

**Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting**  
**Held Remotely on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 7.30pm**

The Clerk as host of the meeting and several members had broadband connectivity issues which were problematic throughout the meeting.

**Members present by video link:** Cllr Mr S Bailey (Chair), Cllr Mrs L Griffin, 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), Alan Williams (Internal Auditor) until 7.35pm  
**Present by telephone link:** Cllr D James

**1. Apologies for absence – none**

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

Cllr East, Cllr Preece and Cllr Scruby declared an interest for part of the discussion on item 10a. Finance report - grants to village halls. Cllr Jevons declared an interest in item 9.

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

**4. Minutes of bi monthly meeting on 9/3/21 and PAD meetings on 23/3/21 & 13/4/21**

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

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

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

Page 7 – Speeding vehicles in Llanfihangel Talylyn. Due to streetlight works, DPP attending with the speed camera had been put on hold, however as these works had now been completed DPP have been asked to deal with the matter in the coming weeks.

Cllr Mr T Evans lost connection due to broadband issues.

**6. Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic update.** The successful British vaccination programme and work of the public had enabled the country to lift some restrictions. The CC had written to PTHB thanking them for the excellent role out of the vaccine programme in Powys.

**a) Glebe Community Field.** The field and equipment had remained open for use and signs had been updated on 3/5/21 reflecting Welsh Government guidance.

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

**c) Llangors Together.** The team remain in place to provide assistance, although the general need for this had subsided at the current time.

Members were asked how they felt about resuming face to face meetings, which all were in favour of. In March 2020 all non-essential business and face to face meetings had been put on hold. It was agreed to resume all business matters, within government guidelines, with the exception of site visits which would be reviewed in due course. CC notices will continue to be online only which enables the operation of the Council to be more efficient, cost effective and sustainable.

**7. Annual Review of Policies; a) Standing Orders** – these had been updated to reflect the new Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021, circulated and were unanimously approved.

**b) Equality & Diversity policy** had been written, circulated and was unanimously approved.

**c) Payments to Councillors policy** in line with IRPW guidelines had been written, circulated and was unanimously approved. The payment available to Cllr Scruby for special responsibilities held was declined by him, for the current financial year.

### **8. Annual Insurance policy renewal**

This had been received from Zurich insurance and circulated. The clerk had enquired about Cyber insurance, but Zurich did not offer cover for this. It was agreed that next year the clerk should check with other insurance companies for a quote. The current renewal was agreed as being adequate for the needs at the current time and with an increase in cost of £13 year on year the Clerk was to renew it.

### **9. Glebe Community Field lease renewal update and related matters**

At the end of March, the CIW had not renewed the current lease as discussed and issued a Tenancy at Will, which the CC were unhappy about. Some Councillors and the Clerk had met with the CIW representative who apologised and confirmed the new lease was in progress. This had been received and finalised just prior to this CC meeting. It was agreed that the lease be signed and Cllr Bailey and Cllr Scruby were authorised to sign the lease on behalf of the CC. Clerk to arrange this with a witness. The CC had requested that the CIW do the required paper work for the Land Registry which they had agreed to as a gesture of goodwill. The Clerk needed to put together a photographic record of condition to go with the lease.

The line of the new fence had been agreed and fencing quotes now need to be finalised and availability of contractors established which Cllr Scruby agreed to do. It was agreed to reuse the existing fence wire and just replace the stakes and posts as the majority of the fence was to be in the same position as it is currently and this process was more sustainable.

Cllr Scruby reported that the CC could apply for 3 Cherry Trees to plant at the Glebe as part of a project organised by the Japan-British Society. Originally part of the 'Japan-UK Season of Culture 2019/20', it had been extended until 2022 because of the pandemic. Given the Japanese connections in the community it seemed a good opportunity to celebrate this with these trees. An event could be held in the Autumn. The principle of planting trees had been granted by the CIW, although the exact locations are to be agreed with them. It was unanimously agreed for Cllr Scruby to go ahead with this project.

Signs for No Smoking (introduced by Welsh Government) that were in situ by the play equipment had been ripped down and some graffiti written on some equipment. Additionally, there had been an issue with moles making a mess in the field and a mole catcher had attended to resolve the matter. Unfortunately, someone had stolen the traps which the CC will now have to pay for. Both these matters had been disappointing as no one had discussed these issues with the CC and residents are being more observant to assist with preventing any further such occurrences.

The ROSPA inspection form had been received and it was agreed for the Clerk to complete it and pay the £72 fee. Some annual maintenance works are needed and ward councillors and the clerk offered to assist Cllr Scruby with the works.

