



Llangattock Community Council CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWG

The following are the minutes of an **Ordinary** meeting of Llangattock Community Council's held online on **Tuesday 19th July 2022 7pm**

Attendance: Cllr T Jones (Vice-chair), Cllr H Burns, Cllr G Jones, Cllr A Williams, Cllr S Ady, Cllr A Stubbs

Kay Bailey - Clerk

Public Participation:

None

25/22	Apologies for absence	Cllr R Jones, Cllr K Inglis, Cllr G Dobbs, Cllr J Rees
26/22	Members' declarations of interest	None
27/22	Minutes to approve from meeting of the 21st of June 2022 and any matters arising: Proposed: Cllr A Williams Seconded: Cllr G Jones Resolved: the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record There were no matters arising	
28/22	County Councillor's report: This item was moved towards the end of the meeting to allow for the County Councillor to join 1. Verges – Have had complaints about the verges by Dukes Yard. Been asking for a couple of weeks for it to be cut. Hopefully by the time you receive this they will be done and including down to The Vine Tree alongside the Allotments 2. Shared Prosperity Fund – You still have time to Have Your Say Have your say on the Shared Prosperity Fund - Powys County Council 3. Use of Herbicide Glyphosate – I can see there is a Motion on the Council Agenda about this and just wanted to share that many people have been in touch with me about this issue. We are looking at it but would welcome the Motion from the Community Council. 4. The Dardy – Organised a site visit for several issues including Drainage, resurfacing, repair of a drain cover, check a retaining wall and discuss getting landowner to cut trees and tidy verges. Awaiting response from landowner on trees and verges, drain cover and retaining wall is being sorted. Flood drainage engineers been contacted and once completed the road will be resurfaced.	

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	<p>5. Bus Shelter – Thank you everyone for responding about the bus shelter. Have suggested a household leaflet to ask about fund raising to match fund any funds from Community Council and Powys. If decision to support comes from the Community Council and residents are keen to support too, will organise other works with Powys. Powys own the land where shelter will go so that makes it all much easier.</p> <p>6. EWG Working Group – delighted to see the report. Have shared with Powys and very supportive of the approach taken by Llangattock Community Council. Have asked for discussion at quarterly Flood Group Meeting.</p> <p>7. Active Travel – The Llangattock/Crickhowell scheme is now being quoted on lots of papers. If this is not funded now, I will be very surprised. Still not heard yet.</p> <p>8. Crickhowell High School – Jackie Parker will be retiring in August and the new Interim Head is Clair Jones.</p> <p>Powys Wide Issues:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 20 mph legislation is now in place and a dedicated officer has been appointed to map out 30 mph restricted roads to be transferred to new restriction after September 2023. Lots of work to be done to complete.2. One network, one timetable, one ticket White Paper has completed consultation, new legislation with a promise to make public transport in Wales joined up. Powys have responded and celebrating the fact that they have had a considerable input into the process. This won't mean a massive difference to routes although the promise of extra routes is possible but it does mean we can now work towards a proper 'public' service across Wales.3. School Transformation – School closures have been postponed and a considerable amount of work is now being undertaken.4. Ukrainian Refugees – Powys has managed to support all families coming to our authority.5. Discretionary Cost of Living Fund – The cabinet approved a new fund to undertake support for struggling families in the cost of living crisis. All the information is available here Discretionary Cost of Living Support Scheme - Powys County Council6. Proud Powys – Powys County Council has signed up to Proud Powys. Here is a short press release explaining Powys's pride in becoming a Proud Council Shropshire Star7. Nutrient Management Board – Have started to get closer to the issues of phosphate in our rivers. Am a member of the Nutrient Management Board and other groups who are bringing issues across borders together on these issues. Will try to keep everyone informed but still gathering information right now.
29/22	<p>Standing Committees (and their respective working parties) update & motions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and Environment Committee (Cllr G Jones & Cllr K Inglis) <p>ENVIRONMENT: (in Kate's absence)</p>

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- **Big Green Week** – current schedule of events

Moved film venue from Rectory to Comm Hall, clash of events – checking projector capability
Paid for two films, registered with Great Green Week so will be getting some of their advertising materials.

