

Llangattock Community Council - CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWGW

The following are the minutes of an ordinary meeting of Llangattock Community Council, held online on 15th October 2024 7pm.

Attendance: Cllr R Jones, Cllr T Jones, Cllr G Jones, Cllr J Rees, Cllr G Dobbs, Cllr H Burns, Cllr G Logie, Cllr L Gordon-Webb, Cllr S Ady

County Councillor Jackie Charlton | Clerk (Kay Bailey)

Public Participation: None

59/24	Apologies for absence: None
60/24	Members' declarations of Interest: None
61/24	Minutes to approve from the Ordinary meeting on the 17th September and any matters arising: Proposed: Cllr T Jones Seconded: Cllr G Jones Resolved: that the minutes are a true and accurate record Cllr T Jones welcomed the two new members to the Council, Cllr L Gordon-Webb and Cllr G Logie
62/24	THINK Grant Bus consultation Report Cllr T Jones gave some background to the subject and the report's formation. The project has essentially finished. The proposal is that the high level data and the report should be passed to a third party to be able to continue with the project. He also spoke in relation to having a representative on the newly formed Community Transport Group that is being led by County Motion: to accept the information collated and to discuss making the high level data (no private data) available to the public/other interested groups. Proposed: Cllr H Burns Seconded: Cllr G Jones Resolved: Motion: to create a mailchimp communication inviting respondents to LCC bus consultation to re-register with an outside group. Proposed: Cllr J Rees Seconded: Cllr H Burns Resolved: Cllr T Jones will create the mailchimp communication



63/24	<p>County Councillors Report (for information only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. County Councillor Surgery – Future Surgery days will be on bi monthly 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 or contact me at anytime and we can arrange a meeting. 2. Kerb Clearance – An ongoing issue and trying to resolve with Highways but also with residents. 3. Residents Car Park – Been working with Housing to get disabled parking bays and a clear Residents Only parking sign for the Clos Ciliau Car Park. Proving very time consuming and getting nowhere fast, sad to say. Hope to have resolved by Christmas at least. 4. SpeedWatch and GoSafe – Legar results were more stark than we had imagined on Sunday 15th September. Results have all been noted but we do need more volunteers as it's a very busy road and you need three people for recording. 5. Powys Flood Group – Flood Group has been active but not because of flooding. Volunteers are beginning to get ready and stretch limbs, look out for flood gear, make sure batteries are working in head light etc just in case. There is a presentation tomorrow (16 October) in the Community Hall showing the local work undertaken by the Wye & Usk Foundation on Slow the Flow. 6. Community Hall – Attended the Community Hall meeting this month. The amazing Treasurer is having to step down due to work commitments, so if anyone would like to take on this important community role, please do let me know. 7. Bus and Transport – Powys Transport Strategy is moving on a pace. Llangattock feasibility has been recognised in the consultation process and suggestions of using the area for a pilot in community transport. Lots more conversations needed first. 8. Active Travel – No news this month. 9. Single Transferable Vote System – Powys is debating the Single Transferable Vote on Thursday. There was a good response to the consultation with 63% of respondents in favour
64/24	<p>Place Plan Steering Group Report for Full Council agreement and any Motions required (Cllr T Jones)</p> <p>The Community Committee is responsible for communications with residents and engagement with volunteer. The Place Plan Committee is responsible for monitoring the delivery of the Llangattock Community and Place Plans.</p> <p>The current membership of the committees are somewhat depleted following Cllr resignations and are currently as follows:</p> <p>Community Committee: Cllr T Jones (Chair), Cllr H Burns, Cllr Gail Jones. Place Plan Committee: Cllr T Jones (Chair), Cllr H Burns, Cllr Richard Jones, Cllr Gwyn Dobbs, Cllr Julian Rhys, Cllr Gail Jones.</p> <p>Neither Committee has met this month, but the following has happened:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Helen Burns presented the draft Llangattock Place Plan Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) to a full meeting of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA). The SPG was drawn from the Llangattock Community Plan created after a year-long consultation led by Llangattock Community Council. Cllrs can watch the meeting here. Members commended the “rich, well-researched and inclusive – an amazing piece of work.” data contained within the plan, which was the first developed entirely run by the community – it is a first within the national park. The SPG commits BBNPA to consider the views expressed when considering planning applications and future development. The draft SPG is now out for consultation for eight weeks and it is important we get as many people as possible to support the plan by visiting



<https://beacons-npa.gov.uk/planning/draft-strategy-and-policy/consultations/> and emailing their response to strategy@beacons-npa.gov.uk BBNPA policy officers also followed up with Helen to ask whether the community would like to work with them on the development of the next local development plan.