### **10. Financial Matters;**

**a) Bi monthly finance report.** This was discussed and approved as attached to these minutes. Membership of one Voice Wales was agreed for another year. Grant applications from the three village halls in the community were considered and approved at £300 each. The Clerk had spoken to

Lloyds Bank regarding online banking and it was agreed to set the process going with bank signatories to be updated.

**b) Internal Auditor Report.** The internal auditor could only attend the meeting briefly so gave a brief report at the very beginning of it. Although expenditure had increased the precept had been adjusted to reflect the financial needs of the CC and he was satisfied that the accounts were in good order. He thanked the Clerk for her work on the matter. Alun was thanked by all for his work as auditor.

**c) Presentation and approval of Annual Governance Statement and reports for external audit**

The Annual Governance statement and related external audit documents had been circulated and were approved. The clerk reported that communications from the Auditor General for Wales was inconsistent with some Clerks receiving emails and others not. Concerns had also been raised about the charges for external audit as it had emerged locally that Community Councils were being charged more than Town Councils. It was agreed for the Clerk to raise concerns in a letter to the Auditor General for Wales.

**11. Update on clean up dog fouling campaign**

Following complaints, the CC had sought permission from PCC to chalk spray messages on the highway and footways in the community, encouraging dog owners/walkers to clean up dog waste and to dispose of their bags in a bin or take them home as opposed to dumping in the hedgerows. Stencils and notices had been obtained and the CC commenced the project on 14/4/21. There had been many positive comments received and the picture was an improving one. The environmentally friendly chalk washes off after a few weeks so a plan for the coming months was agreed.

PCC had provided some small stickers and posters supporting the same matter. These to be erected in due course.

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

A479 at Pengefnordd remains closed with many vehicles continuing to travel through Llangors. DPP had carried out a check on vehicle speeds on 12/3/21 and it had been noted with disappointment that allegedly residents had been warning others about their presence on Facebook.

Street lighting works in Llanfihangel Talyllyn were almost complete however the light in the Bus Shelter had not been done. It had been discovered that the contractors had caused some damage to the seat by the noticeboard. The Clerk had contacted PCC and a new seat was agreed which was installed by the contractors on 5/5/21. Thanks had been sent to PCC for efficiently resolving the matter with the contractors. Cllr Jones thanked the Clerk for pursuing the case and gaining a positive outcome.

Signs for Cathedine had been erected by PCC.

The outstanding list of highway issues had been circulated. Some works to gaps on the side of Heol Hemley road had been done, but more work was needed. The branch hanging over the highway from a tree at Glynderi was still of concern. Cllr Bailey has visited the property on 4/5/21 and spoken to the owner. It was agreed to email the list of outstanding matters to PCC and specifically request again that this branch is dealt with.

Litter scattered around the area from Refuse and Recycling lorries had been reported to PCC. However, it was agreed that the situation had not improved. Clerk to follow this matter up again with PCC.

**13. Bi monthly Planning report**

***Llangors Community Council supported:***

PCC 21/0418/HH 8/3/21

Erection of a single storey extension at 1 Rockfield Terrace, Talyllyn, Brecon,

PCC 21/0402/OUT 17/3/21

Erection of replacement dwelling and associated works at Cymru Deg, Adjoining Llanwern Market Garden, Llanwern

PCC 21/0339/HH 18/3/21

Erection of a new garage/outbuilding together with alterations to dwelling including conversion of existing garage into ensuite bathrooms and dressing room at Ty Siriol, Llanfihangel Talylllyn

PCC 21/0430/REM 24/3/21

Section 73 application to remove condition no's 20, 21 & 22 attached to planning approval P2009/1037 (code for sustainable homes) at Plot 15 Pistyll Farm, Llanfihangel Tal-y-llyn

**Applications Granted:**

BBNPA 20/19412/Ful 9/3/21

Erection of Single Storey Side Extension to Existing House and Car Port at Plas Villa, Llangorse

BBNPA 20/18545/REM 9/3/21

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

BBNPA 21/19579/Ful 9/4/21

Proposed open-sided garage at The Old Vicarage, Llangorse

**BBNPA Footpath order made 6/5/21**

Public Footpaths Nos. 10 and 11 in the Community of Llangors. Public Path Diversion Order 2019. Land North East of Eligro, Llangors

**Applications withdrawn:**

PCC 21/0339/HH 9/4/21

Erection of a new garage/outbuilding together with alterations to dwelling including conversion of existing garage into ensuite bathrooms and dressing room at Ty Siriol, Llanfihangel Talylllyn

**Planning Correspondence: -**

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports
3. Planning Aid Wales updates
4. BBNPA Notice of closure of Local Development Plan documents open for consultation
5. The CC had written to PCC regarding the process for granting Certificate of Lawfulness applications and requesting to be consulted even though it was not a statutory requirement of the planning authority. A response for the head of planning policy had confirmed that the CC would not be consulted. Information on the process had been provided. It was agreed not to take the matter further at this time, although the CC remain concerned about the matter.

