



LCC NEWS

Ffawyddog, Dardy, Hillside, Legar, Llangattock Village



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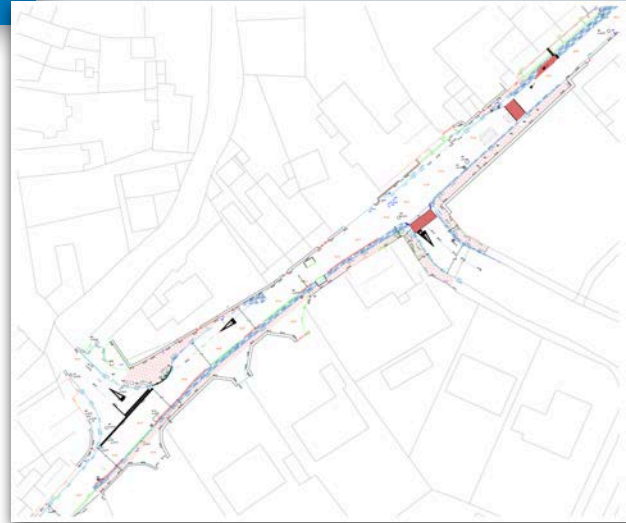
ROADS FEEDBACK UNDER REVIEW

Powys County Council has received a lot of responses to its proposals to change roads and pavements in Llangattock. It is one of the most controversial and consequential proposals of recent years, with strong opinions against and for. Llangattock Community Council (LCC) has worked to ensure that residents have been kept informed and had an opportunity to respond.

The process is being run by Powys County Council (PCC), which is the highways authority and therefore responsible for roads and pavements. It will collate all the responses received and LCC has said it will share them once published.

LCC has not expressed a collective view while the community engagements have been ongoing, so as not to prejudge the outcome. The Community Council is not a statutory consultee on highways matters and PCC would not be bound by any decision we make. However, once all the feedback has been received, LCC members will be given an opportunity to decide whether they wish to take a position and, if so, what that position should be.

Powys County Council will make the final decision.



COMMUNITY HUB

LCC is in negotiations with Brecon Beacons National Park Authority over planning permission for a community hub in the Recreation Ground. Cadw, the Brecon Beacons National Park Building Conservation Officer have objected because the Recreation Ground was once part of the Historic Park and Garden for Llangattock Park, near the canal, and is within the setting of other listed buildings.

HELP DECIDE LIBRARY'S FUTURE

Crickhowell Library is entering a new chapter, and as one of the communities it serves, we want to make sure the future service reflects what Llangattock residents actually need and value. We are looking for a small number of residents from our community to take part in an informal focus group to share ideas about how they would like to use the library, what services and activities it could offer, and how it could become an even more useful community resource. You don't need to be a regular library user – we're particularly interested in hearing a range of views and new ideas. If you would like to take part and help shape the library's future, please get in touch with the Community Council by email llangattockcc@gmail.com. LCC has contributed £1,000 to a time-limited emergency fund to keep Crickhowell Library open until March 31st, 2027, after Crickhowell High School said it could no longer afford to run it.

PREPARING FOR EXTREME WEATHER



It's been a busy year for weather events with floods, wildfires and potentially more to come.

With potential for snow this winter, Powys County Council has published a new map to show which roads in the County will and won't be gritted this winter. Please visit their website to input your postcode to see whether roads around you will be treated. LCC has already raised some concerns and will report back.



Flood experts have been visiting Llangattock to carry out a detailed risk assessment of all sources of potential flooding. They were shown around by volunteer flood wardens and Community Councillors. The work has been funded by Welsh Government and follows the publication of a detailed report into flooding in the village during Storm Bert in November 2024. The report is the first of its kind produced by PCC, acting as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA). LCC coordinated residents' photos and videos and pressed for the inquiry, which concluded:

- The flooding was caused by an extreme localised rainfall event, causing landslips along watercourses and felling trees.
- It was exacerbated by water overtopping the canal towpath and that measures taken by CRT to manage the canal during works near Beacon Park Boats were "insufficient".
- There was also evidence of blockages in watercourses which are responsibility of private landowners.

The report creates responsibilities for managing flooding:

- Acting as LLFA, PCC will record responsibilities for maintaining culverts and bridges in the community and ensure they are maintained to required standards.
- PCC Highways will ensure highways are maintained, including grips below canal bridge 116 which currently allow water to enter the field above Church View. Residents of Church View have written to PCC calling upon it to assess the risk from these grips and LCC has supported that request.
- PCC will also work with others, including property owners, to mitigate flood risk.
- Canal and River Trust (CRT) should liaise with LCC ahead of planned works in the vicinity of Llangattock and LCC has written to CRT to initiate this process.

As well as liaising with the experts, Llangattock Flood Wardens have been filling a limited number of sandbags in anticipation of bad weather expected because of the increased El Nino effect. Please remember that it is the responsibility of individual homeowners and businesses to protect their own property. Neither LCC or PCC routinely issue sandbags. Further information about how to make and install your own flood defences can be found on our website or from the flood wardens.

SANDBAGS



WILDFIRES

LCC is writing to thank firefighters and other services who helped fight wildfires above Llangattock over the summer. It is also asking what will be done to restore the mountain habitat, much of which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and how residents are protected and kept informed during emergencies. We understand that local county councillors are trying to organise a meeting of stakeholders and will pass on these details when we get them.

During the fire, it became apparent that not all residents of Hillside and Ffawyddog who are on private water supplies have registered with Powys County Council. This could have caused problems had the fire service needed to use chemicals to combat the fire. Please use this link to register if you have a private water supply.

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4514/Private-Water-Supplies>