

Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting
Held on Tuesday 12th May 2020, 7.30pm
Held Remotely

Cllr Bailey welcomed all to the meeting which started 20 minutes later than scheduled, due to the over run of the Annual General Meeting.

1. Members present by video link: Cllr Mr S Bailey (Chair), Cllr Mrs L Griffin, Cllr Mr Evans, Cllr Mrs C Owen, Cllr Mr M Scruby, Cllr Mr D Jones, Cllr Ven. A Jevons, Cllr Mr C Preece, Cllr Mr R East.

In attendance by video link: Judith Phillips (Clerk), Mr Lawrence Duffy (Internal Auditor)
County Cllr Emily Durrant

Present by Telephone Link: Cllr Mr D James

Apologies for absence: None

2. Declarations of Interest for agenda items as per Members' Code of Conduct: Cllr Scruby declared an interest in Agenda item 8a) Finance – grants to village halls. Cllr East & Cllr Preece also reiterated their long-standing declaration of interest on the same subject.

3. Questions on agenda items from members of the public - None

4. Minutes of meeting on 10/3/20

The minutes were read and signed as a true and accurate record, proposed by Cllr Scruby and seconded by Cllr Griffin.

5. Matters Arising from above minutes not listed on the agenda

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Request to redirect the Talgarth/Abergavenny service bus from Pengenffordd road to B4560 Trefecca/Llangors/Bwlch. A response from PCC had been received explaining that there was a regular bus service through Llangors to Abergavenny on a Thursday. Additionally, at the current time whilst Pengenffordd road is closed, there is also a bus service on the same route on a Tuesday. It was agreed that the awareness of this service needs to be raised in the community and that there was no need to follow any further matters up with PCC.

Grass Cutting Contracts. Due to Covid-19, the CC had taken advice and subsequently agreed for contracts to commence. Unknown to the CC someone had cut the grass on the Triangle in Llangors where bulbs had been growing. It was agreed to notify the grass cutting contractors to commence cutting the site as per the contract. (Action Clerk)

Webpage. Some adjustments are still being made to accommodate multiple minutes and agenda in the same month and linking documents. Setting up of Councillor email addresses had to be postponed due to Covid-19. New photos of the area are still to be done (Action Cllr Preece).

Proposed Shop in Llangors & Playpark - Surrender of lease of former Llangors primary school site. Following on from the last meeting letters had been sent to Swansea & Brecon Diocese and PCC in order to establish the delay in the surrender of the lease between the two parties and the subsequent new lease of land for a playpark between PCC and Llangors Youth & Community Centre. It had been established that the two parties were communicating and that hopefully after two years that the matter will now progress. It was agreed that the CC had done all they could to support the local groups, as requested.

Page 3 - VE DAY. The planned service had been postponed with no future date set, due to Covid-19. The new seat has not yet been ordered.

KWT Wildflower package for Triangle, Llangors. The application had been successful; however, all plans were on hold due to Covid-19.

Public meeting. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic and an annual public meeting not being a statutory requirement in Wales it was formerly agreed to cancel it for this year. However, should the need arise for any specific matter to be discussed at a public meeting, it was agreed that such a meeting could be convened at any time, subject to the current regulations.

County Cllr Durrant left the meeting, following intermittent loss of digital link.

Lawrence Duffy left the meeting.

6. Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic;

a) Emergency Legislation issued by WG on 22/4/20 and valid until 7/5/21 enabled remote meetings, audio as minimum, and includes scope for members of the public to join in. The Clerk, Cllr Griffin and Cllr East had taken part in webinar training on the new regulations. Digital platform "Zoom" had enabled the CC to continue functioning albeit other options such as "Teams" was being explored.

b) Update on current procedures of the Community Council. Face to Face meetings and non-essential business of the CC was suspended on 16/3/20. WG guidance forced the closure of Glebe Play equipment on 25/3/20, although the field and footpath remained open. Following guidance from PCC the CC had agreed that the grass cutting contracts would go ahead and a sign informing the public would be put up in advance. Guidance from WG on Churchyard rules resulted in the CC erecting a notice on St. Paulinus Churchyard gate. A questionnaire from PCC was completed regarding available burial space. Planning consultations received initially were discussed via email and following this meeting will now be via remote planning meetings. The Clerk had issued an update 29/4/20 and put in noticeboards, which included the fact that all notices are now online only as per guidelines.

