

Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting
Held Remotely on Tuesday 13th July 2021, 7.00pm

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 Mr R East, Cllr Mrs C Owen, Cllr Mr T Evans

In attendance by video link: Judith Phillips (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Ven. A Jevons, Cllr Mr D James

2. PCSO Billy Dunne – update on Policing matters in the community – PCSO Dunne did not join the meeting. The Clerk was requested to contact him to check if there was anything important to be updated on and follow up the matter of speeding vehicles in Llanfihangel Talylyn.

3. Declarations of Interest for agenda items as per Members' Code of Conduct - None

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

5. Minutes of AGM 11/5/21, bi monthly meeting on 11/5/21 and PAD meeting on 15/6/21

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

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

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

Page 2 - Payments to Councillors policy – noted that opt out forms were still to be returned to the Clerk by a few members.

Page 4 - Llangors CIW Primary School Governing Body representative – As LEA governor Cllr Owen reported that at a recent meeting of the governing body the matter of the vacancy was raised. This fact was noted by the CC. It was reaffirmed that at the current time no Councillor was available to take the role on so the post would remain vacant for the time being. It was reported that the Clerk had also been emailed about the matter by the governing body clerk and had responded appropriately. The Clerk had also received an email from the Chair of the governing body in June about alleged drug paraphernalia found on the school grounds which had been reported to the Police. The Clerk had acknowledged receipt of the email accordingly.

Page 6 Llangors Triangle – Wild flowers were growing on the triangle and the grass cutting contractors had been requested to mow a path from the steps to the seat around the tree. It was agreed for the flowers to seed before the whole area is strimmed. Cllr Scruby and Cllr Preece to monitor.

7. Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic update.

Many restrictions are being lifted and the Country is opening up, however cases are now very high again, although the vaccination program is reducing serious illness. A decision was taken not to hold this meeting face to face and continue with virtual meetings.

a) Glebe Community Field. This had remained open for use and signs will be updated reflecting imminent Welsh Government changes to guidance.

b) St. Paulinus Churchyard. Signs remain in place reflecting Welsh Government guidance and may require updating in due course.

c) Llangors Together. The team remain in place to provide assistance if needed.

8. Annual Review of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) policies – Clerk

All policies had been reviewed and distributed to members prior to the meeting. Changes to the reports mostly reflected changes in the management of planning applications as all matters are now totally online. The website report had been checked with the website provider and a Google analytics report will now be provided annually to justify website use and costs. Policies were agreed for signing by the Chair. The Clerk noted that Llangors Together had requested to keep their files in the council filing cabinets, some of which would be confidential. This was agreed, but not yet received.

9. Glebe Community Field lease renewal update and related matters

The lease was now complete. The Land Transaction Tax policy had been read and it was agreed that the lease was exempt. A revised invoice for the rent was required. The cheque raised for the previous invoice in April was cancelled due to the delay in the lease completion.

The fence now needs to be renewed and the gate realigned. Two quotes had been received from local fencing contractors which was accepted as being adequate due to Covid circumstances. Due to the delay both quotes have since been amended to reflect the CC decision to re-use existing wire and the increasing cost of wood due to Covid related matters. Quotes are now £720 and £938. It was agreed to appoint the contractor with the quote of £720 with a need to specify that the work must be completed no later than 31/8/21 as we have agreed with the landowner and neighbouring tenant to do the works. It was agreed for Cllr Scruby to email the contractor setting out the terms discussed and monitor the situation.

Maintenance work on and around the play equipment had been carried out with a few matters still to be completed. Cllr Bailey and Cllr Scruby to complete this. A ROSPA inspection was imminent.

It was noted that some grants are available if replacement equipment is required and may be applied for once evidence has been gathered from public consultation. Cllr Scruby proposed to consult with residents at an event at the site on 8/8/21. The Chair asked for Councillors to be available to assist Cllr Scruby with this consultation. Cllr Owen confirmed she was not available on that day.

Cherry Trees for the site, as previously discussed, would arrive in November/ December when a ceremonial planting and extended event is hoped to be planned with input from the community. Awareness of this event would also be raised on 8/8/21.

Llanfihangel hall fete on 8/8/21 – it was agreed that once the hall committee requested the use of the field on the specified date, the clerk will formally respond granting permission subject to Covid-19 regulations and the usual conditions.

It was reported that some residents had raised an issue with users of the Glebe parking in the residents' car park. This to be monitored.

10. Financial Matters;

a) Bi monthly finance report. This was discussed and approved as attached to these minutes. A grant of £125 was agreed to be made to St. Michael and All Angels Church. Bank signatories had been updated and forms for online banking will now be completed by the Clerk. The audit notice had been served with the inspection period being from 20/8/21 to 17/9/21.

b) Effectiveness of Internal Auditor Report. The report had been drafted and distributed to members. This was approved and agreed for the Chair to sign it.

11. Update on campaign to clean up dog fouling

A3 signs had been received from PCC and were being erected. It had been agreed for chalk paint to be purchased. As the weather is good again it was agreed to re run the spray painting of messages on the highway/footway as had been done in April. Cllrs East, Owen and Bailey to complete the task.

12. Highway matters – update on all issues

A479 Pengefnfordd had finally re-opened. A letter from MP Fay Jones about the matter had been received. She was looking into roads in the vicinity being repaired as a result of the closure. It was agreed for the Clerk to follow this up in regard to the B4560.

Street lighting in Llanfihangel Talyllyn – it was noted that PCC had confirmed only groundworks were complete with above ground matters still to be done, including the bus shelter light.

The unsafe branch at Glynderi had been removed.

Litter from refuse and recycling lorries which had been previously reported to PCC had improved, however there was still some debris left when bins are emptied.