2. Work on developing a community hub/shop/cafe continues:

The residents group continues to investigate the legal and financial processes involved in setting up a Community Benefit Society (CBS) and a Community Share Offer. Another group of volunteers is researching similar projects. A local business owner with catering experience has offered some ideas for menus. It is hoped the CBS can be formed within the next few weeks, but progress will be held up until a suitable location can be identified and pre-planning approval obtained.

LCC councillors have approached two architects with a view to establishing what could be feasible on Council-owned land at the Recreation Ground and the allotment field. The intention is to apply for grant funding from the Brecon Beacons National Park Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) to cover these professional fees.

The parents' survey has come back favouring locations opposite the Horse Shoe and by the toilets because of the proximity to the play equipment. The owners of the Shoe, the Rectory, the Plas and the Community Hall have been talked to to establish their interest in hosting all or part of the hub. The Shoe, the Rectory and the Community Hall are not able to host on a daily basis at the times most favoured by the community (10-4pm)

The LCC Clerk has been trying to identify a suitably qualified lawyer to answer our legal questions. It is anticipated that the CBS when formed may require legal or professional advice of its own and may apply to SDF or LCC for grant funding in its own right.

3. A newsletter has been published.

4. The second quote to replace the kissing gates through the Glebe Field and to the centre of the village has been forwarded to the National Lottery and they will continue their deliberations.

5. Congratulations to Llangattock Village Society (LVS) for getting the PCC street cleaner to cover parts of Llangattock.

6. Cllr T Jones passed on the Council's thanks to Jess at The Shoe for the campaign to stop glasses being taken into the park.

7. LCC and LVS Facebook pages have received messages from residents whose dogs have been attacked by other dogs roaming loose in the village. These messages have all been passed on to PCSO Lee Garrett.

The Community and Place Plan Committees will need to meet shortly to discuss its budget and financial needs for 25/6. New members are welcome.

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Report from the Planning Committee for Full Council agreement (Cllr H Burns) and any Motions for the Full Council to Consider.

1. 24/23229/PREAPP - "Possible development of a community hub/shop/café supported by



	<p>parking” - Address: Llangattock Recreation Ground - Noted</p> <p>2. 24/23243/TPO - Proposal: “Removal of mature ash (DC/018/28)” - Address: Woodland Villa, Hillside Road, Llangattock Crickhowell Powys</p> <p>County Councillor Jackie Charlton left the meeting at this point. The Council discussed the application and had no comment.</p> <p>3. 24/23266/LBC - Proposal: “To install a new UPVC black flue connected to a replacement heating/hot water boiler located at first floor level. The proposed flue will be set in the present rear facing roof slope” - Address: Springfield Cottage, The Dardy, Crickhowell Powys NP8 1PS</p> <p>No comment</p> <p>4. 24/23245/FUL - Proposal: “Two proposed shepherds hut for holiday accommodation, and associated installation of two septic tanks for sewage treatment.” - Address: Ty'r Philip-Evan Farm , Hillside, Llangattock NP8 1LF</p> <p>To be moved to a separate meeting to combine with another application that is considering shepherd's huts that has been received after the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>Notification received for approval for Brook Cottage - noted</p> <p>Correspondence: as a matter arising in relation to a previous application for planning at Gron House the Council has received a letter from the National Parks in relation to an enforcement matter. There was no further comment on the letter from the Council.</p>
<p>66/24</p>	<p>Report from the Central Services for Full Council agreement and any Motions for the Full Council to Consider (Cllr G Jones)</p> <p>Central Services Committee last met on Thursday 12th September, 2024 (a week <i>before</i> Full Council, usually it's the week after)</p> <p><u>Asset Maintenance update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Julian is on the list to carry out the asset tour inspection this month. To be discussed further at Central Services committee meeting Thursday 24th October. ● Thank you to Gwyn and Richard for repairing the accessible gate lever on the pedestrian gate by the shelters and fitting the spring to keep the gate closed. The rubber stoppers are helping to reduce the noise of the gate mechanism shutting although some modifications are needed to the gate hinge





