

Llangattock Community Council - CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWG

The following are the minutes of an ordinary meeting of Llangattock Community Council, held online and in Llangattock Village Hall on 21st January 2025 7pm.


Attendance:

Public Participation:

103/24	<p>Motion: to elect a Chair to the Council Cllr T Jones stated that he would like to be considered. No other Councillors stood forward. The Council voted unanimously. Resolved: Cllr T Jones was elected as the Chair for the Council</p> <p>Cllr T Jones thanked the previous Chair for his persistent and long standing service to the community and that his knowledge and attitude will be missed.</p> <p>Councillors were reminded that a Casual Vacancy is now advertised before the Council can consider further co-option.</p>
104/24	<p>Apologies for absence: Cllr L Gordon-Webb, Cllr S Jones - accepted.</p>
105/24	<p>Members' declarations of Interest: None</p>
106/24	<p>Minutes to approve from the Ordinary meeting on the 17th December and any matters arising: Proposed: Cllr G Logie Seconded: Cllr H Burns Resolved: that the minutes were a true and accurate record</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Flood Investigation – any update from Powys County Council? <p>The Volunteer Bureau has been sent forms to apply for a grant up to £1000.00. The Litter Pickers are also asking for grant donations, a form will be sent to them to also apply and to confirm eligibility. The RFO confirmed that there is £900.00 left in this budget currently.</p> <p>Motion: to nominate three Llangattock Community Councillors to sit on a liaison group (should it be formed) with PCC who are investigating causes and mitigations of flooding in Llangattock.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Flood FOI – any response from the Canal and River Trust? <p>Cllr T Jones stated that the Canal and Rivers Trust has asked further questions in relation to the Council's FOI request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Powys has responded to the flood group, but not directly to the Council. The data that the Council had collected had helped form a business case to apply to the Welsh Government for funds for flooding mitigation. Cllr T Jones commented that Powys website and reporting system is currently not good enough, County Councillor J Charlton confirmed that Powys is taking this onboard.Onneu Bridge – this bridge is closed with heavy signage and was cable-tied but these have been cut and residents continue to use it. This has been pointed out to the Brecon Beacons



	<p>National Park Rights of Way team and they are also working to clear the footpath next to The Plas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Woodland Technical Group - County Councillor Jackie Charlton confirmed a report had been sent to the Clerk. She also stated that a response from the Duke of Beaufort had been received to information given by the group. The next meeting was due on Jan 25 but it has not happened yet.
<p>107/24</p>	<p>County Councillors Report (for information only) Flooding</p> <p>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. See contact details above.</p> <p>2. Residents Car Park – Still an issue. Becoming very frustrated.</p> <p>3. Powys Flood Group – I have been liaising with the Flood Group and Tim Jones on this to make sure all the concerns are responded to. Most have been. Funding application for Llangatock Nant Onneu has been submitted. The fund is to provide money to progress study work leading to the completion of an outline business case. A long way to go yet and will obviously update on success or otherwise. Graham Astley said the data and photos collected by Llangatock Flood Wardens and the Community Council was excellent evidence and he asked that I pass on his thanks to you all.</p> <p>4. Active Travel – Am meeting with Vincent Goodwin later this week to discuss the tweaking needed for pedestrian lights, which is a technical issue. Hoping to get feedback on the next stages. I understand we are still waiting for the Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by the UK government on all the Levelling Up Funds so still a level of nervousness although constantly being reassured that it will be OK.</p> <p>5. Technical Advice Group Feedback – I have given some feedback on this already. We are awaiting the next meeting date. I believe there is some nervousness from the Duke Of Beaufort’s agent on the discussions we have had but all at the meeting were clear that we need full engagement and links to the community. A separate report will be shared with the Community Council to put on file. Also shared with Llangynidr Community Council.</p> <p>6. Budget – Since meeting in November a lot of work has been undertaken on the budget and a draft balanced budget was agreed by the Cabinet earlier this month. This draft will now be scrutinised by each Scrutiny Committee. All members of the council have seen the draft and it is publicly available on the Powys website as well as being in the local press and on social media.</p> <p>7. Powys Sustainable Resource Strategy – There is a 12 week engagement process for the Resource Strategy which covers all of the recycling and future focus to get to zero waste by 2020 which is a Welsh Government target. Waste is anything that has to go to Energy for Waste as it cannot be recycled.</p> <p>Wales is second in the world for successful recycling, Austria is first. There is a real push now to become first. Powys does play its part and is on target to hit close to 69% recycling but need to get to 70%. There are also new procedures in place to make visits to the Household Recycling Centres easier from April 2025. A new booking system is being designed so you can plan your slot at the centre enabling everyone to have help to put items into correct recycling ins at the centre and prevent queues. It is also much better for those who have accessibility issues. DIY waste will be charged from April 2025 as well. This will be for large items of waste such as kitchen and bathroom items associated with replacements in the home, as well as other larger items including replacement windows, flooring and</p>



