

# Llangattock Community Council - CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWGW

The following are the minutes of an ordinary meeting of Llangattock Community Council held online and in Llangattock Village Hall on Tuesday 21st March 2023 7pm.

**Attendance:** Cllr R Jones, Cllr T Jones, Cllr S Ady, Cllr A Stubbs, Cllr G Jones, Cllr A Williams, Cllr G Dobbs, Cllr J Rees, Cllr H Burns

Clerk - Kay Bailey

County Cllr - Jackie Charlton

**Public Participation:**

None

95/22	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Cllr K Inglis
96/22	<b>Members' declarations of Interest</b> None
97/22	<b>Minutes to approve from meeting of the 21st February 2023 and any matters arising:</b> <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr T Jones <b>Seconded</b> Cllr J Rees <b>Resolved:</b> that the minutes are a true and accurate record <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 29th March 7pm meeting for the five councils has been booked in the Village Hall, with a guest speaker from Powys Fire Brigade attending</li><li>• Standing Orders have been updated and the newest edition are published on our website</li></ul>
98/22	<b>County Councillors Report (for information only)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bus Shelter – Getting there slowly. Have sent some ideas through and awaiting a quote on two shelters which look OK for our site. Am hoping this will be dealt with by the end of March can then look at funding. Am hopeful we can find some money in the pot to pay for this. Am also keen on getting an electronic board too.</li><li>• Grit bin – this will be removed and a replacement put in as well. There has been a shortage of new grit bins hence the delay.</li><li>• Ash Trees on The Dardy/Ffwyddogg by Ann's – The trees opposite Ann's house are on the highway so a tree surgeon is going to assess them for safety. We were concerned that if there is Ash Die Back in those trees there is a safety issue. Also note the concern for Ash tree by the Onneu near the Church.</li><li>• Ash Trees on Hillside – We also looked at Ash Trees on Hillside to see if they are within the Highways verge remit. They too will be investigated and it looks like they are Highways responsibility.</li><li>• Leaves on the road – there isn't a machine that can easily reach The Dardy road as it is so steep but all has been noted for next autumn and we are looking at a plan to ensure they are cleared.</li><li>• Light by the Church and other street lights – The engineer is out today and Vincent is going to make sure the light by the Church is checked. Hopefully that and other lights will now be resolved.</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Road through village up to Church – Yellow Lines and resurfacing is on the agenda and Vincent will again check where we are with that too. He accepted we have been waiting too long.</li> <li>● Work undertaken on The Dardy on the upper stretch of road where there have been major issues with drainage etc is now almost complete. It was a much bigger job than had been anticipated with antiquated and badly set utilities under the road. This will be resurfaced very shortly.</li> <li>● 30 mph signs will be back up very soon on The Dardy.</li> <li>● Flood Group/Wardens - Had an update yesterday at the Crickhowell Flood Group Meeting which outlined how the events since the New Year have been monitored.</li> <li>● Kept Kay Bailey Updated - With funding opportunities and council business.</li> <li>● Llangattock Litter Pickers – Big Spring Clean event on Thursday in Llangattock and surrounding area. Big issue for local authorities across the country.</li> </ul> <p>County Councillor Surgery Llangattock – Next Surgery planned for Saturday with Repair Café have also agreed to have a table at the Community Hall coffee morning on 22 April. Will be making this a regular monthly event sharing between Llangattock and Llangynidr community halls. In March will be in Llangynidr.</p> <p>Powys Wide Issues:-  Review of Winter Services – This is a review very much needed. Not been undertaken for 20 years. It is about the regular winter grit spreading which we see regularly along our roads. The review will enable Powys to consider how we manage these routes with optimum cover to areas most needed but will reconsider where not necessarily meeting standards within the statutory code. Grit bins will also be reviewed. There will be a consultation coming forward during February and I am hoping that all Community Councils will engage in this.  Future Fit Services – We are about to embark on a development programme for Powys County Council to look at what the future might bring in Powys. At the moment we are just talking to members and trying to make sense of how we will deliver services through to 2028 with ever increasing demands but ever decreasing funds.</p>
<p>99/22</p>	<p><b>Standing Committees (and their respective working parties) update &amp; motions:</b></p> <p><b>Planning and Environment Committee (Cllr K Inglis)</b></p> <p><b>ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Public Participation:</b> Committee had invited members of the Fire &amp; Rescue Service to attend the meeting and talk about issues which affect their operations locally. Guest speakers were Neil Evans Deputy Divisional Commander of Northern Division and Glenn Lewis, Night Watch Manager at Crickhowell Fire Station, Mid and West Wales Fire Service.</li> <li>● <b>Section 6: The Biodiversity &amp; Resilience of Ecosystems Duty.</b> Motion was approved by the Committee of this updated document. Kay has shared it with One Voice Wales.</li> <li>● <b>Bee-friendly Campaign:</b> Ann to look at and feed back to committee.</li> <li>● <b>LCC Environment Policy &amp; Declaration of Climate Emergency:</b> Motions were passed by Committee to approve these 2 documents and they have been uploaded to the Drive. <i>Item ongoing:</i> To follow-up on non-polluting cleaning products that meet Covid measures.</li> </ul>



