

Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting
Held Remotely on Tuesday 9th November 2021, 7.00pm

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

Members present by audio link: Cllr Mr D James

In attendance by video link: Judith Phillips (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mrs L Griffin

2. PCSO Billy Dunne – update on policing matters

A brief update of crime and disorder in the community was given by PCSO Dunne. The number of incidents had been low and it was requested that any concerns should be reported to the police on the 101 or 999 numbers and not directly to the PCSO's to avoid delays in processing reports. Plans for the Community Speed Watch team were discussed. It was agreed that a police presence in the community from time to time continued to be important to both members of the public and the DPP neighborhood policing team.

PCSO Dunne was thanked for attending the meeting and left at 7.19pm

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

Cllr Jevons - Agenda item 8 Glebe Community Field Sakura Cherry Tree Ceremony

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

5. Minutes of bi monthly meeting on 14/9/21 and PAD meetings on 19/10/21 & 2/11/21

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

PAD minutes were read and signed as a true and accurate record; 19/10/21 proposed by Cllr Scruby and seconded by Cllr Jones, 2/11/21 proposed by Cllr Owen and seconded by Cllr Scruby.

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

Page 1 - GDPR compliance on personal devices. Councillors present confirmed that this matter was up to date except for one member who agreed to complete the task in due course.

Certificate of Lawfulness applications. The need for public consultation as well as stakeholders had been pursued with both local planning authorities by County Cllr Durrant. The BBNPA were credited for consulting with Town & Community Councils. PCC appeared not to recognise that the process of consultation was discretionary and continued not to engage in a consultation process with stakeholders. Overall, the lack of consultation and transparency when determining such applications remains of concern to the CC.

Page 4 - Llangors Lake algae. The matter had resolved itself and restrictions were lifted on 24/9/21.

Llangors Churchyard hedge – The contractor had provided a quote which had been approved by Councillors. The works had not yet been completed.

7. Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic update

At the current time cases in Powys appear to be as high as they have been throughout the pandemic. The 12-17 age range are now being vaccinated and booster jabs underway for those who qualify. It was agreed to continue with virtual meetings.

8. Glebe Community Field Sakura Cherry Tree ceremony, confirmed date 11/12/21

This project funded by Japanese industries will see the planting of over 6,000 trees across the UK's parks to celebrate the ongoing friendship between Japan and the United Kingdom. The idea being that the trees mark a legacy of friendship, celebrated annually with a community festival to welcome the coming of Spring, as they do in Japan. Three Cherry trees will be positioned as agreed with the Church in Wales, and a ceremony held to mark the start of the project on Saturday 11th December at 3.30pm.

Cllrs were requested to attend and assist Cllr Scruby with the organising of the event. Roles were allocated. A press release will be written, a photographer to attend and Llangors school will be contacted to be made aware of the event as they may wish to attend. It was agreed that Welsh daffodils will be planted alongside the cherry trees and that some members of the community who are involved with organising the event are to be presented with a gift. A plaque will be purchased for display at the site. Expenditure of up to £150 for the project was agreed.

It was also noted that the Glebe ROSPA inspection report had been received and observations included in it will be added into the routine maintenance plan.

9. Finance matters; a) Bi monthly report. The report was discussed and approved as attached to these minutes.

b) Update on External Audit. Wales Audit Office had not completed the external audit as planned and had instructed the Community Council to issue a statement about the completion process, which the Clerk had processed accordingly and it remains on the website. It was understood this matter was common to many Town & Community Councils.

c) Budget 2022-23 items for inclusion and consideration of equipment needs for hybrid meetings. The clerk had written to both One Voice Wales and Welsh Government about funding of equipment to enable hybrid meetings. Responses had confirmed that no grant funding was available directly to the CC to support the new legislation. This was noted with disappointment. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotes for an upgrade of the CC laptop and the relevant equipment needed to fully support hybrid meetings. Such expenditure to be included in the budget for the next year along with a provision for training in line with new regulations. The clerk requested that Councillors bring forward any other matters to be included in the budget before mid December.

10. a) Highway issues. PCC had confirmed that they had not gained any Welsh Government funding for B4560 in connection with remedial works required as a result of additional use whilst the A479 Pengenffordd had been closed. This was noted with disappointment. The list of outstanding highway matters were discussed and is to be updated and sent to PCC. It was noted that white line refreshing requested had been agreed by PCC.