	<p>cement.</p> <p>8. Bus and Transport – A consultation process started at the end of 2024 for the proposed new timetables. There still appears to be a gap earlier in the morning in Llangynidr. I will take any comment to the team should you feel there is a demand for an early bus to Brecon</p> <p>9. Sustainable Powys Communication and updates. Sustainable Powys is now fully embedded into the council activity and more work is being undertaken to engage with town and community councils through the spring. Please keep an eye on activity and information flow from the council to the Clerk. There was a successful meeting in Brecon in December which the Chair attended. There are more sessions planned during 2025.</p>
<p>108/24</p>	<p>This item was moved to the second item.</p> <p>Cllr T Jones explained the committee delegation and structure. The position of the Vice Chair was mentioned and it was decided to discuss this at a later meeting.</p> <p>The visual structure was shared with the Councillors.</p> <p>Motion: to appoint new members to committees as per delegated terms of reference Finance: The remain as Chairs of committees Central Services & Planning: to remain as listed Core Services: Cllr S Ady, Cllr G Jones, request to be sent to Cllr L Gordon-Webb to join this committee. Cllr T Jones Community: Cllr T Jones, Cllr H Burns, Cllr L Gordon-Webb, Cllr J Rees, request to be sent to Cllr S Jones Environment: as listed plus Working Group to include outside members</p> <p>Cllr G Logie and Cllr S Jones are intending to sit on the environmental outside bodies</p> <p>Motion: to appoint a new Councillor to the Community Hall Committee Cllr H Burns would like to be considered. This was accepted by the Council and the Clerk will write to the Hall Committee to confirm.</p>
<p>109/24</p>	<p>This item was moved to the first item.</p> <p>Report from the Finance Committee for Full Council agreement and any associated Motions for the Full Council (Cllr S Ady & RFO)</p> <p>Cllr S Ady gave a report on the recent Finance meeting. The draft budget was discussed in particular the money placed aside for the cemetery shed, which was removed from the draft given the working groups work on the grant application.</p> <p>The environmental committee budget was removed. The grass cutting tender amounts were discussed, and the committee felt that the amounts were sufficient and the Central Services committee will start the tender and will be reviewed shortly. The burial costs will be looked at by Cllr S Ady and the RFO but the committee decided to keep the burial income forecast the same for this budget. The spreadsheet was also tidied up.</p> <p>The result of the above was a precept request of £57,798, lower than the previous amount, which</p>

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means an increase to a Band D of 0.14 a week. Cllr T Jones stated that this represents a % increase over two years of under 4% each year vs the RPI at 14%, so this is a responsible budget.

Cllr T Jones queried if the new grant application for the shed improvement requires anything from this budget, Cllr H Burns and Cllr G Jones stated that the project is on track to be funded wholly from the National Lottery Awards for all Grant.

Cllr G Jones queried if the tree budget required increasing given the recent spate of storms and flooding. Cllr Ady stated that if the tree work quotes are greater than expected then the Council should discuss the money in reserves that are held in general reserves and also a project budget. It is her view that the Council should VIRE the money from those accounts to stop the precept being increased, considering the current cost of living crisis. Cllr G Jones was happy with this suggestion.

- **Budget/precept Setting:**

Motion: to accept the 25/26 budget and instruct the RFO to request the precept from Powys County Council

Proposed: Cllr H Burns **Seconded:** Cllr G Jones **Resolved:** the budget was accepted and the precept request confirmed was £57,798 and the RFO will now submit the request to Powys County Council

The budget will be communicated with the residents via the website and via the next newsletter.

Monthly Finance:

- **Motion:** for full council to accept the payments and receipts made/received in September/October and instruct the Clerk to pay the invoices listed

Proposed: Cllr J Rees **Seconded:** Cllr G Jones **Resolved:** the accept the payments listed

- **Motion:** for the full council to accept the reconciliation report for October

Proposed: Cllr G Jones **Seconded:** Cllr H Burns **Resolved:** the reconciliation was accepted

- **Motion:** to request for a further Councillor to become a bank signatory

Cllr H Burns was accepted as a new bank signatory, the RFO will send the relevant forms to Cllr H Burns

A new financial regulation document has been received and is being reviewed before bringing to the Council for sign off.

110/24 Community Committee/Place Plan Report for Full Council agreement and any Motions required (Cllr T Jones)

Flooding

Some positive news regarding flooding. Because of the detailed information provided by the Llangattock Community following Storm Bert on November 24th, the Powys County Council Land Drainage Team were able to include Llangattock in a bid for 2025/6 funding for a business case for flood mitigations on the Nant Onneu. The deadline for this application was December 31st and there is no way it could have been met without the work we did. There is no guarantee they will get this money but the PCC team said our evidence was "just what was needed."

There are still many questions to answer and we await a response to our letter to PCC, who have been tied up with other weather related matters, the result of their S19 investigation and we have today received a response asking for clarification about our Freedom of Information Request to CRT.



We have some answers from PCC from the Quarterly Flood Group which we can disseminate.