- **RoSPA** annual report for play equipment due – not yet received. Kay to chase please?
- **Tim Adams** is continuing to carry out his grounds maintenance work in the cemetery and other assets held by LCC. Job list for October to include entrance to Recreation Ground where nettles are close to pedestrian gate, shrubs next to the toilet block and further weed control, also along gated path next to the cemetery, with the newly purchased weed-spray dispenser using more environmentally-friendly acetic acid (vinegar).
- **Bicycle rack** – we still have a 5-bike metal rack to fit in the Recreation Ground. Thoughts on the best place to put in the park please – bolt holes require fitting to a solid base – by the toilets, shelters or a new concrete base by the pedestrian gate?
- **Play Equipment** – we must not forget that although repairs were carried out on the multi-play equipment earlier this year, we are still on a date of 2027 for replacement. This will require a working group to run a project to secure grant funding, quotes and residents' feedback on types of play wished for as well as advise on equipment which meets current inclusion requirements. Tim and Helen are meeting National Lottery on Friday to discuss how to progress large grant requests (Tim)

The Cemetery

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- 2 burials since last Full Council.
- Still awaiting quote for repair to cemetery shed roof (chase Meyrick & Powell)
- Has a donation been received for the funeral bier (and has it been taken away?)

Public Toilets Update:

- **PAVO Grant AWARD** – Final phase of refurbishment. Thanks to Land & Stone for completing the work according to the schedule. New cubicle doors on, new basins and slate splash back, toilet pans, paint touch up and toilet roll dispensers. Our cleaning contractor, Geraint, has the new keys.
- Toilet block locked and closed while the special tile flooring has been cleaned and a sealant applied. Should be open by Wednesday hopefully. The Accessible Toilet Pod is not affected. Geraint and volunteers have been advised.
- Thank you to Richard and Land & Stone for keeping to the schedule of works. To discuss, an official opening of the newly refurbished interiors with PAVO invited. We also need photos to complete the grant award and receive final portion of funding.



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Trees Update:

- No reports this month on LCC's trees covered in the Arboricultural Condition Survey 2023. There is still one tree down in the Glebe Field along the Onneu bank.



- Thom Board, Environmental Project Officer, Keep Wales Tidy, has been in touch requesting a visit to the community orchard in the Recreation Ground to see how the saplings are fairing. To remind everyone this was a grant LCC was awarded as part of a Local Places for Nature project and we were supplied with Welsh Heritage fruit tree saplings for the benefit of the community. Llangattock Village Society helped plant the trees last year. Thom is offering to top up stock if needed. We have lost 3 to rabbit damage and a very dry summer last year, but we are hoping he may also be able to include effective rabbit guards for them as well this time. Helen and Gail to meet Thom on Friday 25th afternoon.

Governance, Insurance , Office and Legal Update

- We will purchase a magic box of tricks which will allow Full Council to meet in person again in the Meeting Room as well as be hybrid allowing councillors, clerk or members of the public to attend online. At the moment only Tim knows how to rig up the kit with the monitor screen and uses his laptop. This box will make it possible for any of us to start a hybrid meeting. To be discussed further at Central Services Committee next week.
- *From last month for info.* Farm Business Tenancy query regarding boundary fences. Kay to contact solicitor to clarify responsibility for repair of boundary stone walls and livestock fences.
- *From last month for info.* Welsh Water have split bills to monthly instalments. Requested to increase water meter readings to monthly instead. Update: Craig & Richard investigate the water meter and discovered a leak on the overflow for the gents toilet which has increased water usage. Big thanks to both for resolving.

Finance Update

- Start thinking about budget for next year 25/26.
- To follow at next week's Central Services committee – look at electricity bills and ascertain if we are seeing a reduction in spend here yet as a result of the solar panels.

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

- None to report

Council Toolkit Update (Sam)

- No updates this month

Correspondence

Park Drive verge (Kay to show redacted letter)

Letter received from resident concerned that the verge along Park Drive has not been cut back for a couple of years which is making it difficult for people in cars parked there to get out of that side – especially children. Passed to Jackie and PCC for inclusion in the next strimming session planned for the verges.

Owner-friendly Dog Signs

Action to order signs and arrange fitting.

Environment:

To remind councillors that Environment is included in Central Services until such a time as a councillor can take up the Chair and run a separate committee. A second Co-option meeting for FC is to be held on Thursday 24th 1800 to bring on board a third new councillor before the members of each committee can be sorted.

Flooding/Extreme weather events

PCC Quarterly Flood Group met online on Thursday 19th September 12-1pm. Chaired by Jackie and includes key staff in PCC, NRW and councillors from other affected communities in Powys. Attended by Gail and recently-ex-councillor Kate Inglis, who is still Coordinator for the Flood Warden volunteers and has been instrumental in raising awareness with the right people about flooding impact from the Onneu Fach. Through this meeting the **Wye & Usk Foundation** secured funding for flood mitigation measures.

