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**Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting**  
**Held Remotely on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 7.00pm**

**Members present by video link:** Cllr Mr S Bailey (Chair), Cllr Mrs L Griffin, 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

**In attendance by video link:** Judith Phillips (Clerk)

**Absent:** Cllr Mr D James

**1. Apologies for absence:** None

**2. Declarations of Interest for agenda items as per Members' Code of Conduct:** None

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

**4. Minutes of bi monthly meeting on 9/11/21 and PAD meeting 16/11/21**

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

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 4 Powys Play Sufficiency Assessment. As agreed, the drafted response was approved by Councillors and sent to PAVO as required. Thanks were given to Cllr Jevons and the Clerk for their work on the matter.

Page 5 Invasive species event. It was likely NRW would host an event. Clerk to follow up.

**6. Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic update**

The Omicron variant has resulted in the infection rate being higher now than anytime previously in the pandemic. Booster jabs have been offered to all adults. Some restrictions had been re-introduced and as a result the Clerk had reviewed the position regarding St Paulinus Churchyard and the Glebe Community Field. Cllr Scruby confirmed that revised signs had been erected at the Glebe Community Field.

**7. Glebe Community Field update**

The Sakura Cherry Tree event held in December had been very successful. A plaque had been supplied with the trees so the only cost incurred was for the love spoon gifts and the daffodil bulbs, amounting to just under £50. A press release had been drafted by Cllr Scruby, agreed by Councillors and was printed on the front page of the Brecon and Radnor Express on 29/12/21. Thanks had been sent to the photographer, two residents involved and the editor of the newspaper. Thanks were extended to Cllr Scruby and Cllr Jones for preparations in the run up to the event and to those Councillors who attended.

General maintenance work at the site is to be carried out by Councillors and arranged by Cllr Scruby. The invoice for the grass cutting contract had been received. The final cut of the season was not carried out due to the ground being so wet. It had been proposed by the contractor that an early cut would be done next season to compensate for that. This was unanimously agreed. Clerk to liaise with contractor and pay the invoice.

**8. St Paulinus Churchyard - approve increase in fees**

The fees had been reviewed in line with the Church in Wales fees and were approved.

Cllr Jevons joined the meeting

### **9. The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils. Consultation for discussion and response.**

The implications for the CC were discussed which included enabling multi location meetings, public participation at meetings, annual reports, councillor training, timescales with minutes and the need to update the Standing Orders. It was agreed that hybrid meetings and much of the legislation was positive, albeit potentially an increase in commitment of members time to the role may be necessary and initially there will be some costs to the CC, unless grant funding becomes available.

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

**b) Approve External Audit report.** The clerk had chased Wales Audit Office to complete the external audit. This had been concluded satisfactorily with an unqualified report from them. The conclusion of audit report had been circulated to members and was unanimously approved.

**c) Consider 2022-23 Budget and set the Precept.** The budget had been drafted and circulated. This was discussed at some length. In consideration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022 it appeared that there were some early stage plans for events in different areas of the community and therefore it was agreed that the CC would not need to organise anything in this regard so the matter was not included in the budget. Purchase and upgrading of equipment to enable hybrid meetings was discussed and training costs included in anticipation of meeting new legislation requirements. The forthcoming elections were discussed, with PCC having advised the CC that they anticipate contested election charges to the CC could be circa £2500 in each ward. Uncontested election costs could be circa £1000. Due to rising household costs members were strongly against increasing the precept, although the estimated expenditure was slightly higher than the current precept value. Voting concluded unanimously that the draft budget be agreed and that the precept remains at £20,000. Clerk to request Precept from PCC.

The three-year plan was discussed in line with financial regulations. It was agreed to slowly build the reserves of the CC to at least cover commitments to financial contracts. To explore grant funding for any projects and encourage community fund raising/ownership of projects to avoid increasing the precept. The impact and long-term effects of the ongoing Covid -19 pandemic were unknown.

### **11. Update on outstanding highway matters**

Llanfihangel Talyllyn parking review. Following the meeting the plan for public consultation from PCC had still not been received. Clerk to follow up.

Double yellow line extension in Llangors as discussed at the last meeting was to be followed up by the Clerk.

Llanfihangel Talyllyn streetlight works were still incomplete. PCC officer visited the village recently and the works are expected to be completed soon.

Road closure notices – there are an increasing number of road closures taking place. Some are for far longer periods of time than need to be, resulting in unnecessary inconvenience to residents. It was agreed to write to PCC streetworks and enquire whether PCC challenge statutory undertakers about the process and in particular if the length of time they apply for closure is absolutely necessary.

The ongoing outstanding highway matters were noted. The water leak on Gilfach road was being resolved. The poor condition of the road from Llanywern to Felinfach to be reported to PCC.

