

Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting
Held Remotely on Tuesday 8th September 2020, 7.00pm

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

Present by Telephone Link: Cllr Mr D James

In attendance by video link: Judith Phillips (Clerk), Mr A. Williams (Member of the Public)

Apologies for absence: Cllr Mr R East, Cllr Mrs C Owen

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

Cllr Jevons declared an interest in agenda item 12.

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

4. Minutes of extra meeting on 12/8/20 and planning meeting 3/9/20

The minutes were read and signed as a true and accurate record. Extra meeting; proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Griffin and planning meeting proposed by Cllr Scruby and seconded by Cllr Evans.

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

Llangors Churchyard bank repairs – Cllr Preece was hopeful that this work would be carried out by the end of September.

Webpage photos – Cllr Preece was thanked for taking photos which were now being uploaded onto the webpage.

6. Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic update;

a) Glebe Community Field. The play equipment was now in use and signs were in place reflecting Welsh Government guidance.

b) St. Paulinus Churchyard. It was understood that the rules on funerals had changed so the existing notices would need updating. (Action Clerk)

c) Llangors Together. Although requests for assistance had subsided, the team remain in place should any member of the public need support.

7. Highway matters – update on all issues

The ongoing list of highway issues had been distributed. Concerns continued to be raised by residents regarding the prospect of potential flooding of residential properties again this autumn/winter due to identified works having not been carried out by PCC. Cllr Bailey who had met with PCC officers earlier in the year agreed to follow the matter up. (Action Cllr Bailey)

River Cwy from the bridge to Brookside Nursing home - there was a lot of rubbish growing on the banks of the river again. The CC had cleared this two years ago to help with flood prevention. It was agreed to get this cleared again. Clerk to arrange. (Action Clerk)

C96 near Llangors School build out – the design of this had been agreed and it was anticipated works would commence soon.

Speeding and extra volume of vehicles in Llangors - extra traffic travelling through the village due to the closure of the A479 at Pengeffordd and an increased number of visitors to the area was causing concerns for residents. The Police had been in attendance observing and issuing fines for speeding vehicles. Cllr Durrant was in contact with PCC regarding more permanent solutions.

A sign outside a house near the Triangle, Llangors had been reported as dirty and obstructed by plants. Cllr Preece agreed to assess this. (Action Cllr Preece)

A BT cable hanging very low between the Vicarage and junction to Gilfach had been reported to the CC. The clerk had reported the matter to BT.

8. Keep Wales Tidy “Local Places for Nature” project at Llangors Triangle – Cllr Preece

Cllr Preece reported that there were wildflower seeds to be planted. Cllr Scruby agreed to assist with this. Cllr Griffin was thanked for watering plants and looking after the birdfeeder.

9. Replacement of seat near PenyBrenin

The safety of the seat was a concern and the replacement was due to be ordered and put in situ in May which was cancelled due to the pandemic. It was agreed to go ahead and order the new seat and replace it. In doing so the plaque will be installed on the seat remembering V.E. Day but the planned service to remember that day and dedicate the seat will no longer happen. (Action Clerk)

10. Bi monthly finance report.

This had been circulated, as attached to these minutes, and was agreed. The clerk reported that due to the pandemic there was a delay with Grant Thornton completing the external audit and a notice had been placed on the webpage indicating this as instructed by the Auditor General for Wales. It was reported that the Pension Regulator re-declaration had been completed. A pay increase for the Clerk in line with the NALC pay scale 20 was considered and unanimously agreed at £13.51 per hour back dated to 1/4/20.

It was noted that the Clerk had done some photocopying at Llangors Activity Centre and had not received an invoice for this. Cllr Preece reported that this was to be free of charge. Letter of thanks to be sent (Action Clerk).

11. Bi Monthly planning report

Llangors Community Council supported:

PCC 20/0929/FUL 9/7/20

Erection of an agricultural building, Ysguborneydd, Llanywern

BBNPA 20/18805/FUL 14/7/20

Alterations to existing attached garage to provide new kitchen and dining area to ground floor and internal alterations at Lower Cefnwern, The Granary, Llangorse

BBNPA 20/18769/FUL 9/7/20

Application for a replacement garden room to provide an enlarged space and to define the location of the front entrance door at The Rise, Llangorse

