
Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting**Held on Tuesday 10th March 2020, 7.00pm at Pennorth Chapel Meeting Room****Present**

Cllr Mr C Preece (Chair), Cllr Mrs L Griffin, Cllr Mr R East, Cllr Mr S Bailey,
Cllr Ven. A Jevons, Cllr Mr D James, Cllr Mr D Jones, Cllr Mrs C Owen, Cllr Mr M Scruby,
Judith Phillips (Clerk), Mr L Duffy (Member of the Public)

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mr A Evans, County Cllr Ms E Durrant

2. Declarations of Interest for agenda items as per Members' Code of Conduct: Cllr Bailey declared an interest in agenda item 10.

3. Minutes of all meetings 14/1/20 & PAD meetings 15/2/20 & 22/2/20

The minutes were read and signed as a true and accurate record. Minutes of 14/1/20 proposed by Cllr Jevons and seconded by Cllr East. PAD minutes of 15/2/20 proposed by Cllr East and seconded by Cllr Jones and 22/2/20 proposed by Cllr Scruby, seconded by Cllr James.

4. Matters Arising from above minutes

Page 1 Request to redirect the Talgarth/Abergavenny service bus from Pengenffordd road to B4560 Trefecca/Llangors/Bwlch. Letter to PCC had been acknowledged. Clerk to follow up (Action Clerk)

Page 2 Grass Cutting Contracts. All matters were now complete. Risk assessments submitted by the contractor were approved. Bulbs planted on the Triangle in Llangors were growing, so liaison with the contractors needs to take place regarding grass cutting dates. (Action Clerk & Cllr Preece)

5. New Webpage and email addresses update - Clerk

The new website was live with some documents still to be uploaded and photos to be renewed (Action Chair & Clerk). Councillor email addresses needed to be activated. The invoice for the project was discussed and payment agreed. A policy to cover Councillor use of CC email addresses had been written and was agreed by all. The Chair thanked the Clerk for the work done on this project.

It was agreed to write to Ryan Thomas thanking him for his commitment and support regarding the webpage for the last approximately twelve years. (Action Clerk)

6. Proposed Community Shop in Llangors update - Cllr Owen

Planning permission was awaited, a share prospectus was being prepared and a shop logo being discussed.

It was further reported that the lease of the land for the shop site with Llangors Y&C Centre was being held up because the Centre committee were still awaiting the lease from PCC for the area of land the other side of the Centre as a replacement play area. PCC had indicated that they were waiting on the Swansea & Brecon Diocesan to surrender the ground lease at the site. It was agreed for the CC to write to the Church solicitor and emphasise the need for the process to take place quickly due to multiple projects in Llangors being continually held up. (Action Clerk)

7. Bi Monthly Planning Report - Clerk

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

Llangors Community Council supported:

BBNPA 20/18189/FUL 13/2/20

Installation of temporary building to accommodate a new community shop (use class A1) and café (use class A3) with outdoor seating, cycle parking and associated works at Youth and Community Centre, Llangorse.

Llangors Community Council did not support:

PCC 20/0003/FUL 28/1/20

Retrospective application for the installation of a pair of steel gates at Land at Llan Y Wern

Applications granted by PCC/BBNPA

BBNPA 19/18059/FUL 14/1/20

Single-storey extension at The Laurels, Llangorse

Application Withdrawn

BBNPA 19/17845/FUL 23/1/20

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

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports
3. Planning Aid Wales events
4. PCC LDP SPG consultation regarding Archaeology, The Historic Environment, Land Drainage and Flooding. 20/1/20 to 28/2/20
5. BBNPA LDP Consultation - Brecon Town Plan: Supplementary Planning Guidance Draft

8. Llangors Primary School Governor update – Cllr Griffin

Cllr Griffin reported that she was unable to update on any meetings of the Governing Body as the minutes from the previous two meetings had not been approved. She had attended a governor sub group meeting where matters around community engagement were discussed.

