

Llangattock Community Council - CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWGW

You are requested to attend an ordinary meeting of Llangattock Community Council to be held online and in person at the Community Hall in Llangattock on Tuesday 20th December 7pm.

Attendance: Cllr R Jones, Cllr T Jones, Cllr G Jones, Cllr A Williams, Cllr H Burns, Cllr S Ady, Cllr K Inglis, ~Cllr G Dobbs

Public Participation:


The Chair of the Community Hall Management Committee requested to speak to Council in relation to a business case put forward.

The Council and the Chair discussed various questions in relation to the business case, they thanked the Chair for attending and stated that the information provided would be discussed under the budget item.

64/22	Apologies for absence Cllr A Stubbs - accepted Cllr J Rees - accepted
65/22	Members' declarations of Interest None
66/22	Minutes to approve from meeting of the 15th November 2022 and any matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No response from Beacons Telecom• No response from resident in relation to the banner request (Glebe Field)• Dogs legislation - ongoing research• Ambulance Response - ongoing• Powys Consultation - response sent Proposed: Cllr K Inglis Seconded: Cllr T Jones Resolved to accept the minutes with minor alterations
67/22	Email received from Crickhowell Town Council in relation to the hiring and sharing office space in Clarence Hall House - discuss and respond <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This item impacts on 67/22 <p>Cllr S Ady spoke to the Council in relation to the correspondence between Crickhowell Town Council and herself in her capacity as Finance Chair. Crickhowell have accepted a proposal to share an office with the Clerks to the two Councils working in the same space. This was thought to be beneficial in terms of sharing skills and ideas as well as securing appropriate working conditions going forward. financials are to be considered under the budget item.</p>



<p>68/22</p>	<p>23/24 Budget and Precept presentation and motion to accept the budget/precept</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors considered the spending priorities set out by the committees and the rising costs imposed on the council by inflation. • They were told that in 2021/2 the Council had attracted funding from grants and spending from collaborative projects of over £95,000. This, when compared to the Council's precept taken from the Council tax, had boosted spending within Llangattock by 191%. • Councillors then considered how best to support similar projects in the 2022/3 financial year. These included grant applications for the kissing gates on the path between Llangattock and the bridge over the River Usk, and energy efficiency improvements to the toilet block. Both of these, if delivered, would reduce maintenance costs in the medium term. However, large infrastructure projects required match-funding from the Council to pay VAT to contractors. VAT is reclaimable by the Council, but not always in time to meet contractual obligations, leaving a potential shortfall. • Councillors also considered the need to increase the size of the Council's reserves, which are supposed to be kept at a level sufficient to meet Council spending for a minimum of three months. This money could be used to match fund VAT payments, however. • Taken together, all of these factors would see the precept rise to £53,677, representing an increase of 54p per week for a Band D property in Llangattock and £1.08 for the largest band H property. • This was approved by a majority vote. <p>Proposed: Cllr G Jones Seconded: Cllr T Jones</p> <p>Cllrs expressed their regret at having to impose this additional financial burden on residents in the current difficult circumstances, but felt it was the only way to meet the Council's obligations and make improvements for the community in a sustainable way.</p>
<p>69/22</p>	<p>County Councillors Report (for information only)</p> <p>This had been shared with Councillors via email, the County Councillor was not in attendance so it was not discussed in the meeting.</p>



<p>70/22</p> <p>This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting</p>	<p>Standing Committees (and their respective working parties) update & motions:</p> <p>Reports:</p> <p>Planning and Environment Committee (Cllr K Inglis) Report from Cllr K Inglis - shared onscreen</p> <p>Planning Application: 22/21624/LBC – The Plas - Renovation of existing first floor self-contained flat, provision of new staircase, minor internal alterations. The full Council wished to give no comment on the above application</p> <p>Community Committee (Cllr T Jones)</p> <p>Motion - To sign off Kissing Gate application to send to the Landfill Tax Proposed: Cllr R Jones Seconded: Cllr H Burns Motion carried</p> <p>Motion - The Ffawyddog Community Group has requested that the Council formally adopts an oak bench they wish to install using funds remaining from the refurbishment of the telephone box. Adoption is a requirement from the Duke of Beaufort Estate, which owns the land. The FCG has said it will maintain the bench.</p> <p>Motion to be bought back after the location has been established.</p> <p>Finance Committee (Cllr S Ady & RFO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment due for this month and reported payments <p>Proposed: Cllr S Ady Seconded: Cllr H Burns The payments were noted and invoices to be paid accepted</p> <p>Central Services (Cllr G Jones) Cllr G Jones went through the actions from the last Central Services meeting in October. Motion to sign off Annual Report 21/22 and upload to the website (KB/GJ/TJ) Proposed: Cllr S Ady Seconded: Cllr T Jones The report was accepted and it will be placed online</p>
<p>71/22</p>	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29/11/22 - Community Hall Management Committee email - business case and grant funding. This item was spoken about within the budget setting item and the Council will respond in writing to the Chair of the Community Hall Management Committee. • 09/12/22 - FairyTale - support letter sent (TJ/KI) • November - S137 confirmation letter from Welsh Government (for information only)
<p>72/21</p>	<p>Date of next committee meeting to be 17th Jan 2023 confirmed at 7pm</p>