BBNPA 20/18545/REM 18/8/20 AMENDED PLANS

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

Applications Granted

PCC 20/0763/HH 27/7/20

Extension of existing garage at The Gables, Llan-Y-Wern,

BBNPA 20/18769/FUL 12/8/20

Application for a replacement garden room to provide an enlarged space and to define the location of the front entrance door at The Rise, Llangorse

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports
3. Planning Aid Wales updates
4. BBNPA Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) Revised Delivery Agreement

12. Glebe Community Field lease renewal

A meeting had been held with ward councillors, the clerk and the Property Officer from the Church in Wales (CIW) to discuss the future of the site. The CIW appeared happy to agree a new lease, from 1/4/21. A twenty five year lease was requested along with some changes based on the current lease which the CIW appeared supportive of and will consider in due course.

13. Roll out of Fibre Broadband update – Cllr Bailey

Kirsty Williams had updated the CC with the current position. Powys County Council are to appoint an officer to assist with community broadband issues in the autumn. Cllr Bailey reported that a Community Interest Company (CIC) was being set up by some residents in order to engage with BT Openreach under the Welsh Government gigabyte scheme in order to achieve fibre broadband throughout the CC area. Whilst the CIC was separate to the CC, Cllr Bailey and Cllr Preece were willing to be part of the CIC. It was suggested that PCC be asked if there was grant funding available to assist with the CIC set up costs and that residents could be kept up to date with the ongoing plans via the Grapevine newsletter. Cllr Bailey to keep the CC updated with progress on the matter.

14. Update from representatives: -

a. Llangors CIW Primary School Governing Body – Cllr Griffin

Headteacher Lynne Jones had retired from that position although remains working at the school one day a week, assisting the now Acting Headteacher, Mark Williams. There were also some other staff changes in in the school. The Governing Body AGM is on 14/9/20.

b. Discover Llangors & Bwlch Group – Cllr Owen

In the absence of Cllr Owen, no update was available.

c. Llangors Community Shop Committee – Cllr Owen

In the absence of Cllr Owen, Cllr Preece updated those present. The lease of the land between the Community Centre and the Community shop had been agreed subject to the completion of a lease between the Community Centre and Powys County Council for a new playpark. The Shop Committee currently had a Just Giving page set up, crowdfunding for £5000 in order to cover some basic set up costs to continue to the next stage.

Alan Williams left the meeting at 8.28pm.

15. Community Use of Llangors Playing Field update - Clerk

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, and discuss the matter confidentially due to its sensitive nature.

It was unanimously resolved that the matter be discussed confidentially as set out. The CC await an agreed meeting with Llangors School Governing Body brokered by Clive Pinney, Head of Legal Services at Powys County Council.

16. General correspondence Received

Items all sent to Councillors as received.

Powys County Council

1. Covid-19 various updates and guidance
2. Invite to Teams meeting with Leader of PCC 15/10/20 – Cllr Bailey to attend
3. Cllr Durrant – DYSG e-newsletter re School Exam results
4. Cllr Durrant re School transport advice Covid-19
5. Updates from T&CC meeting held with PCC leader.

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. Meeting agenda for various committees
2. Code of conduct leaflet re post Covid lockdown

Welsh Government

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

Other

1. OVW updates
2. PAVO updates
3. Play Wales updates
4. Wales and Powys CHC updates
5. Clerk & Councils Direct Booklet
6. DPP Police & Crime Panel Annual report
7. Haygarth Doctors opening hours changes
8. Talgarth TC response re Haygarth Doctors opening hours changes
9. MWWFRS summer newsletter
10. Pentabus - Search for local folklore, songs, or the stories of the land
11. Llangors Shop meeting minutes
12. Email from resident re extra traffic due to closed A479
13. Email from resident re extra traffic in Llangors and BT cable hanging very low on side of B4560 Llangors

17. Reports from Councillors

It was reported that a resident had verbally raised the matter of the absence of Affordable Homes being built in line with the conditions of planning permission granted some years ago at Dol Pistyll, Llanfihangel Talyllyn. This matter had been referred to County Cllr Durrant to look into.

Burial Space in the community was raised and it was suggested that due to the lack of space in Llangors and Llanfihangel Talyllyn whether there is potential need for a community cemetery to cover the whole area. It was agreed to seek community views on the matter via the next Grapevine newsletter. If residents do not come forward with view/concerns then the matter will not be pursued. (Action Cllr Bailey)

18. Confirm date of the next bi monthly meeting

10th November 2020, 7.00pm, remotely.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.