

**Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting**  
**Held Remotely on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 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 Mr D James, Cllr Mrs C Owen

**In attendance by video link:** Judith Phillips (Clerk), County Cllr Ms E Durrant for 20 minutes between 8.30 & 8.50pm having previously given apologies.

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

Cllr Jevons had an ongoing declaration of interest in agenda item 13. Cllr East had an ongoing declaration of interest which formed part of the discussion on item 15b.

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

**4. Minutes of bi monthly meeting on 10/11/20 and PAD meeting on 24/11/20**

The bi monthly minutes were read. An additional line was added to the end of the paragraph of point 9 on page 2 – “When the system commences, only an organised group under supervision of an adult at a cost of £7 per hour can make a booking. *However, bookings made by residents of Llangors village and the community around the lake will be free of charge*”.

The minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Preece and seconded by Cllr Jevons

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

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

Page 1 - Affordable Housing at Dol Pistyll, Llanfihangel Talylyn. The matter was initially deferred, however when County Cllr Durrant joined the meeting it was confirmed that she had followed the matter up. Powys County Council were still operating on business-critical matters only due to Covid-19 and there was a delay in dealing with the matter. Cllr Durrant to continue to monitor.

**6. Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic update;**

**a) Glebe Community Field.** Wales had been placed in a level 4 lockdown on 19/12/20. The field and equipment had remained open for use and updated signs were in place reflecting Welsh Government guidance.

**b) St. Paulinus Churchyard.** Signs remain in place reflecting Welsh Government guidance.

**c) Llangors Together.** The team remain in place should any member of the public need assistance. Permission had been granted for QR codes to be located on LCC assets for a socially distanced Christmas trail around Llangors village. Christmas lights had appeared in many locations around the lake as residents had sought to cheer up the mood during the pandemic. Grant funding to Llangors Together for lights had been given. Llangasty Hall had received a proportion of that funding and had directly thanked LCC for donating the money.

An update on the Covid-19 vaccination programme had been received from Powys Teaching Health Board. Bronllys hospital was the local site for vaccinations, which was underway and residents aged 80 years and over in the community had received letters to book appointments. Some were having difficulty getting through on the phone to make their appointments.

**7. Llangors Lake Common – maintenance of road and car park – County Cllr Emily Durrant**

Following the last meeting the clerk had reported the many potholes to PCC highways. It had been clarified that only part of the road was adopted highway. County Cllr Durrant had requested the matter be an agenda item and initially the matter was deferred. However, as Cllr Durrant joined the meeting the matter was discussed during that time. It was unclear what properties are registered with commons rights, who was chair of the commoners and what level of commitment there was from any interested parties operating at the common in joining together to resolve the matter. Cllr James offered to contact PCC and request the list of those registered with common rights and pass to County Cllr Durrant, so the matter could be progressed by her.

Cllr Scruby to raise the matter at the next Llangors Lake Advisory Group meeting.

**8. Highway matters – update on all issues**

The ongoing list of highway issues had been distributed and it was concluded that the majority of items remained outstanding. It was noted with gratitude that many ditches and drains around the whole of the community had been cleared ready for winter weather, by PCC.

The banks of the river Cwy in Llangors had been cleared of overgrowth and paid for by LCC, to help in the prevention of flooding in the area.

Welsh Government had responded to a letter sent regarding the continued closure of the A479 at Pengefnffordd and additional use of the B4560 as a result. Kirsty Williams MS had also followed up the situation and the most recent update suggested that Welsh Government funding had been made available to PCC for maintenance of the B4560 local road network and the entire matter is ongoing.

Flooding on the C107 near the junction with Scethrog had again occurred. PCC had carried out works at the site in 2020 and it had been expected that the issue was resolved. A local resident was following this up with PCC highways.

A dangerous broken branch in Talyllyn had still not been made safe even though it had been reported to PCC.

Cllr Durrant had provided a PCC highways information sheet on sandbags. This indicated that PCC do not supply sandbags and residents are responsible for purchasing their own.

The area manager for PCC highways had suggested a different procedure for reporting highway issues to the authority. This procedure had been tried in the past and had not proven successful. It was agreed to continue in the usual manner and report issues directly to PCC highways officer via email as and when they arise. In addition, the table of outstanding matters held by the clerk is to be sent to the highways officer following every meeting of LCC as a reminder of issues requiring their attention.

Cllr East reported a problem near Plas Farm whereby tractors emerging from the farm are driving over a culvert and drains, which has potentially to cause them to collapse. Cllr Evans agreed to speak with the farmer.