Signed up with Repair Café as an individual as signing up as the Council was not possible, posters to go up.

LGV helping with speakers

Chasing Sustainable Studio -details to come on Upcycling Workshops

Gail to follow up contact in BBNPA – Nature Conservancy new role

- **Slow The Flow** – site visit with Bob Vaughan, Kate Inglis, Helen Burns, Jackie Charlton, Simon Walters (LGV):

Walked the route of land drainage from Waun Ddu to river level. Identify possible areas of catchment for inclusion in process of slowing the flow. The Clerk bought up the written notes from KI and Cllr H Burns back feedback on the visit.

Letter to Ed Ward, NRW

Raised at the Land Drainage Webinar last summer. Stones washing down the Onneu and Onneu Fach. causing build up at shallower levels causing blockages and flooding potential further downstream. This is being looked at by Simon Crowther, PCC. However, where the Onneus reach river level and enter the River Usk it is causing a build-up of stones into the river and adjacent arch of Crickhowell Bridge. Cllr A Williams has drafted a letter to Ed Ward, requesting a site visit. The Clerk was requested to send this letter.

PLANNING:

22/21183/LBC – Solar panels, Glanonney, Hillside Road. Kay to respond please. (Deadline 12th July)

No Comment from the Council

22/21238/FUL – Extension (garden room), Pencroeslan Isaf, Ffawyddog, (Deadline 2nd August, Kay to respond please)

No Comment from the Council

Planning responses during summer break, an urgent planning will be brought to the Extraordinary meeting in August (date below) all others will be requested to be referred to the September meeting on the second Tuesday on the month.

- **Community Committee (Cllr T Jones)**

Accessible path tender:

The Community Committee last week published tender documents for the Recreation Ground accessible path. The final draft of the tender minus technical drawings was presented to the previous meeting of the Full Council, which then delegated permission to publish to the committee once the drawings were received. The results of the tender process will be presented to the next meeting of Full Council on August 16th for decision on the final design and whether and to whom to award the contract.



The Chair of the Community Committee, Cllr T Jones wanted to record its thanks to a Mike Alderton, an experienced local quantity surveyor who has volunteered his time to assist drawing up the contract, and Legar-based architect, Zac Davies, who did the technical drawings and specifications for us at a very reasonable rate.

During a detailed process, the Committee had examined a number of designs and surfaces for value for money, sustainability, durability and cost and rejected all but two:

1. Limestone
2. Coloured asphalt to match local limestone sources and the existing faded grey of tarmac already in the park

The committee voted overwhelmingly to complete the path all the way round if possible. Limestone is cheaper but less durable, asphalt the opposite. The Committee therefore also asked for quotes section by section in both materials in case Council decided to use cheaper and more sustainable limestone in some areas and more expensive and durable asphalt in others. The closing date for tenders is August 12th. A special Full Council meeting on Tuesday 16th will be the first to see the quotes and make fully informed decisions on what surface to use for some or all the path. Cllr Jones said the Council would then have the following options:

- To choose a tender to complete the path all the way round in either limestone or asphalt, providing the quotes fall within available budget
- To choose section by section in either asphalt or limestone an attempt to make the completed path fit the available budget
- Reject the Committee's preference to complete the path all the way round and lay section by section in a preferred material until the budget runs out, seeking additional top-up grant funding or borrowing to complete it Cllr Jones said that if there is to be any prospect of starting the work in September after the schools go back but before poor weather closed in, then the Council had to make its decision at the August meeting.

This was a major piece of work for the committee and Cllr Jones thanked all members for their considerable efforts in producing a highly professional document which will hopefully attract a number of bids and ensure best value for money for the residents of Llangattock.

After the Chair of Community Committee made his report, the Chair of the Finance Committee requested that background information be circulated to all Cllrs well in advance of the decision-making meeting. Cllr Jones replied that the finalised tender documents are available, and a report on the committee's and scenario planning document would be circulated shortly, so that Cllrs have an option to consider all the background information before August 16th meeting.

