

# Llangattock Community Council - CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWGW

The following are the minutes of an ordinary meeting of Llangattock Community Council held at Llangattock Village Hall on 16th July 2024 7pm.

**Attendance:** Cllr R Jones, Cllr T Jones, Cllr K Inglis, Cllr G Jones, Cllr S Ady, Cllr H Burns, Cllr G Dobbs, Cllr J Rees

County Councillor Jackie Charlton - Clerk Kay Bailey

**Public Participation:** None

38/24	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr A Stubbs, Cllr A Williams
39/24	<b>Members' declarations of Interest:</b> none
40/24	<p><b>Minutes to approve from the Extraordinary meeting on the 10th June and the 20th June and any matters arising:</b></p> <p><b>10th June Proposed:</b> Cllr J Rees <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr G Jones <b>Resolved:</b> That the minutes are a true and accurate record</p> <p><b>20th June Proposed:</b> Cllr S Ady <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr K Inglis <b>Resolved:</b> That the minutes are a true and accurate record</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> To change the end date of monitoring the effectiveness of the 'no glasses in the park' signs from the end of July to the end of August. Unanimously agreed.</p>
41/24	<p><b>County Councillors Report (for information only)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>County Councillor Surgery</b> – Future Surgery days will be on Saturdays with the Repair Café. This works well and has been very successful. If you would like a more private discussion will be available in the Sardis Chapel Llangynidr on the 27<sup>th</sup> July between 10 and 12.</li><li><b>SpeedWatch and GoSafe</b> – We are beginning to get regular feedback from our Speed Watch activity but need more volunteers to get out on a regular basis. The risk assessment from Dyfed Powys Police for The Legar has been completed. Powys CC have had speed strips down at the Speed Watch site in the village and were shocked to see that the mean speed is 24 mph. It demonstrates the need to be out regularly. Cllrs TJ and GJ asked for a breakdown of the figures by time and day.</li></ol> <p>Ken Skates report has not been released in relation to the new authorities for LAs and 30mph limits. The issue of the 30mph among the Dardy was spoken about, however the CC did not think this would be a priority.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Grass Cutting</b> – A request has been put in for the verges to be cut along the Dardy and should be done very soon, could have already been cut.</li></ol> <p>Had a request to look at grass in Lime Trees. It was looked at on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. It had a safety cut as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> urban cut and the whole area is scheduled to be cut in September as part of the full 3<sup>rd</sup> urban cut. It is an ideal site to be cut and collected, which is a system to encourage more</p>



wildflower growth. This will be done in late August as part of the funding we have for Biodiversity work, and we will also do some of the verges from A4077 up into the Village. This will fit in well with the Climate and Nature Emergency Action Plan that you have.

It was commented that the cut that has been undertaken along this road had not been done correctly. The CC will check with the contractors and the sites involved.

The area next to Duke's Yard also needs to be cut.

6. **Bus and Transport** – Still supporting Cllr Kate Inglis on the amazing work she is doing with the Electric Bus Survey and feasibility study. Thank you for the feedback to Tom Lewis who asked for feedback from town and community councillors across Powys. This information is helping to build the plan for Powys. I am advocating more support for community transport. The Transport Manager is currently working with PAVO and other partners to extend this engagement to transport users etc. I do hope you will be able to have more say through that process.

7. **Active Travel** – Great work done by Tim at the Village Party in the Park which has been sent back to Powys. Amazing feedback from participants and a great start to the engagement and consultation.

Cllr T Jones - stated that the engineers should come to Llangattock to inform the community consultation.

8. **Five (Six) Councils Event** – This was extremely well received, and I know the Chief Executive was very grateful to participants and the engagement of town and community councillors. A full presentation given on Sustainable Powys with information given out to one and all. The Llangattock Place Plan will have an important part to play as this moves forward. Proposals are being prepared for greater engagement. County Councillors are currently being given a series of presentations on different elements. Two presented last week and two more coming this week.

9. **Election Result** – We have a new MP David Chadwick who is a Welsh Liberal Democrat. He has been sworn in at Parliament this week and is honoured to be serving Brecon Radnor & Cwm Tawe Constituency. You can contact him by email using [david.chadwick.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:david.chadwick.mp@parliament.uk) but there are no staff yet so please be patient for responses. I am hoping he will be setting out time to come along and meet us in Llangattock and Llangynidr with a 'Place to Listen' being planned. It will take about three months to get the office and staff set up locally.

