



Llangattock Community Council

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The following are the minutes of a meeting of Llangattock Community Council's Planning and Environment committee, held online on 5th April 2022 7pm

Attendance: Cllr G Jones, Cllr K Inglis, Cllr J Rees, Cllr G Dobbs, Cllr A Williams

County Councillor Jackie Charlton
Kay Bailey – Clerk (technical issues)

Public Participation

None

66/21	Apologies for absence	Cllr R Jones (technical issues)
67/21	Members' declarations of interest	None
68/21	<p>Minutes of the meeting of the 1st of February & only Matters Arising: Proposed: Cllr J Rees Seconded: Cllr K Inglis Resolved: the minutes were accepted as true and accurate</p> <p>Matters arising: The Clerk confirmed that the multi-pay card application is still moving forward, it has been agreed and she is expecting it in the post.</p>	
69/21	<p>Updates from the Environment Working Group: (Cllr K Inglis)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGV Home Energy audits – LGV are looking for residents who maybe cannot afford the fee. Email to Clerk re: contacting residents. • Together for our Planet – Research underway and plan of timings for project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bi-lingual announcement sent out on social media and displayed on village noticeboards. - Workshop arranged with the Craft club members and Primary school, week commencing May 9th, to sew bunting for the Jubilee weekend. School doing DBS checks for all volunteers at present and asking parental permission for photos. - Gail to attend two-day NSPCC Designated Safeguarding training in May (Kay to book). Free half-day sessions are available through PAVO if anyone else wants to attend a short course. • Llangattock Mountain Moors Fires – March 2022 	

Ms. K Bailey – Clerk & RFO
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	<p>Sam Ridge, Upland Peatland Officer BBNPA, has agreed to attend Environment Working Group on Monday, 25th April to discuss further and hopes a representative from fire service will join as well. It was noted that it was unusual to have moorland fires so early in the season and only a couple of weeks after a sustained period of cool and wet weather.</p> <p>Julian talked about loss of a few hefted livestock (including lambs) due to the fires and expressed frustrations about controlled burning being so restrictive that highly combustible dead vegetation, particularly bracken, has been able to accumulate, resulting in a ready source of flammable material.</p> <p>Jonathan Saville reported by email his initial impressions were “that the wettest blanket bog (ie areas not previously dominated by purple moor grass) suffered little to no loss of peat from the fires, but virtually all vascular plant vegetation has been lost. Some of the heathland appears to have lost vegetation and much of the organic soil.”</p> <p>After further surveillance using satellite imagery Jonathan revised his initial assessment: <i>More extensive damage done to bogland areas than anticipated. Discussing with graziers and landowner’s agent.</i></p> <p>Committee members have been invited to attend the Environment Working Group meeting on Monday 25th April, at 09.30, to hear more thoughts from Sam on the causes of the fire as well as discuss preventative measures for the future.</p> <p>Full Council are invited as well so please contact either Cllr G Jones or Cllr K Inglis for the meeting link if you would like to join the meeting.</p> <p>Flooding Matters:</p> <p>Simon Crowther, PCC Land Drainage Officer, to attend site visit of known flooding hotspots in Llangattock on Monday, May 9th at 1000. Cllr K Inglis, County Councillor Jackie Charlton, Cllr A Williams (and Cllr G Jones) intend to accompany.</p> <p>Cllr K Inglis has drafted a letter to Graham Astley regarding NRW’s intention to update a 20 year old review of the Onneu Fach outlet into the Usk. The letter was sent to all P&E members and a motion proposed to send to Graham requesting an update on progress.</p> <p>Motion proposed by Cllr A Williams and seconded by Cllr G Jones. It was resolved to send the letter to Graham Astley.</p>
70/21	Active Travel Update (County Councillor) Cllr J Charlton confirmed there was still no news either from the Levelling Up
71/21	Planning applications received after the previous meeting & other matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">No Planning applications received in time for P&E meeting on 5th April.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HGV signs - discussion document sent to all Councillors <p>Cllr K Inglis had very kindly pulled together for P&E Committee a comprehensive summary discussion document with photographs of potential locations to assist the debate surrounding the issue of satellite navigation dependency for directions & HGV signage around the village and hamlets. Some signs have already been installed on the road past the Turnpike towards Herons Rest.</p> <p>There was robust debate between committee members. It was felt that signage regarding HGV access and unsuitability of some hill roads could imply that drivers would not be covered by their insurance if they then proceeded past the signs and accidental damage subsequently occurred.</p> <p>To conclude, the general feeling was that more signs would not be welcomed, and a motion was put to oppose further signage regarding HGV access. Although it was not unanimous, the motion was carried by the majority.</p> <p>Resolved: to report and recommend the objection to the full council meeting on the 21st of April 2022.</p> <p>Cllr A Williams asked the committee in relation to the woodland between Gilwern & Llangattock if they knew who owned the land. She brought up the issues with the woodland being somewhat un-managed leading to branches coming on to the road.</p> <p>The general history was discussed, and the County Councillor confirmed that this has been looked at by Powys County Council it is a long-standing issue as the owner cannot be found.</p> <p>Cllr J Rees stated that he would try and recall the history and report back.</p>
72/21	Date of next committee meeting 3rd May 2022 Noted