9. Community Use of Llangors Playing Field update

Since the last meeting a further letter to PCC had been sent as agreed. Neither the letter or the amended minutes of the October meeting had been acknowledged or formally responded to by PCC. Concerns were still being raised by members of the public about the padlock on the gate and Easter and Summer holidays fast approaching with no recreation area available. Kirsty Williams AM had written to the CC indicating she had been in contact with PCC regarding the matter. The response from PCC had indicated the matter was being dealt with.

It was reported that members of the public remain on standby to sign Statutory Declarations regarding the matter and the CC are to consider actioning this. The lack of communication from PCC was of major concern and clearly against PCC policy. Cllr Preece was to contact County Cllr Durrant regarding an urgent meeting to discuss the matter. Clerk to write to key PCC Officers and Councillors once again. (Action Cllr Preece & Clerk)

10. Update on Highway Matters and flooding issues in the community

A parking meeting in Llanfihangel Talyllyn was still to be arranged by County Cllr Durrant.

Further landslides in Llanywern and Gilfach road water issue, becoming icy on colder days, had prevented the dustbin lorry from getting to properties and businesses in both areas and had been reported to PCC.

Residents in Llanfihangel Talyllyn had held a meeting to discuss flooding issues. This had been attended by Cllrs Scruby, Jones and Owen who were thanked for attending. County Cllr Durrant and three PCC officers had also attended. Following that Cllr Bailey and County Cllr Durrant had met with PCC officers on 27/1/20 and taken a tour of the community and discussed all outstanding issues, particularly regarding flooding. PCC had cleared many drains and were considering further actions as required.

It was reported that a further meeting had taken place in Pennorth due to issues with drainage works done on the highway by a landowner. There had been many verbal complaints by residents about this both to the CC and PCC. County Cllr Emily was to be asked to follow this up as Cllr Bailey had declared an interest.

There had been extensive flooding in Llangors. An email from a resident had highlighted the matter and this was to be followed up with PCC. The barriers on the road to Ty Newydd remained unsafe, enhanced by flooding at the site, and the drain by the Church remained blocked. Clerk to report and follow up all matters (Action Clerk)

11. V.E. Day 8th May 2020 10am Short Ceremony at Penybrenin Seat, Llangors – agree plans

A quote for a new seat near Pen y Brenin was agreed. A service to dedicate it to the 75th anniversary of VE Day was confirmed for May 8th 2020 10am officiated by Cllr Ven. Jevons. This was being advertised in March Grapevine. Wording for plaque to be agreed. Clerk to order seat and plaque and Cllrs Preece and Bailey to put in place. (Action Clerk)

12. Wildflower area on the Triangle in Llangors

Keep Wales Tidy had offered a Wildflower starter package to all Town and Community Councils. The Clerk had applied for a pack which would hopefully be received week beginning 6th April. Agreed for goods to be delivered to Cllr Preece and volunteers to help with planting. (Action Cllr Preece)

13. Financial Matters;

a) Bi monthly finance report. This had been circulated, as attached to these minutes, and was agreed. A late grant application from Discover Llangors & Bwlch had been received and it was agreed to pay £150 along with £100 to Pennorth Chapel and £125 to Llanfihangel Church. Further requests for donations from outside the community collated over the year were considered. £125 that was left in the budget was split and allocated £75 to Brecon Advice Centre and £50 to Marie Curie Nurses in Powys. (Action Clerk)

b) Agree Internal Audit Plan. This had been drawn up and circulated and was unanimously agreed.

c) Annual review of policies; 1. Asset Register, 2. Financial & Management Risk Assessment Schedule, 3. Financial Regulations, 4. Grants policy. All policies had been circulated, were discussed and unanimously agreed and signed by the Chair.