Litter bin Audit to take place shortly.

### **Sustainable Powys**

**Town and Community Councillors** have now been sent a video link to the presentation. The explains the approach that Powys might take to address the challenges of the next decade and more. Much of this is linked to the recognised shortfall in the Revenue Support Grant that is the basis of all county council budgets and the need to address increasing issues of demographics and an ageing population. The shortfall in revenue for 2025/26 is expected to be around £20 million.



<p>42/24</p>	<p><b>Place Plan Steering Group Report for Full Council agreement and any Motions required (Cllr T Jones)</b></p> <p>The Draft Place Plan Statutory Planning Guidance, putting into effect the land-use elements of the community plan should be available for approval at the September meeting. This will then be consulted on by the BBNPA for six weeks, if the majority of respondents approve then this will become SPG.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Active Travel: To respond to Powys County Council's draft Active Travel Plans for Llangattock and approve a response</p> <p>The responses from LCC were shared and discussed on screen as had been sent to all Councillors.</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Cllr H Burns <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr R Jones <b>Resolved:</b> unanimously agreed.</p> <p>The allotment lease was discussed - documentation had been found in relation to the original lease which excluded the land from the surety of tenure sections of the Landlord and Tenant Act, meaning that LCC had the right to take back part or all of the site when the lease ended. LACAS were due to inspect the document for themselves shortly. After this drawings should be drawn up so that these can be further discussed with LACAS. The timescale should be to coincide with the October meeting to allow for the new lease to be worked on.</p> <p>Cllr T Jone wished to note a grateful thank you to the Village Society for the Summer Fete.</p>
<p>43/24</p>	<p><b>Report from the Planning Committee for Full Council agreement (Cllr H Burns) and any Motions for the Full Council to Consider.</b></p> <p>Applications from Ty Lami and Ty'r Philip Evans were approved by the BBNPA</p> <p>An application was received for an extension at Timbercraft. The planning committee had no objections.</p> <p>Gron House - changes from the original approved drawings were so extensive that BBNPA required new drawings, which LCC has not seen. We feel that as Statutory Consultees we should have sight of these new drawings for the same reasons as the NPA required them, along with the opportunity to comment.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> as statutory consultee that we should have sight of the new drawings in relation to Gron House and to request another planning officer to attend site to monitor the activity. LCC is deeply concerned about the democratic deficit where planning permission is given on one set of plans but unauthorised development is allowed to proceed under an enforcement process, using new plans which the Council is not allowed to see. (TJ)</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Cllr R Jones <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr K Inglis <b>Resolved:</b> that the timeline will be researched and a draft response circulated before being sent to the BBNPA.</p> <p>Vine Tree - we feel that we should consider contacting the NPA and asking them to clarify the position on dormer extensions and velux windows in a conservation area.</p>

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	<p>To be drafted by Cllr H Burns and sent to the Clerk.</p> <p>County Councillor Jackie Charlton has also written to the BBNPA on an enforcement matter from 2019.</p>
<p>44/24</p>	<p><b>Report from the Central Services for Full Council agreement and any Motions for the Full Council to Consider (Cllr G Jones)</b></p> <p><b><u>Asset Maintenance update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Big thank you to Repair Café fixer, Mark, who managed to repair the cistern in the Toilet Pod when only asked for an allan key during the Summer Fete on 29<sup>th</sup> June.</li> <li>● <b>Andrew Griffiths</b>. Confirmed has got materials and will carry out fence repairs along Beechwood border behind kicking wall around 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, when he returns from leave.</li> <li>● Thank you to <b>Richard Jones</b> for carrying out the June Asset Tour. To be discussed in more detail in Central Services <b>next week</b>.</li> <li>● <b>LACAS</b> have installed combination locks on all their gates to combat unauthorised access by members of the public and theft of produce from plots. The lease allows them to do this and we shall have to request access to the site in order to carry out checks on the trees in future.</li> <li>● <b>Tim Adams</b> is carrying out his grounds maintenance work in the cemetery. If there are no obvious jobs to do here we are considering widening the brief to include other areas including the Memorial Garden where some low ground tree works could be done, or bramble removal by the entrances.</li> <li>● Overgrown footpaths are becoming a problem. We are contacting OTM again to request strimming back, however, if they are unable to do this, we shall request Tim Adams to help out or Gail said she will use her strimmer to ensure the paths are passable.</li> </ul>

*K Bailey*



### Cemetery

- WIP: There is some work to be done post Kay's ICCM training such as looking at procedures, redesigning the interment form, checking plots with coffin/ashes interment IDs and exclusive rights of burial.
- Some concerns voiced over the disturbance of fresh flowers on graves over the last few weeks. At this stage, it is not considered to be any sort of mischief other than from birds or squirrels.