- **New bin in Rec Ground:** Could the Village Society possibly put the recycling in with theirs, after a litter-pick? Cllr Ann Williams has been offered a key for the bin.
- **BBNPA Ser y Bannau Event:** Kate reported on the launch of the new Park Management Plan called “Future Beacons”. Committee discussed general themes of the draft, such as emissions, shifts in management and transport services, and Kate said the Parks had a commitment to reach net zero by 2030, which is only 7 years away. Committee raised concerns about visitors and residents who live outside of the BBNPA coming to the Park and behaving inconsiderately. Cllr G Jones is drafting some feedback on this and affordable housing in the Parks to be submitted from P&E Committee. Public launch event on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 5-7pm.
- **Repair Cafes:** Kate reported that the last café on 25<sup>th</sup> February was very successful with 20+ repairs carried out. Donations received of around £100 as well as cake and biscuits. Jackie reported a successful Councillor’s Surgery as well.  
It has been agreed with the Chair of the Hall committee, that fees will not go up for April and that after their AGM they will have info on new fees, but it would not be above £65. This means with LGV donating £10 each time, the Repair café would need to cover £55.
- **Website and Resilience Work** – Kate showed committee the latest structure of the Resilience section of the Council’s website and thanked Cllr Tim Jones for his help with this.
- **Moles in the Recreation Ground** – Gail reported that this had been reported in the last RoSPA report as requiring attention – ie mole removal. Short discussion had over possible humane removal.
- **Active Travel Plan** – JC reported that work is going to start in Crickhowell, hopefully with bike racks in the High Street. More consultations will follow in stages for Crickhowell first and Llangattock will follow, probably in a couple of years.
- **Speeding over Llangattock Mountain** - JC updated committee with progress on the Powys Road Safety Group, the Police Crime Commissioner, Trunk Roads Agency and PCC officers. Jackie asked to be kept informed of any KSI incidents so that she can collate the evidence needed to show changes in speed restrictions are needed.
- **20 mph update from Welsh Government.** Short discussion and Kay has signed up LCC for all support and materials available.
- **PLANNING:** No Planning Applications
- **Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.**

**Motion** to approve letter to land owner in relation to Slow the Flow

**Proposed:** Cllr A Williams

**Seconded:** Cllr T Jones

**Resolved:** for the letter to be sent to the landowner in relation to Slow the Flow

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

- The BBNPA accessible link path to the Beech Woods has been completed. Central have some ‘No Dogs, except assistance dogs’ signs to go up.
- Basketball hoop – hope to be installed this week..
- Archaeological dig: An analysis of potential cash flows from the Council’s three proposed projects (the kissing gates, refurbishing the toilet block and the archaeological dig) revealed a challenging picture on recovering VAT on payments. Cllr A Williams said there

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was a great deal of interest, including from children at the school. Cllr T Jones said unfortunately the dig may have to be delayed until the outcome of the other grant applications is known and possibly thereafter. A motion will be laid before Full Council to accept a single contractor because of the specialist nature of the work.

- **Motion approved:** To commission a local planning agent to create technical drawings to support a National Lottery grant application to refurbish and make energy efficiency improvements to the public conveniences in Llangattock Recreation Ground, at a cost of £400.
- Defibrillator project: this is likely to be further delayed. Cllr Andy Stubbs said he was pressing Canal & River Trust for progress.
- The community orchard has been planted with trees donated by Keep Wales Tidy and a local couple. It is hoped the two benches can be installed this week.
- Toilet refurbishment project: The Brecon Beacons National Park Sustainable Development Project has awarded £5,000 towards this project and positive noises are being made by other grant funders.
- **Motion Approved:** To recommend to Full Council that a building tender be published for the above works, including a design element.
- The kissing gates grant application has been turned down. However application can be amended and resubmitted to the Landfill Tax Communities Grant Scheme as well as the Lottery or possibly even the active travel plan. Work would need to be done to bring costs down, including investigating match funding.
- Kay has ordered an outdoor noticeboard to fit on the wooden panel on the shelters. Should be able to take 9 x A4 sheets.

**Motion** to use a single contractor for the archaeological dig

**Proposed:** Cllr R Jones

**Seconded:** Cllr A Williams

**Resolved:** that a single contractor be used under the provision of a specialist contractor.

**Motion** to discuss and approve the phasing of projects and grant applications

This motion was withdrawn. Cllr T Jones spoke on the subject of VAT reclaims and the limits that are placed on the Council. The RFO and Cllr S Ady and Cllr T Jones are investigating the options for the Council but it may mean the amount of larger projects that the Council can undertake in each financial year needs to be reduced.