Traffic calming on the B4560 at Talgarth end of Llangors village had been considered by PCC and it had been concluded that the highway and footway were of adequate width and speeds recorded were within an acceptable range therefore no scheme is required. The widening of the road from the C96 to Llangors Lake cattle grid is not being progressed due to a lack of funding.

A resident request for grass verge cutting in Llanfihangel Talyllyn had been resolved by the Clerk contacting PCC.

It was reported that the road from the B4560 to Ty Newydd was in poor condition, particularly near the residential care home. Clerk to report to PCC.

A Road Traffic Order (RTO) for the double yellow lines to be extended by approximately one car length at St. Paulinus Church, Llangors had been discussed with PCC. It had been established that the

CC would be required to pay for an RTO application to pursue this matter. The cost of an RTO is currently £3303. It was felt that the cost could not be funded by the CC at this time. However, it was raised that the need for the extension of the lines were in the interests of highway safety where it is felt the risk is fairly high. On that basis it was agreed that PCC should reconsider their position and pay the costs. Clerk to follow up the matter with PCC.

b) Llanfihangel Talyllyn parking review. It was reported that Cllr Jones, Cllr Scruby and the Clerk had met with PCC highway engineer to discuss a parking review in Llanfihangel Talyllyn. Following that County Cllr Durrant hosted a public meeting in Llanfihangel Hall car park. This was well attended by both Councillors and members of the public. Problems with parking were explained and discussed and everyone was asked to be considerate to others, to avoid blocking splay visions at junctions and footways and to park on their own property or within their own housing estate as applicable. The alternative is double yellow lines which most would prefer to avoid. PCC are to supply a plan with double yellow lines marked on it which the CC will display as an option for residents to consider and comment on. The possibility of extra parking on land adjacent to the village hall had been discussed and although it was unlikely that this would be possible, the Clerk agreed to explore the option at an appropriate time.

11. Bi monthly planning report

Llangors Community Council supported:

BBNPA 21/20400/FUL 6/10/21

Extension of an existing farmhouse into detached and attached structures (including a change of use), the replacement of an attached ancillary domestic store (linking house and barn) and provision for additional dormer windows at Llan Farmhouse, Llangasty Tal-Y-Llyn.

Llangors Community Council supported the principle with some concerns raised:

BBNPA 21/20421/Ful 12/10/21

Erection of a general purpose agricultural shed for the storage of farm machinery, feed storage and lambing at: Land Adjacent C0096, Llanfihangel, Llangors

Llangors Community Council did not support:

PCC 21/1789/FUL 15/10/21

Erection of a mixed use building (agricultural and storage) together with siting of 4 shepherd's huts for holiday accommodation, installation of sewage treatment plant, new vehicular access, access roadway, parking area and all associated works at Land Near Tal-y-llyn, Brecon.

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports and service update.
3. Planning Aid Wales updates
4. BBNPA Planning update - noted

It was reported that concerns had been verbally raised with the CC regarding a large and high pile of rubble that had appeared at Erwlas Farm, Llanfihangel Talyllyn and the possibility that the caravan situated next to it was now being lived in on permanent basis. It was noted that there was an historic enforcement matter with what was then a static caravan at the site several years ago.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to PCC planning noting the current situation and enquiring if there is a valid to the reason for the situation.

12. Annual Review of Clerk Employment

The contract of employment and job description for the Clerk was discussed and updated to reflect changes such as virtual/ hybrid meetings and online banking. The number of hours of work specified in the contract were noted and are to be monitored.

The amendments were unanimously agreed and the updated contract to be signed by the Chair and Clerk in person, in due course.

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

The draft report proposes some changes that will affect the CC due to the size of electorate in the CC area. Current mandatory payments of £150 to Councillors towards expenses incurred are expected to not to be mandatory in future. However, it was agreed to consider IRPW payments in the forthcoming budget.

14. Consider Powys Play Sufficiency Assessment

The report and questionnaire received from PAVO regarding this was discussed. There had been a significant reduction in unstaffed designated play space in Llangors due to the actions of Powys County Council and Llangors School Governing Body. It was agreed that the Clerk respond to the report accordingly. Cllr Jevons agreed to assist with the response.