Cllr Bailey reported excessive volumes of water on the C107 at Neuadd Farm, Llangasty needed investigation. Clerk to report to PCC.

**9. Roll out of Fibre Broadband project update – Cllr Bailey**

Properties mainly in Llanfihangel Talyllyn had moved to the next stage with the voucher scheme approved. BT Openreach quote for rural areas which includes parts of Llangors, Pennorth, Talyllyn, Llanywern area was incorrect and needed to be revised by them. This was still awaited and had been chased. Concern was raised about the Welsh Government voucher scheme ending in March and deadlines becoming tight to progress matters. PCC had appointed a broadband officer and Cllr Bailey agreed to contact him the next day to enable some assistance for the local broadband team.

**10. Keep Wales tidy Local Places for Nature project – bulb location for grass cutting contractors & project completion update for biodiversity report**

Cllr Bailey reported that there was a trellis to erect and some climbing plants to be planted. When the weather improved and Covid-19 rules allowed the matter would be completed. It was agreed to ask the grass cutting contractors not to cut the triangle in Llangors until further notice, due to the bulbs growing there.

**11. Community Use of Llangors Playing Field update – Cllr Bailey**

Since the last meeting the CC had invited the Chair and Vice-chair of Llangors School Governing Body and Clive Pinney, PCC Head of Legal Services, Cllr Phyl Davies PCC Portfolio holder for Property & Education and Cllr Emily Durrant as ward member for Llangors to attend a meeting with Play Wales to discuss the matter. Cllr Davies was unable to attend due to prior commitments. Clive Pinney had not felt it appropriate to attend unless the members of the Governing Body were attending. The Governing Body members did not acknowledge the invitation or attend.

LCC representatives and County Cllr Durrant took part in an informal discussion with Play Wales which had been beneficial. It was established that Play Wales have a number of current projects with County Councils and Health boards to promote play, particularly where school grounds often represent the largest and safe outdoor space in a community. It is understood that Play Wales have contacted PCC regarding its play sufficiency assessment and policy and there is enthusiasm on both sides to support a county-wide approach to explore better use of school grounds. It was agreed for LCC to keep in contact with Play Wales on the progress of such a project.

Some members felt that should better access be enabled under a scheme initiated by Play Wales that there may potentially be an opportunity for residents to step forward to support sustainability of any such project for the future. During the current pandemic Welsh Government regulations prohibited public meetings and as a result dampened enthusiasm for progress.

The Chair reported that a letter had been received in November from the Governing Body following up from a joint meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> October, this had been circulated. The content was noted with disappointment as the Governing Body were once again attempting to close down communication with LCC on this matter. It was agreed for a response to be sent by the Chair.

**12. Website; a) approval of accessibility statement**

A website accessibility report had been drafted and circulated prior to the meeting. This was to comply with the new Welsh Government regulations. The detail of the report reflected the outcome of a series of site assessment reports completed by the website provider. The report was unanimously approved. This to be displayed on the website. Clerk to action.

**b) Consideration of Welsh Language translation**

The website had for many years carried a Welsh translate plugin. The plugin allows anyone who wishes to read the fixed text on the site in either English or Welsh. However, it had recently been observed that when the text is translated by the plugin some of the text in the Welsh language is not totally accurate. A different brand plugin had been added to the site with some improvement. Quotes had been received from the website provider with a view to other options for the site being available in the Welsh Language. All matters were considered and as there is no legal requirement for community councils to have a bilingual website at the current time that the costs involved to develop it were not justified. It was agreed to continue with the current translation plugin. However, a statement would be added to the webpage acknowledging that the Welsh translation tool may not translate the text with some limited errors which are beyond the control of LCC. Clerk to conclude the matter.

### **13. Glebe Community Field lease renewal**

Cllr Scruby had been in contact with PCC rights of way officer to establish exactly where the public footpath line runs across the field. The Glebe field working party had held a socially distanced meeting on site to discuss where the boundary line and preferred vehicular access gate should be located whilst renewing the lease. Members had also met with the neighbouring tenants of the Glebe land to agree all matters that affected them. Proposals agreed by members had been submitted to the CIW for consideration, which had been acknowledged, but not yet responded to. Clerk to follow up in due course. Two quotes had been received for a replacement fence on the boundary line as the stakes needing replacing.

Cllr Scruby to update the PCC ROW officer with the draft proposals.

It was also reported that the ROSPA inspection at the site had been carried out in December and the report had just been received. Some wooden pieces were highlighted as needing replacing, as expected. That aside all matters were satisfactory. A working party to be organised to carry out maintenance works when Covid-19 regulations allow.