Place Plan

The consultation about the Llangattock Place Plan Statutory Planning Guidance (SPG) has finished. There was minimal feedback to the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA) with some objections to the idea of creating parking spaces at the top of the allotment field, but no comments about affordable housing next to the school. There was one comment from Crickhowell County Councillor, Claire Hall, calling for a proportionate distribution of affordable housing, and another from the Canal and River Trust seeking to highlight the importance of the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal as a resource. BBNPA will respond to the consultees (mostly to say their concerns are best dealt with if there is a planning application) and will then proceed with the adoption. BBNPA have given a commitment that the SPG can be reviewed every year, starting in April.

Affordable Housing

Once the Llangattock Place Plan SPG has been adopted, LCC should contact Melin Homes to see whether they wish to proceed with a pre-planning consultation.

Flood Store/Cemetery Shed Project

Cllrs Burns, S Jones and G Jones and Kate Inglis of the Flood Wardens have been looking into getting grant funding for a new store for flood warden equipment and sandbags.

Bus Consultation – 5 buses a day but no early morning bus.

The **43** and **X43** services provide a service from Brecon to Abergavenny via Crickhowell approximately every hour on Mondays to Saturdays and every 2-hours on Sundays and Public Holidays. Service **X43** runs via the A40 while service 43 diverts to Llangynidr and Llangattock.

The proposed new timetable for Monday to Saturday sees buses running to Abergavenny at the following 0951, 1151, 1351, 1551, 1751 with a return at 1051, 1215, 1415, 1615, 1630 and 1800. No services to Llangattock on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Link to the consultation is

<https://www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/powys-local-bus-network-consultation>

Motion: That Llangattock Community Council writes to the consultation team at buses@powys.gov.uk expressing its regret that the desire for a bus to take people into Abergavenny from Llangattock in time for 9am is not included in their proposed new timetable. This request was clearly expressed in the 2023 Place Plan consultation, along with a desire to increase green transport, and communicated to the buses team. How are Llangattock residents supposed to travel in an eco-friendly way into work if the earliest bus only gets them to Abergavenny at just before 10am?

Proposed: Cllr G Jones **Seconded:** Cllr H Burns **Resolved:** that the Clerk will email the relevant people and copy in County Councillor J Charlton

Draft Powys Sustainable Resource Strategy



	<p>Powys County Council is launching a 12-week consultation about waste, recycling and repair, while also reducing fly-tipping and promoting decarbonisation.</p> <p>Motion: to request that the LCC Environment Committee draft a response to be presented for approval to the February Full Council.</p> <p>Community Hub</p> <p>The process to register a Llangattock Community Benefit Society is under way.</p> <p>The architect appointed by LCC is evaluating the four potential sites for a hub and associated parking. As part of this process, the architect will examine vehicular entrances and potential parking spaces at the allotment field. This will inform the negotiations for a new lease.</p>
111/24	<p>Report from the Central Services & Planning Committee for Full Council agreement and any Motions for the Full Council to Consider (Cllr G Jones)</p> <p>Cllr G Jones confirmed that the committee had been in delegated powers since the end of November. The Chair and the Clerk were in contact over this period of time to deal with items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: Quote for tree works to be presented if received <p>One quote had been received from the previously used contractor. The Chair had met the contractor on site to discuss continued works required from the last tree inspection. The works were discussed and Oak 24 and Oak 73 were requested for urgent works for £460.00</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr G Jones Seconded: Cllr G Logie Resolved: for the Clerk to contact the subcontractor to go ahead with the work and for the RFO and Cllr S Ady to analyse the budget to make funds available for the rest of the work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: to engage a solicitor to write the new lease between LACAS and Llangattock Community Council <p>Proposed: Cllr G Dobbs Seconded: Cllr T Jones Resolved: for the Clerk to engage a solicitor for the creation of a new 15 year lease with elements of the ground under option.</p> <p>Cllr T Jones suggested that Cllr L Gordon-Webb be invited to join Cllr G Dobbs and Cllr J Rees as representatives with LACAS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: Quote for recreation ground wooden play equipment and other maintenance <p>Cllr G Jones confirmed that Cllr G Logie had completed the asset tour that will be discussed in Central Services. The quote from Gwent Handyman was shared with the Council and Cllr G Jones ran through the items included in the quotation. The woodland group had also been contacted and would like to meet to discuss works on the wooden equipment. The quote will be looked at further after that meeting.</p> <p>Update on shed grant application (Cllr H Burns)</p> <p>The written report was shared with the Committee with three potential options suggested. Cllr T Jones suggested that the project should take into account project management as well. The general consensus was that one big shed was preferable and that local contractors should be asked to quote.</p> <p>This will be brought back to Central Services for further discussion.</p>



112/24	Report from the Environment Committee for Full Council agreement and any Motions required <i>First meeting date - 4th February 25</i>
113/24	Report from the Core Services Committee for Full Council agreement <i>(this committee will convene in the New Year) - noted</i>
114/24	Correspondence & Other outside Committee feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Email: 13th Jan - Bronllys Wellbeing Park - request for donation <p>The clerk was requested to find out more information about what the group do for the residents of Llangattock</p> <p>Community Hall Committee: no update LACAS feedback: no update Five Councils: Suggested date 13th February 2025 Governors' feedback: no update Community Transport Group: no update LGV (Llangattock Green Valleys): no update</p>
115/24	Date of next committee meeting to be the 18th February 2025 - noted