### Public Toilets Update:

- **Building works:** Phase 2 update from Richard. Path outside toilets now repaired with tarmac.

The practical completion certificate is still required.

- **Toilet Pod:** Warm water heater removed. Pipes froze while out of commission earlier in the year. Also motion sensor switch for light not working. Both need replacing.
- **PAVO Grant AWARD** £4,140 to bring the internal facilities of the refurbished and energy-efficient toilet block up to the same standard as the exterior. Replacing the chinaware, cubicle doors and toilet paper dispensers. Paperwork ongoing! Still outstanding is a 3rd quote for the works.

*K Bailey*

Cllr T Jones brought up to County Councillor Jackie Charlton that the amount of work required was disproportionate to the amount of money given. Cllr G Jones will provide the County Councillor with the requested items.

- **Anti Social Behaviour** – Geraint our washroom cleaner reported 3 incidents of excrement being forced down the toilets in large amounts – sufficient to block the plumbing – and soiling the toilet seats. The Chair has let PCSO Lee Garrett know and reported the incidents online to 101. We may have to reconsider CCTV again and before Central Services goes into delegation for the summer break can the Full Council agree to a motion.

**MOTION:** To make enquiries and seek advice from local security contractors on possible CCTV options for the public toilets.

**Proposed:** Cllr T Jones **Seconded:** Cllr H Burns **Resolved:** that the research will be undertaken and quotes secured and brought forwards.

#### **Trees Update:**

- Quote in from OTM for surgery work on T49 “door knocker” oak and T48 next to LACAS tables. It was felt £1,680 + VAT for T49 was considerably higher than when similar work was carried out on T43 in the allotments. Second quote being sought.
- Gail plans to meet with DLCorran Tree Surgery in the allotment field Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> afternoon.

#### **Governance, Insurance , Office and Legal Update**

- **Glebe Field tenancy** – Farm Business Tenancy terms for leasing the Glebe Field agreed. Sign off happening soon.
- **Welsh Water** bills have been changed to monthly so that we can monitor usage more closely in future. Previously they were received every 6-months.

#### **Finance Update**

- Sam looking at an Investment Strategy Policy - WIP

#### **HR (incl. Complaints, Recruitment, Grievance & Disciplinary Panels)**

#### **Council Toolkit Update (Sam)**

- No updates this month – just a couple of councillors to fill in the training matrix if they are able to attend the Central Services Committee next Thursday to be held in the community hall meeting room.

#### **Other Correspondence**

Central committee voted in favour of two signs requesting no glasses or alcohol in the park which received support from The Horseshoe Landlord. With grateful thanks to Tim for designing and Richard for securing them to the railings opposite the Shoe and at the pedestrian gate.





**Owner-friendly Dog Signs**

To remind council Helen designed some owner-friendly dog signs. Central Committee approved them and Helen can explain where she thinks they will be most effective:

*Helen Bailey*

Thank you for putting your  
dog's poop in a bin  
and helping to keep  
Llangattock beautiful



♥ Have a lovely day ♥

The only part of Llangattock that  
dogs aren't permitted in  
is the Recreation Ground



♥ Enjoy your walk ♥

You may not see any sheep in this  
field today but it is used for grazing



Dog poop in the soil can cause  
fatal diseases in sheep

♥ ♥



Thank you for keeping your dog  
on a lead and sticking to the path

**Motion:** To approve the 3 signs and locations for each sign.

(10 x 10 aluminium) - with 8 signs & stickers for the bins

Glebe Field x 4 Recreation ground x 4 General - stickers for bins

This will be dealt with under delegated powers via Central Services.

