a simple plan that could be achieved.

Questions were raised about the state of the current playground equipment, had they been inspected and what did the report say? The playground equipment had been inspected but the community council has not had the report yet.

Another member of the public stated that she lives next to the school, right next to where a zip wire is cited, and only hears happy children. When asked about how the zip wire would be left at night time, a councillor responded that removing the zip at the times the toilets are opened and closed may be possible.

There is no right to a view in law, and the recreation ground was there before the houses. A third of an acre of the recreation ground was originally set aside for a memorial garden. One of the community councillors stated that he had been a vociferous opponent of the zip wire but it does offer a fantastic interest for children.

Another member of the public wants the children to be involved in caring for the recreation ground. She stated that she just wants it to look nice.

A member of the public from Beechwood Drive complained about the "scrap yard", the broken down wall and parking around the school. He is very concerned that a child will be killed by parents reversing up to the school entrance in the morning. There is no-one to enforce the law, the PCSO has many responsibilities.

A community councillor outlined how the community council communicates with the community. Primarily through the minutes and agenda, on the website, noticeboards and the library and at coffee mornings (held every quarter).

A member of the Public outlined the availability of the Hall during the school holidays: July 24<sup>th</sup> to Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 9-1pm, 1pm to 6pm and 6pm to 11pm. Prices and conditions from the Booking Clerk N Stockham 01873 810 559.

### **Present**

Cllr. R. Jones (Chairman), Cllr A. Williams, Cllr N. Shugar, Cllr J. Dobbs, Cllr G. Dobbs and C Cllr J. Charlton

### **In Attendance**

11 members of the public  
S Dale (Temporary Clerk)

Welcome

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| <b>177/17</b> | <b>Apologies for absence</b> | None |
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| <b>178/17</b> | <b>Members' declarations of interest</b> | Cllr G. Dobbs declared an interest in item 200/17.<br>Cllr J. Dobbs declared an interest in item 200/17.<br>Cllr N. Shugar declared an interest in item 194/17. |
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| <b>179/17</b> | <b>Minutes</b> | <b>From the council meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b> |
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| <b>180/17</b> | <b>Matters Arising</b> | 151/17 Dardy bench re-citing is delayed but should be completed before the next meeting.<br>154/17 Clerk to let Cllr Charlton know any responses to the exchange with the Crickhowell |
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and District Civic Society.

164/17 A meeting to take place between the gravedigger and the Chairman and the Temporary Clerk.

169/17 Residents are still concerned about the wall in Plas Derwen.

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| <b>181/17</b> | <b>Report from the County Councillor – full report on <a href="http://www.visitcrickhowell.co.uk/community-life/local-government/llangattock-community-council/">http://www.visitcrickhowell.co.uk/community-life/local-government/llangattock-community-council/</a> and on noticeboards.</b> |
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Parking around the school has been raised with the headteacher, who asks that concerns be raised with her straight away. The PCSO has also been alerted but can't stop people parking legitimately.

Overgrown verges on the Dardy have led to some near misses on the junction due to the height of grass on the verge. C Cllr Charlton to liase with Portfolio Holder for Highways to ensure the verge is cut twice a year on safety grounds.

The County Councillor is to hold monthly surgeries on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month in the Community hall committee room or the Chapel/Church room.

The headteacher is happy to cut the hedge at the front of the school.

There is major internal work planned at the school to make sure that the school can accommodate pre-school children safely and appropriately.

Recycling centres are to be open 5 days a week.

Daycentres will now not have any new increase in charges for lunches.

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| <b>182/17</b> | <b>Powys County Council contractors have cut the verges in Llangattock. Unfortunately they have cut all the wild flowers as well. To be discussed and action agreed.</b> |
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The cut was not called for by Powys County Council.

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| <b>183/17</b> | <b>The Scout Group need more time to gather the funding needed for the new floor. They will not be ready to spend the grant the Community Council awarded them until next year. There is nothing in the regulations to cover this eventuality, can the council confirm that the Scout group may retain the money?</b> |
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RESOLVED: A vote was taken, 2 against to 4 for the Scout group to keep the money until needed.

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| <b>184/17</b> | <b>The hedge, at Llanwsg on the back road from Llangynidr to Llangattock, has grown, arching over the road. It must be unnerving for drivers of tall vehicles.</b> |
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The Laurel hedge needs to be cut back so it is vertical to a height of 14 ft. The County Councillor will get in touch with the landowner.

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| <b>185/17</b>  | <b>Is the village hall entitled to receive a grant from the village hall every year?</b> |
| No one is entitled to grants. The community council has a duty to make sure grants are deserved, grants are deserved by making appropriate applications to the community council. 2013 was the last time a grant was paid to the community hall. |  |

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| <b>186/17</b>         | <b>Plant a tree charter legacy</b> |
| See item 187/17 below |                                    |

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| <b>187/17</b>  | <b>Trees in the recreation ground need pruning or replacing, to be discussed and action agreed.</b> |
| The trees in the recreation ground are in the conservation area, permission from the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority must be sought before trees are pruned / replaced. The National Park Warden has agreed to walk around the recreation ground as an initial stage. |   |

