

Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting

Held on Tuesday 12th March 2019, 7.00pm at Llangors Youth & Community Centre

Present

Cllr Mr C Preece (Chair), Cllr Mr A Evans, Cllr Mr D James, Cllr Mr S Bailey, Cllr Mr M Scruby, Cllr Mrs L Griffin, Judith Phillips (Clerk), County Cllr Ms E Durrant from 7.45p.m. (Late apologies noted) Mr J Corbett, Mr L Pullen, Mr A Williams (until 7.32pm) & Mrs M. Tunnicliffe (Members of the Public)

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mr R East, Cllr Mr R Doylend, Cllr Ven. A Jevons, Mr L. Duffy

It was agreed by all that agenda item 5 be brought forward for members of the public to speak on that matter and then leave the meeting.

5. Fibre Broadband & Welsh Government Funding issues

Three members of the public were invited to speak about their extensive campaigning to establish fibre broadband in the community and the lack of Welsh Government (WG) funding and the reasons why. A number of options had been considered, letters written, meetings with WG ministers taken place and a further meeting requested via Kirsty Williams AM. It was agreed that a member of the CC would attend any future meeting with a WG minister if invited to, in support of the work being done. Frustratingly, it appeared that current funding from WG was only for new infrastructure work and not to fund existing unfinished works under the previous scheme.

The chair thanked the members of the public for attending, and they left the meeting. Clerk to be kept informed of matters.

2. Declarations of Interest for agenda items as per Members' Code of Conduct

Cllr Preece had declared an interest in item 11a) finance report regarding a grant application from Llangors Village Shop Committee and further declared an interest in the same agenda item regarding the payment for a ROSPA inspection for the play equipment at Llangors Y&C Centre.

3. Minutes of the Last Bi Monthly Meeting 8/1/19

The minutes were read and signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Scruby and seconded by Cllr Evans.

4. Matters Arising from above minutes

Page 1. Webpage – still to be resolved (Action Cllr Preece)

Llangors Churchyard Boundary & Tree Stump – still to be resolved (Action Cllr Evans & Cllr Preece)

Wilmott Dixon Legacy - the proposed letter of thanks had still not been sent as not all works at Llangors Y&C Centre had been completed. Once notified of completion of the boundary fence the letter to be sent. (Action Clerk)

Page 2 PCC Play Sufficiency Assessment in Powys consultation – response had been submitted as agreed.

Page 3 – Grass Cutting Contracts - discussions had taken place about the schedule of work completed and the invoice due. This resulted in a reduction of the invoice, subsequently

paid. The 2019 contracts had been agreed. The insurance and risk assessments from the contractors had been circulated and were agreed.

Page 4 - Llanfihangel Talylllyn footpath – email had been sent to ROW officer as agreed, who had confirmed the works were on list to be completed.

Notice board – possibly near Pen y Brenin. Email had been sent to PAR Homes to request financial assistance with no response to date. Cllr Preece to follow up (Action Cllr Preece)

6. Vacancies; a) Member Vacancy in Llanfihangel Talylllyn Ward, b) Internal Auditor Vacancy from May 2019

a) Following the resignation of Mark James as member for the ward the notice of vacancy had been served. Subject to the current notice requirements it was likely co-option notices for the vacant seat will follow on in due course. This matter to be included in the Grapevine newsletter. (Action Cllr Preece)

b) The current internal auditor had indicated that this audit would be his last. An advert had been drafted and agreed. This also for inclusion in the Grapevine newsletter. (Action Cllr Preece)

As County Cllr Durrant had not arrived it was agreed that agenda item 7 be deferred at this point.

8. Bi Monthly Planning Report

Llangors Community Council supported;

BBNPA 19/17034/FUL & 19/17035/LBC 31/1/19

“Replace 2 no. skylights as approved, with 3 no. catslide dormers in the north roof plane (amending previously approved scheme); and replace existing concrete sills and lintels in natural stone” at Ty Mawr, Llangasty.

(Site visit carried out previously)

Applications granted by BBNPA/PCC

BBNPA 18/16954/FUL 20/2/19

“Construction of new single storey toilet / shower block and installation of five camping pods” at Llangorse Multi Activity Centre, The Gilfach, Llangorse

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports
3. Planning Aid Wales events
4. PCC LDP 2011- 2026: Supplementary Planning Guidance Public Consultation 14/1/19 to 24/2/19 – LCC had responded to the Renewable Energy SPG as agreed.
5. BBNPA LDP meeting 14/3/19 Cllr Bailey to attend.
6. BBNPA consultation on SPG enabling appropriate Development in the Countryside – noted.