A **SOIL presentation by Sian Mercer from WUF**, Bob Vaughn, expert on hydrology and George Smith, Llwmws Farm will be speaking about the project to reduce flood impact from the Onneu Fach (which runs through Park Farm down to the River Usk). Tomorrow 6-8pm Wednesday 16th October in the Community Hall. All welcome.

Thanks to PCC for starting to clear the culvert blockages on the Crickhowell side of the bridge, which is where the pump will be deployed at the next flooding event.

Ex-councillor Kate Inglis will be handing over the snow shovels and emergency blankets which she has been storing so that they can be put in the new cupboard next to the toilets. These were purchased through a successful grant application by Kate. The emergency centre is still designated the room at the back of St Catwg's church where there are blankets and campbeds stored, also bought with the grant and belonging to LCC.

Speed



	<p>Community Speed Watch carried out on the approved site on Legar, Sunday 15th September with community and county council support. Plenty of vehicles travelling more than 26mph! UPDATE: Due to the volume of vehicles travelling faster than 26mph (particularly after passing through Crickhowell Bridge traffic lights) it was not possible to note all the data required for letters to be sent. Registration, make, model, colour, time and speed. A good case for needing the GoSafe camera van on site which can record all the data all at once. More volunteers would help meanwhile.</p> <p>KSIs</p> <p>Julian reported the sad figures for road vehicle collisions on Llangattock Mountain for August – repeated here for the benefit of new councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 x sheep killed 4 x injured sheep 1 x mountain pony killed 1 x mountain pony injured <p>Julian reported that for September, 2024, there were only 2 sheep killed. This is due to grazing stock being gathered from the hill for NRW stocking rates. (Julian can explain). They will return to the mountain next month.</p> <p>Next Central Services Committee Meeting: Thursday 24th October, 2024 Online 7pm.</p>
67/24	<p>Report from the Finance Committee for Full Council agreement and any associated Motions for the Full Council (Cllr S Ady & RFO)</p> <p>Committee report followed by: Cllr S Ady confirmed no further meeting at this time</p> <p>Monthly Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: for full council to accept the payments and receipts made/received in September/October and instruct the Clerk to pay the invoices listed <p>Proposed: Cllr G Jones Seconded: Cllr R Jones Resolved: payments are noted and the RFO will pay the outstanding invoices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: for the full council to accept the Quarterly reconciliation report for September 2024 & October reconciliation <p>Proposed: Seconded: Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: for an fourth Councillor to become a bank signatory - this will be bought forward to the next meeting when various items of this nature ● Budget discussions - timeline. Cllr S Ady confirmed the timeline for all Councillors. All budget suggestions to Cllr Ady before the next full meeting for a draft discussion. The Council will then have December and January ● Motion: to receive and accept the External Audit report from Welsh Audit for 22/23 & 23/24 <p>Both reports were unqualified</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr T Jones Seconded: Cllr H Burns Resolved: that the full council accepts the two audit reports</p>
68/24	<p>Correspondence & Other outside Committee feedback:</p> <p>04.10.24 - Email - Independent Remuneration Panel Draft Report. The draft report was briefly discussed and would be considered in more depth in the budget</p>



	<p>discussions.</p> <p>Community Hall Committee feedback: Cllr R Jones confirmed that they have applied for grants for the repair to the leaking roof. Powys County Council is now involved with this piece of work. This included a grant from PAVO and Percy Davis Fund. Cllr G Dobbs stated they were pleased that the Council were considering the hardware to allow for easier set up for hybrid meetings. Cllr T Jones stated that the Committee were advertising for more Trustees volunteers and members to the committee.</p> <p>The repair Cafe will be on the 25th October.</p> <p>LACAS feedback: email from LACAS. Cllr G Dobbs and Cllr J Rees confirmed no official meetings. Cllr T Jones confirmed that the Place Plan/Hub and lease extension letter had been sent to the Committee for consideration. They intend to discuss this in their October meeting.</p> <p>Five Councils: The next 5 Council's meeting is Llangattock's, scheduled in Nov/Dec. The Council will consider the timing of this meeting.</p> <p>Governors feedback: a new Councillor has been nominated, Cllr L Gordon Webb will be the new representative and the Clerk will inform the primary school</p> <p>Community Transport Group: no current representative, however minutes received</p> <p>LGV (Llangattock Green Valleys): email from LGV for a LCC representative for the energy project. Cllr G Logie stated that he would be interested in representing the Council.</p>
69/24	<p>Date of next committee meeting to be the 19th November 2024 - noted Reminder - Extraordinary meeting on the 24th October 2024 - noted</p>

