

Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting
Held Remotely on Tuesday 10th November 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, Cllr Mr R East, Cllr Mrs C Owen
In attendance by video link: Judith Phillips (Clerk), Mr A. Williams (Member of the Public)
Absent: Cllr Mr D James

2. PCSO Billy Dunne – update on policing matters in the area

PCSO Dunne and Sgt Lucy Bassett joined the meeting by audio link and, after being welcomed by the chair, gave a brief update on policing matters in the area. Covid-19 patrols continued to take place with no enforcement action being taken to date. Educating members of the public on the rules was the preferred option. Speeding vehicles travelling the B4560 through Llangors remains a concern particularly while extra vehicles are in the area due to the continuing closure of the A479 at Pengenffordd. Online and telephone scams continue to be of concern. Observing anti-social behaviour was a priority set by the police for the forthcoming months. The mobile police van is to visit the community over the next few weeks and members of the public are welcome to go along for a socially distanced chat.

Both officers were thanked for attending and left the meeting.

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

Cllrs Preece, Bailey, Scruby and Owen declared an interest in agenda item 7C.

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

5. Minutes of meeting on 8/9/20

The minutes were read and signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Griffin.

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

Page 1 Llangors Churchyard bank repairs. Members were pleased with the works now completed. Cllr Preece to thank the contractor. In line with the quote, it was agreed for invoice to be paid once received.

Page 2 Seat near Pen-y-Brenin. The old seat had been removed and a new seat purchased and installed. Thanks were given to Cllrs Preece and Bailey for carrying out this work.

Keep Wales Tidy Local Places for Nature scheme at Llangors Triangle. Wildflower seeds had been planted and flower bulbs are due to be planted. Thanks were expressed to Cllrs Preece and Scruby for carrying out this work.

Page 4 - Affordable Housing at Dol Pistyll, Llanfihangel Talyllyn. County Cllr Durrant confirmed that she had looked into this matter and would follow it up.

7. Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic update;

a) Glebe Community Field. Wales had just completed a 2-week firebreak lockdown. The field and equipment had remained open for use and signs were in place reflecting Welsh Government guidance.

b) St. Paulinus Churchyard. The rules had not changed since the last meeting. Signs remain in place reflecting Welsh Government guidance.

c) Llangors Together. The team remain in place should any member of the public need support. A request to decorate the cherry tree on Llangors Triangle for Christmas was agreed. Cllr Bailey to respond to the email. A request from the group for grant funding to assist with Christmas

decorations for all villages around the lake was considered and agreed at £100. Clerk to resolve where the payment was to be made as details of the group had not been provided with the funding request.

Cllr Durrant gave an update on the situation with Covid-19 in Powys which was very useful. She was thanked for the information.

8. Glebe Community Field lease renewal

The Church in Wales (CIW) had in principle offered a new fifteen year lease, from 1/4/21 with a small rent increase. There are some changes to consider with regards to access to the site and the right of way running through it. These to be discussed and resolved with relevant bodies by members of the Glebe field working party prior to the next CC meeting.

It was also noted that from 1/3/20 all new legislation will mean Welsh playgrounds will become smoke free.

9. Community Use of Llangors Playing Field update – Cllr Bailey & Cllr Jevons

Since the last meeting the CC had closed the Judicial Review case against PCC. Cllr Bailey and Cllr Jevons had attended the agreed meeting with the Chair and Vice-chair of Llangors School Governing Body brokered by Clive Pinney, Head of Legal Services at Powys County Council.

This meeting had been beneficial, however information agreed to be supplied and arrangements for an agreed follow up meeting had disappointingly not been forthcoming by the Governing Body.

Cllr Durrant had to leave the meeting and apologised in doing so.

It was reported that the school now had a lettings policy and that 10 days' notice needs to be given to book the field for any community use. When the system commences, only an organised group under supervision of an adult at a cost of £7 per hour can make a booking.

At the joint meeting, the CC had requested that the same group meet with Play Wales to seek a positive way forward for shared use of the site. As there had been no communication from the Governing Body, it was agreed that arrangements for such a meeting should go ahead and who should be invited was agreed. This to include County Cllr Durrant, as PCC ward member for Llangors. Clerk to arrange and notify all parties.

Recently published Play Wales documents regarding the importance of play and use of school premises outside of school hours were briefly referred to. Councillors were encouraged to read them.

10. IRPW draft report consultation. Discuss and agree any comments.

The report had been circulated and was briefly discussed. It was agreed that there were no comments to be submitted to the consultation.

11. Annual Review of Clerk Employment

It was agreed that there was no requirement to update the contract of employment or job description. The hours the clerk had completed to date were higher than expected, but the need for this had been agreed and minuted and will be continually reviewed over the remainder of the financial year.

12. Webpage compliance with WCAG 2.1 Accessibility regulations

New Welsh Government regulations had come into force in September. Although the new webpage was up to date when designed, to enable the relevant report to be completed and comply with the regulations an analysis of the webpage needs to be carried out. A quote of £180 from the web page

designer to do this analysis was agreed. Clerk to complete the report when the work has been completed.

13. Finance Matters

a) Bi monthly finance report. This had been circulated, as attached to these minutes, and was agreed. A request for grant assistance for Llanwynn church was agreed at £100.

b) Approve External Audit Report. Grant Thornton had approved the 2019/20 external audit with no matters raised. This had been circulated to all members, past and current internal auditor and noted. The relevant notices had been displayed on the webpage to complete the process.

c) Budget 2021-22 items for inclusion. A request was made that any items for inclusion in the budget for the next financial year be discussed with the Clerk by mid December. Costs relating to the new lease at the Glebe Community Field are to be included.

14. Highway matters – update on all issues

The ongoing list of highway issues had been distributed. Some issues relating to flooding earlier in the year were currently being addressed by PCC.