County Cllr Durrant arrived at 7.45.

7. BBNPA Local Housing Market Assessment - call for information. Following discussion, it was agreed to submit a comment that the imbalance of size of properties needs to be addressed at the planning stage to accommodate young people’s aspirations as well as those wishing to down size. Letter to be sent to both LPA’s. (Action Clerk). County Cllr Durrant confirmed that Place Plans could address this matter and that the BBNPA would now support such a project taking place.

7. Community use of Llangors Playing Field update - Cllr Preece

County Cllr Durrant reported that she had been requested by the Chair of school governors to report back to the CC on this matter. It appeared the Governing Body had decided it no longer wished to meet with the CC as a liaison group to discuss this matter as it appeared the Governing Body had agreed to allow Community use of the field on a basis of booking the facility with school staff. This, on the basis of supervised use only which may be charged for. How the public are supposed to make bookings outside of school hours was not clear and concerns were raised about residents being charged for use when some would be unable to afford to pay to use publicly owned recreation land. This appeared to promote inequality in society which would be unacceptable.

It was agreed that the CC did wish to continue with liaison group meetings and that any booking policy that had been agreed by the Governing Body needed to be put in writing to the CC for consideration and to allow for the CC to report back to residents at the annual public meeting in May. County Cllr Durrant to report back to the School Governing Body (Action County Cllr Durrant).

9.Highway Matters to include considerate parking

There remained a long list of outstanding highway matters and some new items included a blocked drain reported at Tai North, which along with several matters had recently been inspected by a PCC officer. Running water on road near Gilfach, Llangors had been reported again. PCC had verbally reported that BT have been notified about their poles at Hoelddu junction now being more exposed to the highway since the hedge has been moved.

PCC had reported that the safety barriers by the River Cwy in Llangors are for pedestrians not vehicles some posts are to be made more secure and potholes on that road to be repaired. The Lake View Close chicane works are due to commence.

Following a meeting with PCC on 25th February, resurfacing two sections of Llangors village is due to commence week beginning 25th March with some plainings to go to the Lake car park to fill pot holes.

Following a public consultation meeting in Llangors hosted by PCC in January regarding Lake View Close Chicane, the CC had requested PCC assess the need for a chicane on the B4560 near Upper/Lower Pendre. PCC have recently recorded the average speeds as 37mph there and 35mph at Lake View Close.

Considerate parking – there had been a meeting on 29/1/19 with a PCC officer to discuss parking concerns in both Llangors and Llanfihangel Talylyn. County Cllr Durrant had followed this up with a meeting in Llangors Y&C Centre on 7/3/19 for those residents affected by concerns regarding parking on the B4560 Llangors Church to the Triangle. It was reported that the meeting had been well attended with much discussion, concluding with a need for considerate parking by all and the possibility of some double yellow lines in this area. It was also noted that there were parking concerns in other areas of the village. DPP to be asked if they have any considerate parking leaflets for distribution. County Cllr Durrant to arrange another meeting with PCC officer, DPP neighbourhood police officer and CC representatives to discuss further. (Action County Cllr Durrant)

It was agreed that a similar meeting with residents will be held in Llanfihangel Talylyn hosted by County Cllr Durrant and supported by CC ward members.

10.Glebe Community Field – update on all matters and annual review of Development Plan

Following a working party discussion, it was proposed and agreed to commence negotiation about the renewal of the current lease. An article for the Grapevine had been written and

was agreed, enquiring whether any community group would like to take the potential new lease with the CIW, subject to their approval.

Some maintenance work is required at the site including replacement of some fencing stakes. Cllr Scruby is looking into this matter (Action Cllr Scruby). The development plan had been updated and circulated, tabled and agreed.

It had been agreed for Brecknock play network to hold a play session on Sunday 12th May.

11. Financial Matters; a) Bi monthly finance report, b) Annual review of policies;

1. Asset Register, 2. Financial & Management Risk Assessment Schedule, 3. Financial Regulations, 4. Grants policy, 5. Agree instructions for Internal Audit

a) The finance report had been circulated and was approved, as attached to these minutes. It was reported that the Clerk hours for the year to date had exceeded the hours contracted. The Clerk was requested to continue with the work required and would be paid accordingly. This was agreed. Grant requests: £100 to Pennorth Chapel was agreed and £300 to Llangors Community Shop project was discussed and agreed as a one-off payment. All money in the relevant budget had been spent so it was agreed that all remaining applications for funding from outside the community area, received over the past financial year, would not be considered further.

b) All policies had been circulated to members and were tabled. These were briefly discussed, agreed and signed by the Chair as required.