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| <b>188/17</b>  | <b>The cattle grid at the need of Park Drive is noisy and needs attention. To be discussed and action agreed.</b> |
| Why is the cattle grid there? It no longer serves a purpose as livestock are now managed away from Park Drive. Temporary Clerk to search the land registry for ownership and responsibility. |   |

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| <b>189/17</b>                                       | <b>A resident on Park Drive has complained that the bungalows there need keep clear boxes in front of their drives. The road there is quite narrow when cars are parked along it. To be discussed and action agreed.</b> |
| The County Councillor will take this issue forward. |  |

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| <b>190/17</b>  | <b>A grant application has been received for £60 to maintain the flower boxes and verges along Clos Ciliau and Plas Derwen.</b> |
| RESOLVED: These boxes are all licensed, grant awarded. |   |

| <b>191/17</b>                    | <b>Finance statement and cheques to be approved for signing.</b> |                                     |  |
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| Payee                            | Amount   | Notes                               |  |
| OTM                              | £405.00  | Invoice (incl. £67.50 VAT)          |  |
| Mr A Braithwaite                 | £180.00  | Cleaning                            |  |
| Information Commissioners Office | £35.00   | Registration                        |  |
| S Dale                           | £545.40  | 60*9.09=£545.40<br>Maternity cover, |  |

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|           |         | temporary clerk                           |
| Dwr Cymru | £66.67  | cemetery stand pipe                       |
| KW Thomas | £164.58 | For fixing the public toilet <sup>1</sup> |
| PHS Group | £454.32 | Hand driers <sup>2</sup>                  |
| Jo Hughes | £45.00  | Internal Auditor <sup>3</sup>             |

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| <b>192/17</b>   | <b>A resident has complained that the temporary lights at Llangattock Bridge are too quick to change, they are not letting enough traffic through causing problems for motorists. To be discussed and action agreed.</b> |
| RESOLVED: C Cllr J Charlton will take this issue forward. |  |

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| <b>193/17</b>  | <b>There has been an application to register easements over Glebe field by Dwr Cymru. The consent of the community council is sought.</b> |
| RESOLVED: The community council voted; 2 votes to 4 to object to the registration. |   |

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| <b>194/17</b>   | <b>The broken wall in the Recreation Ground has been temporarily blocked off. However it raises concerns about the integrity of the rest of the wall.</b> |
| Cllr N Shugar declared an interest as the landowner there was a question mark over whether the interest was prejudicial or not. He could not declare an interest at the meeting last Tuesday (11 <sup>th</sup> July) as the meeting was adjourned before his right of reply. The meeting had been adjourned because not enough information was available to discuss further. A member of the public stated that she had complained in an email (on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> of July) about the wall and Cllr N Shugar and had not had enough of a reply. |   |

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| <b>195/17</b>                     | <b>Recreation Ground Update – consultation and memorial garden.</b> |
| RESOLVED: Minutes on the website. |   |

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| <b>196/17</b>  | <b>School maintenance issues, an update</b> |
| The Community Council has had a letter from the headteacher assuring the council that actions had been taken to alleviate the problem. The Clerk was instructed to write to Powys County Council (Environmental Health) to ascertain that the problem had been solved. |   |

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| <b>197/17</b>      | <b>The end of maternity leave cover is 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the clerk will be taking her accrued annual leave entitlement of 84 hours then returning to work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. Can the council confirm that the temporary clerk should continue in post until 30 September 2017?</b> |
| RESOLVED: Approved |  |

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| <b>198/17</b>   | <b>A community councillor has proposed the idea of a traffic calming zone between the Horseshoe and Plas Derwen roundabout.</b> |
| Several suggestions were made; Gilwern through to Legar on the back road should be 50 miles and hour. More volunteers for speedwatch are needed. 20 mile an hour zones on Beaufort road. C Cllr J Charlton said she would take the issue forward and will enquire if Llangattock can have the “flashing signs” back. She will also try to get the results of the speed traps. |   |

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| <b>199/17</b>  | <b>A resident has written to draw attention to the hole in the boundary wall surrounding the Recreation Ground, also to the orange paint administered to the toilet sign.</b> |
| Cllr R Jones said he would look at the sign and attempt to get the orange paint off with thinners. |   |

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| <b>200/17</b>   | <b>Glebe field land agreement approval.</b> |
| A licensee needs to take independent legal advice before signing the agreement.<br>RESOLVED: Approved |   |

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| <b>201/17</b>  | <b>The exterior of the public toilets has been inspected, some items of maintenance were identified.</b> |
| Blocked guttering, facia and bargeboards need painting, as do the doors.<br>Recreation Ground Committee to note. |  |

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| <b>202/17</b>  | <b>Correspondence</b> |
| Email-Powys County Council, have your say - noted<br>Email -Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, Rights of way improvement plan - noted<br>Email- Welsh medium stream at Brecon High School – past active date<br>Email- Informal reception invitation, at Royal Welsh Show, Powys teaching Health Board – circulated.<br>Email- Arwain development worker services available - noted<br>Email- Temporary Bridge Lights at Llangattock – see item 192 |                       |

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| <b>203/17</b>  | <b>Date of next meeting</b> |
| Recreation Ground Committee – Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2017<br>Council meeting – Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2017<br>Finance Committee – Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2017. |                             |