**Motion** to approve and publish the tender documents for the toilet refurbishment

**Proposed:** Cllr R Jones

**Seconded:** Cllr S Ady

**Resolved:** for the tender documents to be published

**Defibrillator Project: - To install a public access defibrillator at the boathouse by the lime kilns at Bridge 115 on the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal.**

Cllr H Burns expressed the view that the Council should push for a resolution to the project, Cllr T Jones suggested that a letter be sent to the various stakeholders in the project.

**Proposed:** Cllr T Jones

**Seconded:** Cllr G Jones

**Resolved:** for the Clerk to write to the various stakeholders in relation to the delay to the project

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

The Finance Committee has not formally met since the last Ordinary meeting. However, there are a number of areas that committee members are looking at around our financials as we come to the end of the financial year 22/23.

These include:

- Continuing our preparations for the full audit later this year by the Auditor General for Wales.
- Reviewing our committees spending against the 22/23 precept in readiness for year end accounting. This output will be shared with you at committee level as well as at the next Full Council meeting in April 23.
- Lastly, we have been reviewing our management of claiming VAT following receipt of information around the levels of VAT that can be claimed by a Council body in any financial year. This hasn't affected us previously due to the low levels of spend. We are currently talking to our Accountant to understand the implications to us and the impact that it may or may not have on the proposed timetable of projects this year and next. We may need to change our approach to grant applications by not stating that we can claim the VAT back. When we have more information we will share it through the various committees.
- Payment due for this month and reported payments

**Proposed:** Cllr T Jones

**Seconded:** Cllr A Williams

**Resolved:** Payments made were noted and all further invoices for payments are authorized to be paid.

- Forecasting report - for information only

The RFO shared the forecasting report for the end of year and highlighted various items for information only. The Council noted this document.

- Reconciliation Report

The Council noted this document.

### **Central Services (Cllr G Jones)**

#### **Motions Carried:**

To engage George Smith to repair the play equipment following RoSPA Report. Also to complete a couple of repairs to the toilets – rehang Ladies cubicle doors and replace batteries in Gents flush sensor unit.

To explore engaging and training a person to carry out detailed inspections and repairs of the play equipment, including zip wire.

To transfer start of project to replace play equipment to 2024, meanwhile focussing on continuing to carry out repairs as necessary.

For Clerk to sign off Thomas Waste Management Duty of Care of non-hazardous materials for bins in Cemetery.

For Clerk's contract updated with new terms.



	<p>For Sam to make necessary updates to the Policies for review in February 2023. All policies available in the Drive.</p> <p><b>Correspondence:</b> Committee agreed they were happy for residents of St Catwg's Close to put up "Private Parking" signs <b>on those spaces which are privately owned</b>, but that they should fund themselves once approved by council. Resident will be requested to discuss with the other residents of private parking bays to ensure there is universal agreement.</p> <p><b>Also:</b></p> <p>BBNPA Accessible Gate replacement/Beechwood: Both stiles from Beechwood have been removed and replaced with accessible gates. Fencing made good and tarmac path connecting woods to the perimeter path in the Recreation Ground completed.</p> <p>Small No Dogs signs purchased to put on gates.</p> <p>Agenda for next Central Services meeting now includes all areas of responsibility under own Standing Item titles – Maintenance, HR, Governance and Insurance, Finance, Procedures and Policies. To help bring a bit more structure to all areas covered by Central Services although don't expect items under each heading every month!</p> <p><b>Highlights of Maintenance Jobs To Do List:</b></p> <p>Thanks to Richard for carrying out the latest Monthly Assets Tour. Actions added to the Jobs To Do List:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Toilet Pod door needs a spring return door closer</li> <li>● Ash and briars still growing out of the little Onneu bridge by the church</li> <li>● Streetlamp is off during daylight hours – thank you</li> <li>● Cemetery shed end wall and roof needs ivy removal before too much damage caused.</li> </ul> <p>Propose engage Tim Adams to carry out several jobs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Dardy Bench strim</li> <li>2 Cemetery shed ivy removal</li> <li>3 Barn Lane Footpath Sign obscured by hedge (BBNPA Vols or Tim Adams?)</li> </ol> <p>(To be discussed at next committee meeting)</p> <p>Next meeting this Thursday 23rd March at 7pm online.</p>
<p><b>100/22</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> <b>03.03.23 - Powys - Standards Community Sub Committee Nominations</b> Noted LACAS enquired if the consultation on travel and parking has taken place. Cllr T Jones stated he is happy to reply that this is due to be looked at in the place plan so not as yet.</p>
<p><b>101/22</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next committee meeting to be 18th April 2023 confirmed at 7pm</b> Noted</p>

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<p>Cllr R Jones reported that he will be arranging flowers for the Headteacher at Llangattock School He reminded the Council that the Community Hall meeting on the 22nd April is important to attend. Cllr T Jones supported Cllrs attendance at this event.</p>
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