

Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting

Held on Tuesday 14th January 2020, 7.00pm at Llangors Youth & Community Centre

Present

Cllr Mr C Preece (Chair), Cllr Mr A Evans, Cllr Mrs L Griffin, Cllr Mr R East, Cllr Mr S Bailey, Cllr Ven. A Jevons, Cllr Mr D Jones, Cllr Mrs C Owen, Cllr Mr M Scruby
Judith Phillips (Clerk), County Cllr Ms E Durrant.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mr D James

2. Declarations of Interest for agenda items as per Members' Code of Conduct: None

3. Minutes of all meetings 14/11/19, 14/12/19 & PAD meetings 14/12/19

The minutes were read and signed as a true and accurate record. Minutes of 14/11/19 proposed by Cllr East and seconded by Cllr Scruby. Minutes of 14/12/19 proposed by Cllr Bailey and seconded by Cllr Jones and PAD minutes 14/12/19 proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded by Cllr Bailey.

Cllr Jevons arrived at 7.05pm

4. Matters Arising from above minutes

Page 1 Llangors Churchyard Boundary – Quotes for works required had been obtained. This was discussed and it was agreed to stone face the new piece of retaining wall required at the cost quoted of £600. This work to be done in the Spring.

County Cllr Durrant arrived at 7.07pm

Seat near Pen y Brenin. New seat now budgeted for and it was agreed to be in situ ready for May 8th 2020. It was agreed to dedicate it to the 75th anniversary of VE Day and hold a short service nearby at 10am officiated by Cllr Ven. Jevons. To be advertised in March Grapevine. (Action Clerk)

Broadband – A Welsh Government public consultation had been analysed and responded to by Cllr Bailey and the Clerk. A copy had been sent to Kirsty Williams, which she had acknowledged. Cllr Bailey and the Clerk were thanked for their work.

Michelle Tunnicliffe arrived (Member of the Public) 7.12pm

Page 2 Consider request to redirect the Talgarth/Abergavenny service bus from Pengeffordd road to B4560 Trefecca/Llangors/Bwlch, as happens when Pengeffordd is closed – the letter to PCC had not yet been sent as the Clerk had been awaiting further details. It was agreed to draw PCC attention to the Community Transport Association who may be able to assist with funding (Action Clerk)

Page 5 PCC Big Lottery Funding- Countryside Access – Two people had come forward from the article advertising this project in Grapevine newsletter. Cllrs had agreed not enough people had committed to the project so the CC had declined to take part in the project and had notified PCC and the residents involved, of the decision.

Biodiversity and Resilience Report – Cllr Scruby had drafted a report which had been circulated and was unanimously approved. This to be submitted to Welsh Government (Action Clerk)

5. Grass Cutting Contract 2, Glebe Field – following the meeting of 14/12/19 re-consider tenders and award the contract

It was noted that the grass cutting advert in local newspaper had been printed incorrectly so had to be printed twice. Due to the error the Clerk had agreed that the advert was not being paid for by the CC. It was reported that following on from the meeting of 14/12/19 clarification had been sought which confirmed the insurance document that was submitted with one of the tenders was not appropriate and therefore the tender was invalid. The CC considered the two remaining tenders and awarded the contract to OTM Grounds maintenance at a cost of £1050 +Vat which included cutting, collecting and disposal of grass from site. The three year contract to be drawn up with a provision in place regarding the fact that at the current time there is only one year left on the Glebe lease with the CIW, although it is understood at this time that it will be renewed.

Also noted was that some bulbs had been planted in the Triangle in Llangors. This to be noted when contacting the contractors regarding Contract 1. Contracts to be issued. (Action Clerk)

6. Financial Matters;

a) Bi monthly finance report. This had been circulated, as attached, and was agreed.

b) Agree Budget 2020-21 & set precept. The draft budget had been circulated. The clerk explained the financial position of the CC and this was discussed, along with the three-year forecast. Costs continue to rise and some upcoming projects in the community that the CC are keen to support are being significantly held up due to a lack of progression with leases etc. between local groups and PCC. This was unhelpful when budgeting and analysing reserves year on year. It was agreed to raise the precept to £16000 for the year 2020/21 to cover increasing costs as discussed. It is expected that reserves held will be reduced, which was accepted and agreed. Clerk to request precept from PCC (Action Clerk)

7. New Webpage and email addresses update - Clerk

The new website was progressing well. Cllrs would have their own email address @llangors.org.uk when the Clerk had written a policy to cover it. The Chair and Clerk had some work to do to complete the webpage ready to go live (Action Chair & Clerk)

8. Proposed Community Shop in Llangors update - Cllr Griffin

Cllr Griffin had recently resigned as the CC representative on the committee due to current workloads. Cllr Owen offered to take up the position. This was unanimously agreed.

The group are moving forward with the project. Planning permission had been applied for and funding sources being considered. Clerk to notify group of the new CC representative (Action Clerk)

9. Bi Monthly Planning Report

Separate PAD minutes should be read for further details on applications.

Llangors Community Council supported:

BBNPA 19/17307/OUT 17/12/19 AMENDED PLANS

An outline application for three dwellings, two open market, one for a family member of the applicant at Gwynfa, Llangorse

It was noted the amended plans just slightly changing the red line of the boundary had been agreed by members and reaffirmed at this meeting.