There had been a request from a resident for ditch cutting in Tallylyn and nearby areas. The highway speed reduction build out on the C96 near Llangors school had just been completed.

There had been a two week road closure between Llanfihangel and Groesfordd which the CC had not been notified of. This had caused a lot of traffic to be redirected through Tallylyn and Pennorth.

A quote for clearing the rubbish growing on the banks of the River Cwy from the bridge to the end of the Red Lion car park had been received which was £280 +VAT. It was agreed for Cllr Bailey to again ask if PCC would carry out this work. Failing that, it was agreed for the CC to go ahead with the works as it would be assisting with potential flooding issues.

Cllr Owen reported that the roads on the Lake common were in a poor state and potholes needed filling. It was agreed to report to PCC, however it was understood that this work may not be completed by PCC because there are a number of stakeholders involved.

Cllr Preece noted that many ditches and drains on the mountainside of Llangors had been cleared ready for winter weather by PCC. This was noted with gratitude.

Talgarth TC had copied the CC into a letter sent to Welsh Government about the works on the A479 Pengefnordd now being on hold again and taking so long to complete. It was agreed to write a letter to Welsh Government as well, reiterating the points made by Talgarth TC and additionally emphasising the need for a winter gritting programme and capital expenditure on the B4560 due to the extra use/volume of traffic.

15. Bi Monthly planning report

Consultations received from BBNPA have been invalidated due to a Cyber-attack on their system. Re-consultation was awaited.

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports
3. Planning Aid Wales updates

16. Update from representatives: -

a. Llangors CIW Primary School Governing Body – Cllr Griffin

The Governing Body AGM had been held with no change to the holders of the Chair and Vice Chair positions. There was a new staff governor and it was confirmed that a school letting policy had been ratified.

b. Discover Llangors & Bwlch Group – Cllr Owen

The Grapevine newsletter had been produced recently. Many businesses had reported very difficult operating circumstances due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The Lake public toilets had opened for the summer season and donations received had been very good.

c. Llangors Community Shop Committee – Cllr Owen

The Shop Committee currently had a Just Giving crowdfunding page set up, seeking to raise funds to cover some basic set up costs to continue to the next stage. Circa £3500 had been raised to date. Banners had been erected in Llangors to raise the profile of the shop ahead of a share issue. It was reported that the Centre committee would soon be in a position to sign a lease for the shop site as the lease between the Centre and PCC for the playpark site was imminently due to be finalised.

d. Llangors Lake Advisory Group – Cllr Scruby

Cllr Scruby on behalf of the CC had hosted the meeting for the group who were very grateful for the assistance. A talk at that meeting had focused on the lake being a hotspot for dragon flies. There were reports of some Himalayan Balsam on one entry point to the lake and everyone is encouraged to report spots where this plant is seen growing so that it can be dealt with appropriately. It had been noted that there was currently an online petition seeking to ban some motor boats on the lake. It was noted that the Lake Advisory Group had been set up a number of years ago to liaise with all interested parties on the best way to use the lake and it was felt that its achievements had been successful.

17. Roll out of Fibre Broadband project update – Cllr Bailey

The group of residents had continued to work on submitting data to BT Openreach to obtain quotes to potentially enable fibre broadband in parts of the community where it was not currently available although in some cases there are stranded assets. One of three quotes for properties mainly in Llanfihangel Talyllyn had been favourable and due to resident support and commitment had been followed through to the next stage. A quote for rural areas of Llangors was potentially not viable and a quote for the Pennorth, Talyllyn, Llanywern area was awaited. Work continues within the team.

18. Burial Space in the Community

An article had been published in the Grapevine newsletter highlighting the reducing amount of burial space and possible solution. Some responses had been received and the deadline was the end of November. Further consideration of the matter would take place at the next meeting.

19. General correspondence Received

Items all sent to Councillors as received.

Powys County Council

1. Teams meeting with Leader of PCC 15/10/20 – Cllr Bailey attended.
2. Cllr Durrant Powys Flood Reports
3. DPP and crime panel – CCTV survey
4. Consultation -What could be done to make cycling and walking within your town easier?
5. Arwain – The Regenerator
6. Consultation on Updated Licensing Act Policy
7. Final Minutes and Attendance Appendix PCC and T&CC Meeting 15.07.20
8. Call for expression of interest for broadband support and advice by 30/11/20
9. Stop It Now Event - Wednesday 18th November 2020

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. Meeting agenda for various committees
2. Community Update Autumn 2020

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 including survey re Online meetings
2. PAVO updates
3. Play Wales updates
4. Wales and Powys CHC updates – including changes at Nevill Hall Hospital 17/11/20 – noted.
5. Clerk & Councils Direct Booklet
6. DPP updates
7. Talgarth TC re Haygarth Doctors opening hours changes
8. MWWFRS consultation on corporate plan
9. Audit Wales – Future audit arrangements
10. Brecon Advice Centre updates
11. Eden Project – Community Action response resources
12. Fields in Trust updates
13. Llandrindod TC – community workshops
14. Playlist for Life - Music Dementia Charity – Resources and Information
15. Powys Dyslexia Support news
16. Repair Café Wales £13.2m Repair and Reuse Fund
17. Email from resident re Conversion of Garage into studio Workshop

20. Reports from Councillors

Cllr Bailey reported that improvements had been made by the BBNPA to the footpath from Llangasty Church to the bird hide. Following an initial report of some flooding on it, improvements to drainage were made.

Cllr East reported that the B4560 highway near the junction with the C96 in Llangors was in bad repair which was likely to be caused by the large volumes of heavy traffic travelling through the village. This to be reported to PCC.

21. Confirm date of the next bi monthly meeting

12th January 2021, 7.00pm, remotely.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.31pm.