A Covid-19 response group had been formed known as Llangors Together initiated by County Cllr Durrant. Many CC members and the Clerk were volunteers on the group which now extended to 55 volunteers supporting a number of residents with collecting prescriptions and shopping amongst many other matters. County Cllr Durrant and the team were thanked for their commitment.

c) Discuss Delegation of Power for decision making to the Clerk. The current emergency legislation allowed for this scenario if required. The matter was adjourned until the next meeting as not all Councillors had read the detail of the legislation. (Action all Councillors)

7. Annual Insurance Policy

The renewal notice had been received and distributed to councillors for perusal. It was unanimously agreed that the very small increase in cost was acceptable along with the cover provided. Clerk to pay renewal fee. (Action Clerk)

8. Financial Matters;

a) Bi monthly finance report. This had been circulated, as attached to these minutes, and was agreed. Membership of One Voice Wales was agreed. As the Clerks salary is still paid by cheque it was agreed that payment be made on two cheques to prevent visiting the bank to deposit them at the current time, as cheques to a certain value can be paid in on an app. Online banking for the CC to be looked into for the future. Applications for Annual Grants from the three village halls in the community had been received. It was agreed to grant £300 to each of them.

b) Internal Audit Report. This had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The Internal Auditor had confirmed that everything was satisfactory. A comment had been made over the small amount of remaining burial space in St. Paulinus churchyard and a request for the CC to

address the issue within 3 months. This matter was discussed. It was agreed to see if a professional survey of the site could be undertaken to establish if more spaces may be available and the possibility of re-using very old graves. Cllr Jevons to enquire with the CIW who may be able to do a survey (Action Cllr Jevons).

c) Presentation and approval of Annual Governance Statement and reports for external audit. The statement had been scanned and circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The process and extra reports required were also discussed and all matters were approved. The Chair was to sign the statement and countersign all documents as required. (Action Clerk & Cllr Bailey)

9. Bi Monthly Planning Report – Clerk

Llangors Community Council supported:

BBNPA 20/18529/CON 3/4/20

Variation of Condition 10 to extend number of days in 2021 when permissible for weddings to take place in view of postponement of such in 2019 due to Coronavirus Covid 19, pursuant to Planning Permission 16/14319/FUL at Barn at Trebinshwn House, Llangasty Tallylyn.

BBNPA 20/18189/FUL 6/4/20 Amended

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.

Noted at the time of application: Declaration of Interest for Cllr Preece, Cllr Griffin, Cllr East, Cllr Owen.

BBNPA 20/18545/REM 15/4/20

Updated design details relating to all five proposed housing units and associated access and landscaping. Details cover all reserved matters: access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale at Tymawr, Llangorse.

Noted at the time of application: Declaration of Interest for Cllr Preece.

Application withdrawn:

PCC 20/0003/FUL 9/3/20

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

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports – one report had listed a permitted development application at Erwlas Farm, Llanfihangel Tallylyn. Clerk was requested to obtain a copy of the documents for viewing by councillors. Formal consultations do not take place for permitted development.
3. Planning Aid Wales events
4. BBNPA Planning during Covid-19 updates

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

The ongoing list of highway issues had been recently chased by the Clerk and PCC had now completed a number of matters and inspected the outstanding ones. It was also reported that the highway in Tallylyn had recently been completely resurfaced. PCC had notified the CC that a speed reduction buildout will be constructed on the C96 near Llangors School when funding is available.

The parking meeting in Llanfihangel Tallylyn cannot be planned at the current time by County Cllr Durrant.