BBNPA 19/18059/FUL 28/11/19
"Single-storey extension" at The Laurels, Llangorse

BBNPA 19/17845/FUL 29/11/19 AMENDED PLANS
"Retrospective change of use from agricultural use to domestic use in association with Y Beudy. Retention of summer house on unauthorised extension of domestic garden" at Y Beudy, Llangorse

Applications granted by PCC/BBNPA

PCC 19/1341/HH 28/11/19

First floor extension to side and single story extension to rear at 20 Berllan Deg, Llanfihangel Talyllyn

BBNPA 19/17844/CON 19/12/19

Variation of conditions 2, 6, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 to the original consent 09/03048/FUL - a conversion of barn to dwelling at Y Beudy, Llangorse

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports
3. Planning Aid Wales events
4. PCC LDP SPG 6 week consultation due in January regarding Archaeology, The Historic Environment, Land Drainage and Flooding.
5. WG consultation on changes to planning and related application fees
6. BBNPA Additional Candidate Sites Register consultation 18/12/19 to 12/2/20. It was noted there were none in LCC area.

10. Llangors Primary School Governor update – Cllr Griffin

Cllr Griffin reported that at the last meeting of the Governing Body she had attended new governors had been appointed and there was a further vacancy for one governor. The school had enjoyed some very successful Christmas concerts. Cllr Griffin became aware that there had been a recent Governors meeting and realised that she had not been notified of it. It appeared also that County Cllr Durrant had not been notified of the same meeting.

11. Community Use of Llangors Playing Field update – Cllr Preece

It was noted that a petition about this matter that had been submitted to the CC was not forwarded to PCC as requested, due data protection regulations.

Since the last meeting another letter reiterating what had been agreed at the October meeting with PCC had been sent, along with a request for the padlock to be removed prior to Christmas school holidays. Minutes of the October meeting had been received from PCC, but these required amendments to be made. The CC were in the process of agreeing a correct set of minutes with PCC. Concerns were still being raised by members of the public about the padlock on the gate. It was also brought to the attention of the CC that allegedly some members of the public had continued to exercise the right to access the field via the use of a ladder to climb over the fence. As this posed a health and safety risk it was agreed to write a further letter to PCC pointing out this action and the legal liability and seriousness surrounding this matter. (Action Clerk)

Michelle Tunncliffe was allowed permission to speak and asked if any correspondence had been received from Kirsty Williams AM regarding this matter. No correspondence had been received.

Michelle Tunncliffe left the meeting.

12. Update on all Highway Matters - Clerk

A parking meeting in Llanfihangel Talyllyn was still to be arranged by County Cllr Durrant. PCC had done works siding the road and hedge line in Talyllyn. Ditches had been cleaned and the road swept through Pennorth, Talyllyn and along the roads to Llanfihangel Talyllyn. Reports of a blocked drain on the footway in Llanfihangel were followed up with PCC by the Clerk, and resolved. Flooding including property and blocked drains in and around Pennorth and Llanfihangel Talyllyn had been reported to PCC and County Cllr Durrant was meeting with officers and dealing with the matter. Residents had called a meeting to discuss issues. Landslides in Llanywern had been reported and PCC were awaiting their digger to be back in the area to clear them. Gilfach road water leak, likely to be a spring, had been temporarily filled which was not ideal

Potholes in Llanywern, Talyllyn, Llangasty and Heol Hemley road were noted. Clerk to report to PCC.

County Cllr Durrant left the meeting

13. Report on written complaint received from member of the public – Clerk

Members were informed of a complaint that had been received from a member of the public about the publication of a CC article in the Grapevine newsletter. It was agreed that the detail of the article was factually correct. The complainant had raised a number of matters in their correspondence over and above the complaint. Both the Chair and the Clerk had responded accordingly and the complainant had not taken up the offer to meet with them. Members agreed unanimously that the matter had been dealt with appropriately and that if required further action could be taken.

14. General Correspondence Received

Items all sent to Councillors as received.

Powys County Council

1. Arwain updates
2. Knife Angel in Powys Jan 2020
3. Powys Schools Vision 2019 events – Cllr Jevons had registered to attend, but the event was cancelled.

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. Meeting agenda for various committees
2. Christmas Card

Welsh Government

1. Business Advice updates
2. Consultation notifications & rural news updates
3. Natural Resources Wales updates
4. Welsh Government Request for Information – Allotments data
5. The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015 – update letter.
6. Consultation: A More Equal Wales - Commencing the Socio-economic Duty
7. Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill letter
8. Letter re S137 limit for 20/21 £8.32 per elector
9. Letter re Review of fees for child burials or cremations - Clerk had responded

Other

1. OPCC Christmas Card & Knife Angel invite
2. OVW updates
3. PAVO updates – including membership renewal – agreed to renew (Action Clerk)

4. Play Wales updates
5. Wales and Powys CHC & PTHB meetings/update
6. Clerk & Councils Direct Booklet
7. BBSDP Ambassador Training event
8. MWWFRA – corporate plan webinar and Christmas greetings
9. Zurich – updates
10. CPRW campaign re PCC not publishing third party representations on planning applications on their website.
11. Brecon & Radnor Sports Partnership Awards – funding letter – agreed to ask for further details (Action Clerk)
12. Llandrindod Wells Town Council 2020 Mid Powys Pride event
13. Connecting Communities in Wales Newsletter
14. Power for people Request to support the Local Electricity Bill
15. Email from Internal Auditor notifying the CC of his retirement after the next audit. Noted and agreed to advertise the role in the Grapevine newsletter (Action Clerk)
16. Pensions Regulator letter re-enrolment date - noted
17. Discover Llangors & Bwlch Group minutes

15. Reports from Councillors.

It was reported that residents had planted some purple Crocus bulbs on the Triangle in Llangors for the Polio Society. Proposals were put forward for a wildflower area at this site, as long as the splay vision at the junction is not impeded. It was suggested to put this in the next Grapevine newsletter. (Action Clerk)

16. Confirm date and venue of the next bi monthly meeting 10/3/20.

It was agreed to be held at Pennorth Chapel Meeting Room (Action Clerk)

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.04pm.