15. Update on opening of Siop Llangors Shop – Cllr Owen

A formal handover of the premises from the building contractor to the shop committee had taken place on 8/11/21. The shop will open for trading on 17/11/21 with an official opening in Spring 2022. Staff and volunteers are currently being trained ahead of the opening. It was agreed that all involved with the project had done exceedingly well to reach this point and it was hoped the facility would be supported by the community.

16. Update from Llangors Community Fibre Broadband Team – Cllr Bailey & Cllr Preece

Beacons Telecom were running ahead of schedule in the area and properties in Llangasty and Pennorth were about to be linked up to superfast fibre broadband to the premises. The company were linking up all village halls, and Llangors shop free of charge. A separate Openreach scheme in Llanfihangel Talyllyn had been completed successfully. The update was met with positivity and anticipated relief, particularly as most standard broadband speeds remain slow, making pandemic home working patterns challenging for some.

17. General correspondence received

Items all sent to Councillors as received.

Powys County Council

1. Teams meeting with Leader of PCC 5/10/21 agenda and update.
2. Powys Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) Consultation until 19/11/21
3. Proposals affecting Mount Street Infants School, Mount Street Junior School and Cradoc C.P. School – extended consultation period
4. Arwain Regenerator updates
5. 2nd public notice & sealed order: Temporary Road Closure: C0107 Llangasty Tal-y-llyn, Brecon (20 Sep - 1 Oct 2021)
6. PCC intends: Temporary Road Closure: U0171 Llangorse, Brecon (22 Nov 2021)
7. All Wales Play Opportunity Grant – Cllr Scruby agreed to explore with regard to replacement equipment at the Glebe community Field.

8. PCC intends: Temporary Road Closure: C0096 Llanhamlach, Brecon (10 Jan 2022)
9. PCC intends: Temporary Road Closure: U0179 Llanfihangel Tal-y-llyn, Brecon (24-25 Jan 2022)

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. Meeting agenda for various committees
2. Consultation on Future Beacons: The Management Plan for the Brecon Beacons National Park 2022-2027 - noted with no response to be submitted at this time.
3. Invite to meet the new BBNPA CEO – not taken up by the CC.

Welsh Government

1. Business Advice updates
2. Consultation notifications & rural news updates
3. Climate Change bulletin

Other

1. OVW updates including a) correspondence on Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 section 47 multi-location meetings, b) Health Impact Assessment of Climate Change in Wales Infographics – noted with no action to be taken at this time.
2. PAVO updates
3. Play Wales updates
4. Wales and Powys CHC & PTHB updates
5. Focus Newtown Enterprise Hub events
6. Cymru Hearts defibrillator information
7. Fields in Trust bulletin
8. Cymdeithas yr Iaith - Cais i gefnogi'r alwad ar Lywodraeth Cymru i reoli'r farchnad dai
9. Calon Hearts re community defibrillators
10. Citizens Advice Powys - How we are helping people across Powys
11. Llandrindod TC Provision of Council Meetings support request – noted this was agreed by members and actioned by the Clerk
12. MWWFRA updates
13. Powys Pride flyer for event in Llandrindod 25th June 2022
14. Llandinam Community Council Clerk vacancy
15. Letter from the Welsh Youth Parliament – how to get involved
16. Boundary Commission Wales hearing dates
17. Llanfihangel Rhydithon (Dolau) CP School - your help requested
18. Age Cymru Warm Homes Campaign

18. Reports from Councillors

An email had been received by the CC regarding a presentation by the BBNPA and NRW about invasive species around Llangors Lake. It was agreed that if the BBNPA are to host such a presentation in person in a village hall for members of the public to attend, that the CC would pay for the hire of the village hall and councillors would attend the event. The BBNPA warden to be informed of the decision.

A CC update had been submitted for inclusion in the Grapevine newsletter by Cllr Griffin for which thanks were noted.

Cllr Preece had reported to PCC that the one door of the old public toilets in the centre of Llangors was open and the toilets were being used. PCC had responded by securing the building.

Cllr James reported a number of blocked drains in Llanywern. Clerk to report to PCC.

Cllr Evans reported that Llangors churchyard hedge and the bank by the brook opposite the Red Lion had not been trimmed in line with the grass cutting contract. Clerk to resolve.

Cllr Owen reported that the dog fouling message sprayed on the waste bin in Llanfihangel had been partially rubbed off. However, following discussion, it was felt that it may just be washing off due to the weather.

19. Confirm date and time of the next bi monthly meeting, remotely. 11/1/22, 7pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.22pm.

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