14. Annual Review of Policies; a) Standing Orders, b) Freedom of Information, c) Welsh Language, d) Social Media, e) Public complaints, f) Member complaints, g) Press & Media h) Glebe Community Field Development Plan

All policies had been circulated, were discussed and unanimously agreed and signed by the Chair. It was agreed that policy h) above will need to be re-written based on obtaining a new lease with for the site by April 2021.

15. IRPW report – discuss and agree sections relevant to the Community Council

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

Determination 42: 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 44: 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 45: 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 46: 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 47: 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 48: 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 49: Community and town councils can provide a Civic Head payment to the mayor or 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 50: Community and town councils can provide a payment to the deputy mayor or 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 report. No member wishes to be paid the £150 as set out in determination 42. Councillors must notify the Clerk on an individual basis of their decision.

16. General Correspondence Received

Items all sent to Councillors as received.

Powys County Council

1. Transforming Education in Powys consultation to 24/2/20
2. Register of Electors
3. Town and Community Council Engagement Meeting - 11th March 2020 – noted.
4. KWT Local Places for Nature Packages information

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

- 1.Meeting agenda for various committees
- 2.KWT Local Places for Nature Packages info
- 3.Minimum Pricing for Alcohol Stakeholder information - 2 March 2020

Welsh Government

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

Other

1. OVW updates
2. PAVO updates
3. Play Wales updates
4. Wales and Powys CHC & PTHB meetings/updates
5. Clerk & Councils Direct Booklet
6. BBT Want to walk with an Alpaca
7. Brecon to Hay Greenway minutes
8. Brecon Town Council CCTV meeting 9/3/20 invite – Cllr Jevons had attended the meeting and gave a brief report about the proposals discussed for investing in CCTV in rural areas to reduce crime. It was agreed that the principles were constructive although the practicalities of such a scheme were not.
9. Bronllys Wellbeing Park survey
10. Fields in Trust - An invitation to protect parks and green spaces for good. Noted
11. Fields in Trust Watch This Space: Fields in Trust guide for community campaigners in Wales
12. Grapevine newsletter – call for adverts
13. Penmaenmawr TC & Llanfairfechan TC – new project link
14. Keep Britain Tidy – Great British Spring Clean – Llangors has an event planned which involved the Y&C Centre and the Cubs on 30/3/20.
15. Keep Britain Tidy - Local Places for Nature Packages – as agenda item 12.
16. Resident emails re flooding in Llangors
17. MWFFRA - Winter 2020 link to newsletter
18. OPCC updates
19. WAO Consultation on future audit arrangements for Community Councils in Wales
20. Calor Rural Community Fund
21. Email from local resident holding a fund-raising event in Bwlch for residents and businesses who had experienced flooding recently. Noted.

17. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Owen as representative of Discover Llangors & Bwlch Group reported that the Grapevine newsletter had been awarded a grant for publication, however the terms and conditions of acceptance needed to be resolved. Some ideas were given for a solution for Cllr Owen to feed back. (Action Cllr Owen).

Cllr Scruby reported that the Caterpillar at the Glebe Community Field had become damaged during the recent high winds and would need to be removed from site when it was dry enough and scrapped. This was agreed.

The Clerk raised the current emerging Coronavirus epidemic. It was proposed and agreed that if matters developed further, all site meetings would be suspended and any consultations would be considered by email. Additionally, where Councillors are scheduled to attend a meeting or carry out

any duties on behalf of LCC on other bodies, they must individually risk assess the situation as to whether they attend the meeting or not.

18. Confirm date and venue of the next bi monthly meeting & AGM 12/5/20 and confirm date, venue and topic for Annual Public Meeting 19/5/20.

It was agreed for both to be held at Llangors Youth & Community Centre.

It was agreed that the APM topic would be based on a presentation from Keep Wales Tidy on their current topics of Local Places of Nature, Green Flag for Parks and Litter Picking and analysis. It was also agreed to ask County Cllr Durrant if she would like to make a presentation about plastic waste/recycling.

It was also suggested that Llangors Community Shop group may wish to give an update on their project.

(Action Clerk)

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