### **14. Burial Space in the Community – consider report on future availability**

A summary report on the matter including responses received from members of the public as a result of raising the matter via the grapevine newsletter. The quantity of responses had been low which was likely to have been impacted by the current pandemic and the lack of social mixing for such a long period of time. It was agreed to set the matter aside for the time being unless any opportunities for a site become available. It was agreed for the Clerk to inform the Church in Wales of the current position.

Cllr Durrant joined the meeting at 8.30pm

Item 5 and 7 were discussed and an update on item 9 provided.

Cllr Durrant left the meeting at 8.50pm

### **15. Finance Matters**

**a) Bi monthly finance report.** This had been circulated, as attached to these minutes, and was agreed.

**b) Consider and agree 2021-22 Budget & Precept**

A draft budget had been circulated and was discussed at some length. Comparisons of expenditure against the current year budget were reviewed. Reserves held were much lower than had been previously due to some unexpected costs in 2020. There had been potential in the past to use some reserves as grant funding for a new play area in Llangors. Covid-19 had raised some uncertainty over community funding support and needs. Funds continued to be budgeted to cover costs that will be charged to LCC for the local government elections in May 2022. The value of the precept was reluctantly increased to reflect all matters at £20,000. This proposed by Cllr Scruby and seconded by Cllr Owen and unanimously agreed by all present voting on the matter. Noted Cllr East temporarily had left the room and did not take part. Having made the decision to increase the precept in order to slowly rebuild the reserves it was at this stage felt that the following three years would be similar to the expected year ahead. A reduction in the precept request in future years will be the aim if possible. Clerk to complete forms and submit request to PCC.

### **16. Bi Monthly planning report**

Llangors Community Council supported: -

BBNPA 20/18989/FUL 13/11/20

Change of use agricultural to residential, construction of single storey side extension, summer house and out buildings (partly retrospective) at Y Beudy, Llangorse

**BBNPA 20/19229/FUL**

Retention of 6 no. rooflights into the roof of an ancillary domestic annex which has been converted into additional accommodation for a family member at Capel Farm, Llangorse

**Applications Granted**

BBNPA 20/18805/FUL 4/12/20

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 20/18989/FUL 18/12/20

Change of use agricultural to residential, construction of single storey side extension, summer house and out buildings (partly retrospective) at Y Beudy, Llangorse

**Planning Correspondence: -**

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports
3. Planning Aid Wales updates
4. BBNPA LDP Preferred Strategy and Delivery Agreement amendments consultation

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

Currently 139 pupils are on the role, with expected to increase in the next academic year. Due to Covid-19 schools were currently operating home/online learning with all involved having to adapt to the technology involved. Robust risk assessments were in place at times when school was open to staff and pupils. Pupils had taken part in virtual educational visits and links with other countries. Christmas decorations had been made and erected on community Christmas trees in Llangors.

**b. Discover Llangors & Bwlch Group – Cllr Owen**

Due to Covid-19 there was nothing to report and no date for the next Grapevine to be produced.

**c. Siop Llangors Shop Committee – Cllr Owen**

The committee are seeking to recruit staff for the shop in the near future and hope for it to open perhaps in Summer 2021. The delivery of the portacabin to site was expected soon.

**18. General correspondence received**

*Items all sent to Councillors as received.*

**Powys County Council**

1. Agenda and invite to Teams meeting with Leader of PCC 13/1/21
2. All Wales Play Opportunities Grant 2020-21 information
3. Broadband Support information

**Brecon Beacons National Park Authority**

1. Meeting agenda for various committees
2. Sustainable Development Funding update

**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 & PTHB updates
5. OPCC Christmas Card
6. MWWFRS updates and consultations
7. DPP updates and survey
8. Audit Wales – Future audit arrangements – 3-year plan - noted
9. Brecon Advice Centre update
10. Citizens Advice Powys update
11. Llandrindod TC – Dental Provision Crisis in Powys - Public Survey
12. Home Start Cymru poster
13. Keep Wales Safe Campaign information
14. Powys Dyslexia Support Group Newsletter
15. Refill Wales Campaign
16. Jehovah's Witnesses letter and magazine "The Watchtower"
17. Welsh Hearts information re defibrillators
18. Zurich insurance contact information

**19. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Jones reported on the request from residents in the cul-de-sac near Penpentre who wished to formally have the cul-de-sac named to assist with home deliveries. The clerk had made inquiries with PCC building control regarding the matter. Cllr Jones to follow this up with the residents as there was a fee of £150 plus £25 per property.

**20. Confirm date of the next bi monthly meeting**

9<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 7.00pm, remotely.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.