It was noted that the CC are no longer being notified of road closures in the area. County Cllr Durrant to be contacted about this.

The outstanding highway list had been circulated. It was requested that the longstanding water leak on the Gilfach road be highlighted again for repair before winter. It was also requested that the work done on the Talyllyn road near Llanfihangel junction be revisited as the tarmac line/camber needs to be adjusted to capture the water flow on the highway into the ditch and subsequent drain. The continuing issue of flooding at the top of Scethrog near DanyDeri also needs to be raised with PCC again. Clerk to report all issues and follow up with County Cllr Durrant.

13. Planning matters: - a) Bi monthly planning report,***Llangors Community Council supported:***

PCC 21/0914/FUL 26/5/21

Conversion of barn to residential use - Barn at Upper Drostre, Llan-Y-Wern,

BBNPA 21/19886/FUL 27/5/21

Change of use of the Trebinshwn House and associated outbuildings to mixed use to include D2 (functions) and its existing use as a Language School at Trebinshwn House, Llangasty

BBNPA 21/19741/FUL 27/5/21

Extending the roof structure of existing cattle and fodder buildings to create covered cattle collecting Yard at Upper Cefn Wern Farm, Llangors

Applications Granted:

PCC 21/0418/HH 24/5/21

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

PCC 21/0430/REM 9/6/21

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

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports

3. Planning Aid Wales updates

b) Certificate of Lawfulness applications

The Welsh Government guidance on these applications was discussed. It was noted that there was a discretionary option for planning authorities to consult stakeholders about the applications. PCC do not consult the CC, which therefore has potential to be challenged. The BBNPA had decided to consult the CC, albeit the information was to be held on a confidential basis.

The CC welcomed the decision of the BBNPA to consult them as local stakeholders, albeit confidentially. Whilst it was agreed to comply with current BBNPA policy and uphold the confidential nature of these type of applications, it was the view of the CC that such applications should be open to the public for information and scrutiny. A claim on established use of any site does not mean that it should be granted a certificate to confirm a legal status. Public consultation provides the opportunity for any legitimate concerns to be raised whilst promoting public confidence in a transparent democratic decision making process of the planning authority. Concerns about these certificate applications are to be discussed by the Clerk with County Cllr Durrant.

c) 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 application BBNPA 21/19995/CPE confidentially, in line with the BBNPA strict rules of such applications.

In line with the requirements of the BBNPA it was agreed to consider this application confidentially.

14. Update on opening of Siop Llangors Community Shop – Cllr Owen

Cllr Owen reported that the portacabins were in place with works ongoing and an estimated completion date set for 6/8/21. Shares were for sale to members of the public with almost half of them being sold to date. A grant from the Princes Trust had been accepted. It was noted that this was a great achievement and the team were wished good luck with the next steps to opening the shop.

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

The application submitted to DCMS was not still not approved, however Beacons Telecom had now laid cables as far as the monument in Bwlch and were planning on continuing towards our area.

16. General correspondence received

Items all sent to Councillors as received.

Powys County Council

1. Teams meeting with Leader of PCC 19/7/21 – Cllr Bailey to attend
2. Broadband Officer Call for Evidence - Improving Connectivity for Very Hard to Reach Premises
3. Welsh Government Consultation on Power to Trade for Community Councils – it was agreed not to comment
4. Consultation on Qualifications of Clerks in Wales Regulations. This was discussed and it was noted with disappointment that experience of Clerks was not being considered as an acceptable qualification. One method of addressing this was suggested, which is to be submitted as part of the consultation. Concerns about costs to the CC of not just the initial training, but ongoing CPD training costs and annual professional membership fees were raised.
5. Draft Minutes, Attendance Appendix and Presentations: PCC and Town & Community Councils meeting 15/4/21
6. Outdoor recreation Funding Opportunities – noted.

7. Police and Crime Panel Annual Report for 2020/2021

8. PSB meeting invite Well-being in Powys 20/6/21

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. Meeting agenda for various committees

2. Brecon Beacons National Park Local Access Forum call for membership

Welsh Government

1. Business Advice updates

2. Consultation notifications & rural news updates

3. Covid-19 updates

4. Consultation on Qualifications of Clerks in Wales Regulations

Other

1. OVW updates – including Operation London Bridge which was noted.

2. PAVO updates

3. Play Wales updates - noted.

4. Wales and Powys CHC & PTHB updates

5. Police & Crime Commissioner consultation

6. Keep Wales Safe Campaign information

7. Powys Dyslexia Support Group update

8. Calor Rural Community Fund voting open

9. Bronllys Wellbeing Park updates

10. Focus Newtown Enterprise Hub events

11. Brecon Advice Centre update

12. Citizens Advice Powys bulletin

13. EU Settlement scheme details/posters – put in noticeboards

14. Llandrindod TC - NHS Dental Provision in Powys - Survey Results

15. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service Magazine

16. Call for Volunteer Befrienders for RNID

17. Llangors Fun in the Park event 10/7/21

18. Clerks & Councils Direct Booklet

17. Reports from Councillors

There was an ongoing issue with blue/green algae on Llangors Lake which the CC had not been notified of by PCC. It was agreed for the Clerk to discuss this with County Cllr Durrant. Cllr Scruby updated the meeting as the representative on the Lake Advisory Group. The algae continues to be present and warning signs remain in place around the Lake advising that the water should not come into contact with the human skin or ingested by animals.

Cllr Griffin reported that the meeting of Discover Llangors & Bwlch that was due to be held had been postponed.

18. Confirm date of the next bi monthly meeting & AGM – 14/9/21

Agreed to be held via Zoom.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.36pm.