12. Annual Review of Policies; a) Standing Orders, b) Freedom of Information, c) Welsh Language, d) Social Media, e) General complaints, f) Member complaints, g) Press & Media

All policies had been circulated to members and were tabled. These were briefly discussed, agreed and signed by the Chair as required. It was noted with concern that there appeared to be a contradiction with Freedom of Information requirements and GDPR requirements regarding the length of time documents need to be kept. County Cllr Durrant offered to obtain advice from PCC on the matter.

13. IRPW Report – update

The relevant section of the report from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) was considered the details of which are summarised below.

Determination 40: All community and town councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses. Noted.

Determination 42: Community and town councils in Groups B or C can make an annual payment of up to £500 each to up to 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses. After consideration it was agreed not to adopt this.

Determination 43: Community and town councils can make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties. Such payments must be the actual costs of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowances as provided in the report. After consideration it was agreed to adopt this.

Determination 44: If a community or town council resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members at the maximum rates set out in the report on the basis of receipted claims. After consideration it was agreed to adopt this.

Determination 45: Community and town councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties as set out in the report. After consideration it was agreed not to adopt this.

Determination 46: All community and town councils must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. Reimbursement must be for the additional costs incurred by members in order for them to carry out their approved duties. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer. Noted.

Determination 47: Community and town councils can provide a Civic Head payment to the mayor/chair of the council up to a maximum of £1,500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed. After consideration it was agreed not to adopt this.

Determination 48: Community and town councils can provide a Deputy Civic Head payment to the deputy mayor/deputy chair of the council up to a maximum of £500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed. After consideration it was agreed not to adopt this.

A brief discussion took place regarding this item. No member wishes to be paid the £150 as set out in determination 40. County Cllr Durrant spoke passionately about the requirements of the report.

14. Clerk Report that a complaint received is being dealt with in line with policy

Clerk reported a complaint had been received and that due to the matter being investigated no further discussion would take place at the time. This was accepted by all.

15. General Correspondence Received

Correspondence that members have been informed of since the last meeting.

Powys County Council

1. Arwain updates
2. PCC toilets strategy consultation - noted
3. Cllr Durrant – New Corporate Director Transformation Appointment
4. ROSPA inspections letter

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. Meeting agenda for various committees
2. Community Update
3. Cllr Durrant – Princes Trust Get into rural skills programme

Welsh Government

1. Business Advice updates
2. Consultation notifications & rural news updates
3. Natural Resources Wales updates

Other

1. DPP crime and awareness updates & protect yourself booklet
2. OVW updates
3. PAVO updates
4. Play Wales updates
5. Wales and Powys CHC & PTHB meetings/updates
6. Residents emails re Broadband - noted
7. Wales Audit Office financial management and audit reports – Clerk encouraged members to read these documents
8. BBT Discover Days out 2019
9. BBT call for events for Easter newsletter

10. Calor win £5000 for your community
11. Citizens Advice – help with energy issues
12. Clerks & Councils Direct booklet
13. Discover Llangors & Bwlch Group minutes
14. Jill Evans MEP -No underground nuclear waste dump in Wales
15. Member of public - Is driven grouse Shooting driving away Jobs as well as Wildlife?
16. Freedom of information requests - noted
17. Mid Wales Housing job vacancies
18. Member of public - Rights of Way: Restoring the Record 2026 FREE TRAINING DAYS
19. Bronllys well-being park news
20. Grapevine Newsletter call for info – agreed or Cllr Preece to submit an article
21. Resident copy correspondence sent to Cllr Durrant regarding traffic calming in Llangors

16. Reports from Councillors

Cllr Bailey reported that the Brecon to Hay Cycle Path group were working through a report from Sustrans. It was agreed that the matter be an agenda item at the May meeting of the CC for a further update. (Action Clerk)

Cllr Griffin reported that the Llangors Village Shop group had carried out several visits to other community shops and had gained access to a Plunkett Foundation advisor. Three meetings around the community are planned to take place to inform the public and gain information and support from residents in the community.

17. Confirm date and venue of the next bi monthly meeting & AGM 14/5/19 and Confirm date, venue and topic for Annual Public Meeting 21/5/19.

It was agreed for both meetings to be in Llangors Y&C Centre. It was confirmed that the local DPP PCSO had agreed to attend the APM. It was agreed to invite Llangors Village Shop project committee to do a presentation at the event. (Action Clerk)

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.