**14. Update from representatives: -**

**a. Llangors CIW Primary School Governing Body – Cllr Griffin**

Cllr Griffin had attended a meeting in March, but had resigned from her role on the governing body on 16/3/21. The Clerk has notified the Chair of governors which has been acknowledged.

**b. Llangors Lake Advisory Group Committee – Cllr Scruby**

A dragonfly project was ongoing with the annual summer visit planned for 6<sup>th</sup> July focusing on this matter. Councillors were welcome to attend the event with Cllr Scruby if they wished to.

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

Outdoor attractions had begun to re-open from 26/4/21 after Covid-19 lockdown. The public toilets at Llangors Lake were open. Bwlch village hall were applying for grant funding for an audio-visual facility and the Grapevine newsletter is to be produced in July.

**d. Llangors Community Shop Committee – Cllr Owen**

The grant application to the National Lottery which was in the region of £99,000 had been successful. Two jobs had been advertised and appointment letters were being processed. The share prospectus was ready and the construction work of the shop was likely to commence about mid-June.

**e. Llanfihangel Talyllyn & Llanywern Village Hall Committee – Cllr Jones**

The hall had remained closed due to the pandemic lock down rules, until the last few days. A virtual AGM had been held with no changes to the main committee.

**f. Brecon to Hay Greenway Steering Committee – Cllr Bailey**

This long-term project had been delayed due to the pandemic, however was still moving forward.

**g. One Voice Wales – Cllr East**

There was nothing to report.

**h. St. Paulinus Churchyard Burial Board – Cllr Evans**

In the absence of Cllr Evans, the clerk updated members that there had been a couple of boughs fallen in recent strong winds which Cllr Evans had taken care of. Payments from Funeral Directors and Monumental Stonemasons were now being encouraged to be via bank transfer instead of cheques as the CC moves over to online banking.

**15. Update from Llangors Community fibre broadband team – Cllr Bailey & Cllr Preece**

The application submitted to DCMS was not approved by the expected deadline date and due to Welsh Government elections and lack of information regarding funding from that source there was no substantive update and an obvious delay in the timeline for possible works being done.

Beacons Telecom had submitted a planning application to the BBNPA for a cable to be laid between Bwlch and Pennorth which it appears was going to be supported by the BBNPA.

**16. General correspondence received**

*Items all sent to Councillors as received.*

**Powys County Council**

1. Agenda for Teams meeting with Leader of PCC 15/4/21. Cllr Bailey had attended part of the meeting which had been of interest and he pledged to get some of the meeting slides to share with members.
2. Mount Street Infants School, Mount Street Junior School and Cradoc C.P. School consultation updates
3. Active travel consultation reminder
4. Communities for Work Plus programme in Powys.
5. Development of Profiling Places Wales
6. The Regenerator

**Brecon Beacons National Park Authority**

1. Meeting agenda for various committees
2. Invite to Management Plan Meetings
3. Spring 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. MWWFRS corporate plan
6. DPP updates
7. Keep Wales Safe Campaign information
8. Powys Dyslexia Support Group Newsletter
9. Calor Rural Community Fund application details
10. Keep Wales Tidy Local Places for Nature survey – Cllr Preece had completed this.
11. Clerks and Councils Direct booklet
12. Bronllys Wellbeing Park updates
13. Letter from MP Fay Jones thanking CC work/supporting in the community
14. Focus Newtown Enterprise Hub events – the Clerk had attended one of these virtual events which are free of charge and recommended that anyone could do so as they were particularly useful for understanding digital and business skills.
15. Fields in Trust updates

**17. Reports from Councillors**

It was noted that there had been a controlled burn on Mynydd Llangors on 31/3/21. Whilst this was within the time period for controlled burns of upland areas the fire was uncontrolled and the fire service had needed to be in attendance to deal with it.

Llangors Triangle bulbs and wildflowers were discussed. Cllr Scruby to inspect the area and advise the Clerk when it is appropriate to ask the grass cutting contractors to commence cutting the grass again.

It was noted that both Archbishop John and Kirsty Williams MS had recently retired from their roles. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to them with thanks for their assistance with issues over the years and wishing them well for the future.

**18. Confirm date of the next bi monthly meeting & AGM – 13/7/21.**

Subject to Welsh Government guidelines it was agreed for the meeting to be face to face at Llangasty Village Hall. Chair and Clerk to risk assess. If not appropriate at the time it will be a virtual meeting. Clerk to monitor and liaise with members nearer the time.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.11pm.