**12. Bi monthly planning report****Llangors Community Council supported:**

BBNPA 21/20513/FUL 2/11/21

Change of use to part of the property from A1 to C3 at Central Stores, Llangorse

PCC 21/1931/FUL 3/11/21

Proposed roof over an existing muck store at Upper Drostre, Llan-Y-Wern

PCC 21/1938/HH 4/11/21

Erection of a two storey side extension at 1 Rockfield Terrace, Tal-y-llyn

**Llangors Community Council commented with support for some matters and not others: -**

BBNPA 21/20529/CON 9/11/21

Amendment to plans approved under Condition 2 of 17/15037/FUL: a) Development is marginally bigger than the approved plan; b) Sun Lounge roof windows reduced from 3no. to 2no.; c) Inclusion of a rear door to the garage; d) Finish to be rendered instead of timber clad at Tycanol, Llangorse

**Llangors Community Council confirmed their previous response of 16/6/21 still applied to a re-registered application: -**

BBNPA 21/19886/FUL re- registration 9/12/21

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

**Applications Granted by BBNPA/PCC**

BBNPA 21/19741/FUL 18/11/21

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

PCC 21/1931/FUL 25/11/21

Proposed roof over an existing muck store at Upper Drostre, Llan-Y-Wern

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PCC 21/1409/REM 6/1/22

Section 73 application to vary conditions 11 and 12 attached to permission B/0007/0374 - relating to highway requirements at Pistyll Farm, Llanfihangel Talyllyn

**Planning Correspondence: -**

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports
3. Planning Aid Wales updates
4. The Powys Local Development Plan (LDP) – Review Report and Replacement LDP Delivery Agreement

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

Beacons Telecom were successfully connecting homes in the community. There were some technical issues for some residents, within their properties, which were discussed. The team will report issues back to Beacons Telecom at their regular monthly meeting.

**14. Update from Siop Llangors Shop – Cllr Owen**

The shop opened for trading on 17/11/21. A formal opening will take place in March. A Christmas fayre was held on 22/12/21 which had been successful. Trading had been promising.

**15. General correspondence received**

*Items all sent to Councillors as received.*

**Powys County Council**

1. Update from T&CC meeting in November
2. Think Christmas, think local #SupportLocalPowys
3. Application for grants supporting projects within Powys
4. Budget Survey
5. Future plans for Ysgol Calon Cymru
6. PUBLIC NOTICE: Temporary Road Closure: U0171 LLANGORSE, BRECON (22 Nov 2021)
7. EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURE: U0172 LLANGORSE, BRECON (3 Dec 2021)
8. FAW Grassroots Facilities Fund
9. Hafren Dyfrdwy Awards
10. Mount Street Infants School, Mount Street Junior School and Cradoc C.P. School Report
11. PUBLIC NOTICE: Temporary Road Closure: C0096 LLANHAMLACH, BRECON (10 Jan 2022)
12. Red Kite Climate Vision and Strategy Consultation

**Brecon Beacons National Park Authority**

1. Meeting agenda for various committees
2. Future Beacons – invite to event re management plan

**Welsh Government**

1. Business Advice updates, consultation notifications & rural news updates
2. Discretionary Expenditure Limit for 2022-23
3. Consultation: The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils
4. Welsh Government draft budget 2022-23

**Other**

1. OVW updates. Noted was the KWT Caru Cymru dog fouling campaign. Members were disappointed with it.
2. PAVO updates
3. Play Wales updates
4. Wales and Powys CHC & PTHB updates
5. Focus Newtown Enterprise Hub events
6. Boundary Commission for Wales representations published and hearing date postponed.
7. DPP Recruitment of PCSO's advert
8. Member of the public - Senedd Petition calling for a moratorium on IPU's
9. Shared assets UK - Can we help you establish a community farm in your area?
10. Llandrindod TC - Bullying of Clerks: MP to raise question in Parliament
11. MWWFRA updates
12. OPCC Letter re Dyfed-Powys PCC's public consultation on feeling safe in your area
13. Home-Start Cymru Volunteer Recruitment
14. RNID and Carers Wales Webinar - Hearing Loss: Supporting Carers
15. Trefi SMART Towns Cymru - Powys Towns, Become a SMART Town

**16. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Griffin reported on a meeting of the Discover Llangors & Bwlch group in November. The awesome walks guide was being updated. A dark skies event had been a success and will hopefully be repeated. Donations received from users of the new toilet block at Llangors common were encouraging. The next Grapevine newsletter is planned for March.

Cllr East requested that Siop Llangors Shop be included in the new guide if possible.

Cllr Scruby commented that the Queens Platinum Jubilee can be celebrated throughout the entire year. If for any reason that events do not take place around the community and the CC felt the need to mark the occasion that the suggestion that a tree could be planted to commemorate the occasion could potentially take place in October. Agreed by all.

**17. Confirm date and time of the next bi monthly meeting, remotely. 8/3/22, 7pm.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.44pm.