- **Finance Committee (Cllr S Ady & RFO)**

RFO requested that the Council delegate all payments to her over the August break

Proposed: Cllr S Ady

Seconded: Cllr G Jones

Resolved: to delegate payments to the Clerk over the August break after confirming the payments to the Chairs of Committees



➤ Payment due for this month and reported payments

The RFO presented the payments due for this month and reported to payments made from the bank account last month running up until the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr S Ady

Seconded: Cllr G Jones

Resolved: that the new payments be made and to note and accept the previous payments.

➤ Bank reconciliation

The RFO presented the bank reconciliation to the date ending

• **Central Services (Cllr R Jones)**

In Cllr R Jones's absence, Cllr S Ady have a report from the last Central Services meeting.

Last meeting was on 23rd June

Key points from the meeting include

General Maintenance

- The work on the bench in the recreation ground has started
- The work on the bench in the cemetery has been completed
- Dog fouling issues continue but are being picked up through the website thanks to Gail and Tim
- The Clerk has sent a letter to Powys requesting that the phone box sign remains, further update next month
- We are still awaiting an update regarding the Plas maintenance that has been reported to the Estate Agent although the grass in the field next to the cemetery has been cut.
- The toilet doors are complete except for them being painted. Discussion is ongoing as to whether this could be carried out by council volunteers/members of the committee rather than paying a contractor.
- Currently awaiting a third tender regarding the grass cutting then a decision can be made

Other areas discussed included the rental amount for the Glebe Field following the considerable work undertaken by the current tenant at a personal cost to himself. This included the new fencing and a great deal of clearance of briars. This is in addition to the loss of ground near the cemetery following the installation of the path. It was agreed that the rental would be halved for the year 2023-24. A new lease will be drawn up to reflect the one year decrease and the reduce rentable land in the Glebe field.

At the meeting the committee was pleased to welcome Councillor Andy Stubbs to the committee.

Following the meeting myself, GJ and the Clerk discussed the new Council Tool Kit. SA confirmed that it is quite a lengthy document but one that will be of benefit to us to ensure that we are complying

with our statutory obligations. The document is split into 2 parts – the first is the health check which is basically a checklist to test whether essential governance and financial management arrangements are in place. The second part is the self-assessment which is a tool that will help us to reflect more deeply into how the council is supporting the community.



	<p>It is a big piece of work that will need to be completed over a number of months and one that will involve all the committees and members at some time.</p> <p>GJ, the Clerk and SA have gone through the Health Check and noted a number of gaps that we have around areas of HR and continuity planning. These we will look at and ensure that updates are forwarded to you. One area that we have identified that needs updating is our Standing Order document, so that it reflects changes in our committee structure as well as electronic data transfer. Once these have been reviewed by the Central Services committed they will be put before you all at an Ordinary meeting.</p> <p>The final item to discuss with you is the proposed Health and Safety Policy that the Clerk circulated earlier in the week. SA has taken all the comments received and updated the policy. Does anyone have any additional comments or questions? If not, could SA asked that we take a vote on whether to accept the said proposed policy and include it in our policy library?</p> <p>TJ had added more changes and the Clerk brought the highlighted changes to the Council attention.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr T Jones and seconded by Cllr A Stubbs that the council accept the new Health and Safety policy. Resolved: for the Clerk to add this policy to the policy library</p>
30/22	<p>Motion to send an official letter to Powys in relation to weed killer (Cllr A Williams) Cllr A Williams discussed the issue of Powys using Herbicide Glyphosate as a weed killer and that she proposes that this Council write to Powys to request that they do not use it.</p> <p>The motion was discussed, and it was decided that the Council would write to Powys, however they would request to discuss the issue with their biodiversity officer to see what the other options were.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr A Williams Seconded: Cllr G Jones Resolved: for a letter to be worded and sent to all Councillor for comment</p>
31/22	<p>Motion to vote for the Appointment of Town/Community Councillor to the Powys County Council Standards Community Sub Committee Proposed: Cllr G Jones to support A Jeremiah as the candidate Seconded: Cllr A Williams Resolved: for the clerk to mark the voting paperwork and send back to Powys</p>
32/22	<p>Correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cemetery complaint (to be discussed within Central Services)
33/21	<p>Date of next committee meeting to be 20th September 2022 confirmed at 7pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Extraordinary meeting on the 19th of August 2022 at 7pm <p>Noted</p>

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