

Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Extra Meeting
Held remotely on Tuesday 25th June 2020, 7.15pm.

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), County Cllr Emily Durrant

Present by Telephone Link: Cllr Mr D James

2. Declarations of Interest for agenda items as per Members' Code of Conduct: - Cllr Owen declared an interest regarding item 6.

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

4. Minutes of Extra meeting of 9/6/20

All minutes had been previously distributed and read and were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Griffin.

5. Matters Arising from above minutes not listed on the agenda - None

6. Community Use of Llangors Playing Field.

Cllr Bailey thanked County Cllr Durrant for joining the meeting to discuss the current situation with community use of this site.

Cllr Durrant felt that the decision to withdraw the licence for open public access of the field outside of school hours was the wrong decision for the community especially with the value of play and access to green space so important at the current time. She had raised the issue with many members and officers of PCC over recent years and highlighted PCC policies which support play and shared use of facilities.

It was confirmed that she had and continued to be communicating with County Cllr Phyl Davies, PCC Portfolio Holder for Education & Property. It appeared that legal advice had played a major part in the determination to withdraw the licence and officers and Councillors are advised not to go against legal advice during the decision making process. It appears that views on safeguarding take priority, however there remains no explanation given to the CC as to how safeguarding can be an issue over a period of time when school is closed, such as summer holidays. County Cllr Davies via County Cllr Durrant was offering to meet with the CC to go through the process and to play a role in trying to persuade the school governing body to offer a more favourable policy on community use than appears to what is planned within their proposed letting policy. The proposed school letting policy remains confidential, preventing both County Cllr Durrant and the CC representative on the school governing body from discussing the matter with the CC. Whilst it was agreed that a meeting and mediation of this nature was welcome, it was very disappointing PCC had failed to do that when requested by the CC over the past year and prior to the decision to withdraw the licence was made. The CC would discuss whether this offer should be taken up at this particular time when potential legal action against PCC was being considered. County Cllr Durrant was asked if the political group that she is a member of, would like to take up the matter in support of community use, however it was felt that was an unlikely position.

County Cllr Durrant was thanked by all for attending the meeting and the work she had done regarding the matter.

County Cllr Durrant left the meeting.

To consider and pass a resolution to exclude the public and press, under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, and the Council's Standing Order 3d, in relation to Agenda Item 6 and discuss the matter confidentially due to its sensitive nature.

It was unanimously resolved that the matter be discussed confidentially as set out. Following a lengthy discussion and in accordance with the decision agreed the CC will now proceed with legal action against Powys County Council in regard to this matter.

7. Confirm date of the next bi monthly meeting - 14/7/20 7.00pm, remotely.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.41pm.

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