11. Update from representatives: -**a. Llangors CIW Primary School Governing Body – Cllr Griffin**

The last meeting had taken place by email and no minutes had been approved so no report could be given. The school was currently closed under instruction from WG due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

b. Llangors Lake Advisory Group Committee – Cllr Scruby

There was no update as the March meeting had been cancelled. Use of the Lake and surrounding area was all closed under instruction from WG due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst frustrating for users, business and tourists, no activity in the area was expected to help wildlife flourish.

c. Discover Llangors & Bwlch Group – Cllr Owen

There was nothing to report.

d. Llangors Community Shop Committee – Cllr Owen

Meetings had continued virtually. A website was under construction and planning permission still awaited, albeit that due to the current pandemic the construction and opening of the shop was inevitably delayed.

e. Llanfihangel Talylyn & Llanywern Village Hall Committee – Cllr Scruby

All V.E Day events planned by Llanfihangel Ladies had been cancelled due to the pandemic which was disappointing with so much work having been already put in. The hall was currently closed and loss of income was noted.

f. Brecon to Hay Greenway Steering Committee – Cllr Bailey

Due to the pandemic there had been no activity within the group since lockdown so nothing to report.

g. One Voice Wales – Cllr East

There was nothing to report.

h. St. Paulinus Churchyard Burial Board – Cllr Evans

Regulations set out by WG due to Covid-19 had closed Churches and funerals are now graveside only, preferably by invite only, limited to ten attendees with two metre social distancing rules applying if attendees are from different households. Rules had been discussed with the Funeral Director who had overseen that they were adhered to with the one funeral that had been held.

12. Community Use of Llangors Playing Field update - Clerk

Following the last CC meeting the Clerk had sent further letters to PCC as agreed. No responses had been received regarding any outstanding matters.

Concerns are still being raised about the padlock on gate and the site unavailable for use, particularly for Summer holidays and daily exercise as allowed with Covid-19 restrictions.

It was unanimously agreed how unhappy everyone was with the lack of communication on behalf of PCC and that perhaps the matter should be taken further. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Cllr Durrant to express the dissatisfaction and seek a way forward. (Action Clerk)

13. General correspondence Received

Items all sent to Councillors as received.

Powys County Council

1. Arwain updates
2. Update from T&CC Engagement meeting
3. Powys Public Service Board Engagement Session with T&CC's update
4. The Regenerator Spring 2020
5. Burial Authorities in Powys – questionnaire – completed & submitted by Clerk
6. Covid-19 updates

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

- 1.Meeting agenda for various committees
- 2.Community update
- 3.Covid-19 updates

Welsh Government

1. Business Advice updates
- 2.Consultation notifications & rural news updates
3. Natural Resources Wales updates
4. Covid-19 updates

Other

- 1.Cllr Emily Durrant – Covid-19 Various updates
2. Cllr Emily Durrant – forming Llangors Together as Covid-19 response group
3. OVW updates
4. PAVO updates
5. Play Wales updates
6. Wales and Powys CHC & PTHB updates
7. Clerk & Councils Direct Booklet
8. Fields in Trust updates
9. MWFFRA spring newsletter
- 10.DPP updates - Covid-19
- 11.Citizens Advice Powys update
- 12.Calor Rural Community Fund
- 13.Countryside Alliance update
- 14.Keep Wales Tidy cancellation of events
- 15.Astro Broadband details
- 16.Power for people details
- 17.Welsh Hearts - defibrillators
- 18.Wales Audit Office – updates to audit due to Covid-19

14. Reports from Councillors

Cllr Preece thanked the Clerk for the work and support given to the CC, this was supported by all.

Cllr Preece reported that a resident had raised concern about the hours that horses graze on Llangors Common. It was agreed that the resident needed to raise any concerns with the Llangors Commoners group and not the CC.

Cllr East commented on the potholes that had been filled on the road to Llangors Care Home as it was felt that they were not going to withstand the level of use.

Cllr Bailey had received a request for clarification of the current Covid -19 rules on access to Mynydd Troed for residents. It was understood much of the BBNPA area was officially closed and that guidance issued to the resident by the Rights of Way Officer would have been up to date.

15.Confirm date of the next bi monthly meeting

14/7/20 7.00pm, remotely.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.37pm.