**Proposed:** Cllr R Jones **Seconded:** Cllr H Burns **Resolved:** For the Clerk/Cllr G Jones/Cllr R Jones to deal with this issue

#### **Mound of soil next to scrub and Beechwood.**

- Letter received from a resident concerned over a recent addition to the mound of soil in the Recreation Ground next to the kicking wall; querying authority to deposit there and concerns over potential for toxic/harmful substances contained within the soil.

Last week a site visit was carried out by the Chair, Vice Chair, Chair of Central and Land & Stone. Craig has reassured material is local and clean and we agreed the recent deposit was part of a longer-term plan to assess the potential for creative play as discussed in council over several years.

**Environment:**

**Speed**

*K Bailey*



- Speedwatch signs have gone up on main roads into Llangattock from Legar, near the Plas, near Plas Dderwen and by Bridge 115 coming off the mountain road. 2 signs given to Llangynidr speedwatch.
- Further speedwatches to be carried out in Llangattock when time allows! Any more volunteers to join speedwatch will be welcomed. Jackie shared data returned from GoSafe for 2 speedwatch sessions in Llangattock village, 17 letters sent to drivers in June 2024 for driving 25mph or above.

### KSIs

- Julian has agreed to report back to Central every month on the Killed, or Seriously Injured (KSIs) livestock toll on the mountain roads between Llangattock and Llangynidr.
- For June 2024 – sadly, 1 foal, 1 calf and 9 sheep. This data has been forwarded to Jackie who is due to meet Ken Skates to lobby for a speed cap over the mountain and more enforcement effort.

### **Events in the Recreation Ground:**

- While Community Committee are not meeting, there may be some matters which need addressing, so we'll give them an outlet here:
- Summer Fete – Big Thank You to Llangattock Village Society for organising a very successful summer fete on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Estimated approximately 150-200 people attended and the “green” theme was warmly supported by the community.
- And Big Thanks to Sam and Frank from Treebeards for providing the beer tent and live music for the day. Lots of positive feedback from residents for the event.

**Wally The Waffle Van** – thank you to everyone who responded on the Council Group Chat about whether to book the pop-up event. Wally is going to return to the park from **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July** and every Tuesday during the summer holidays. Let's keep fingers crossed for warm, dry weather for a change. We can promote the pop-up nearer the time. It'll be the week after the Royal Welsh Show. Sheryl is already receiving bookings for Wally for next year, so if anyone has any more dates in mind for any other events, please let her know sooner rather than later.



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	<p><b>Next CS Committee Meeting:</b> Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. Cllr R Jones - can the path to the church to the bridge be cut by the contractor.</p>
45/24	<p><b>Report from the Finance Committee for Full Council agreement and any associated Motions for the Full Council (Cllr S Ady &amp; RFO)</b></p> <p><b>Committee report followed by:</b> Cllr S Ady - not held since the last meeting.</p> <p><b>Monthly Finance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Motion:</b> for full council to accept the payments and receipts made/received in June and instruct the Clerk to pay the invoices listed</li> </ul> <p>Unanimously agreed to pay the outstanding invoices and June's payments noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Motion:</b> for the full council to accept the Quarterly reconciliation report for June 2024</li> </ul> <p>Noted</p> <p>The Clerk/RFO reminded the Council that the Internal Audit has not been received and therefore sign off is delayed.</p>
46/24	<p><b>Correspondence &amp; Other outside Committee feedback:</b></p> <p><b>Email:</b> 29th June 2024 - Resident email in relation to grass cutting Please respond to her stating no remit from this council</p> <p><b>Email:</b> 9th July 2024 - Lord Ron Bailey - environmental campaign in relation to lithium batteries Cllr K Inglis to draft a response for the Clerk to review and send.</p> <p><b>Community Hall Committee feedback:</b> funding raising is going well</p> <p><b>LACAS feedback:</b> no updated</p> <p><b>Five Councils:</b> Five council's meeting included a presentation by Powy in relation to Sustainable Powys</p> <p><b>Governors feedback:</b> There are 106 enrolled in September and the nursery numbers are also higher. Their Fete is on Thursday.</p>
47/24	<p><b>Date of next committee meeting to be the Annual Meeting on the 17th September 2024</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to place the council in delegated powers over the Summer recess <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr G Jones <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr H Burns <b>Resolved:</b> That the Council will remain in delegated powers until 17th September 2024</p> <p>Kate Inglis will be leaving the Council on the 31st July 2024.</p>

