
Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting
Held on Tuesday 10th May 2022, 7.30pm at Llangors Youth & Community Centre

Members Present: Cllr Mr S Bailey (Chair), Cllr Mrs L Griffin, Cllr Mrs C Owen, Cllr Mr M Scruby, Cllr Mr D Jones, Cllr Mr C Preece

In attendance: Judith Phillips (Clerk), County Cllr Sian Cox

In attendance by video link: Mr Alan Williams (Internal Auditor)

The meeting started twelve minutes late as the AGM held at 7pm had run over time.

As meeting preparations had been done in advance of the AGM, it was unanimously agreed for Cllr Bailey to chair the meeting. Cllr Bailey welcomed both Cllr Jones and Cllr Owen to their roles as Chair and Vice Chair and thanked Cllr Griffin for her past work as Vice Chair.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Jevons

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

Cllr Scruby declared an interest in item 10a.

3. Minutes of bi monthly meeting on 8/3/22 and Planning meetings 5/4/22 & 3/5/22

The bi monthly minutes were read. An amendment was made to the date on item 13a of the minutes and the same date on the finance report. The pay increase for the Clerk had been from 1/4/21 not 1/4/22 as incorrectly recorded. The amendment was made and the minutes were signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Griffin.

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

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

Invasive species event – this has been a great success and NRW were arranging the first meeting of the new Invasive Species group on 24th May. Signs about the matter had been erected near Llangasty Church and in the CC noticeboards.

Dog fouling – it was agreed to spray chalk messages on the highway and footways around the community again. It was agreed for the clerk to order more spray chalk from the supplier.

Llanfihangel Talyllyn waste bins – the issue with domestic waste being dumped in public waste bins had been reported to PCC who had placed the bins under observation with the contents being monitored. PCC were now satisfied the problem had been resolved.

5. Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic update

Cases of the virus had been reasonably high locally, however restrictions have been removed with the exception of healthcare settings. All meetings are now to be arranged as multi location meetings with members meeting in person where possible, with Zoom available at the same time. Site meetings for planning applications will resume unless residents at the site are unwell with Covid and request that the Council refrains from attending.

6. IRPW Payments to Councillors policy

The policy had been updated and circulated prior to the meeting, following consideration of determinations at the last meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

7. Glebe Community Field policy update

The policy had been updated to reflect the new lease and was agreed unanimously.

Cllr Scruby arranged for members to assist him with maintenance of the site for the morning of 22/5/22.

The Clerk had completed forms and returned to PCC for the annual ROSPA inspection. The Clerk had arranged for Brecknock Play Network to hold a play session at the Glebe on the afternoon of 22/5/22. Insurance had been submitted and was agreed by all. Posters to be obtained and distributed. Cllr Owen agreed to ask Llangors school to display the poster on their Schoop system.

Llanfihangel Talyllyn & Llanywern Community Hall had applied for permission to use the site for their annual fete which is coinciding with their Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations on 4/6/22. This had been agreed by Councillors and the Clerk had granted permission.

It was noted that allegedly the grass cutting contractors had not taken the most direct route to the site when carrying out a recent cut. Clerk to follow this up with the contractors.

8. Annual insurance policy

The annual renewal documents from Zurich had been received and distributed to members prior to the meeting, to read. The Clerk had gained a small reduction as a result of phoning Zurich to get the best deal. The renewal details and cost, now £537.42, was unanimously agreed.

9. Mynydd Llangors Hill Fires 26th & 27th March 2022

It was noted that there had been 2 uncontrolled burns on the hill on these dates. This was within the period for controlled burns which ended on 31st March. Much land had been burned and the fire service had been in attendance as well as a helicopter transferring water from Llangors Lake to the sites to assist with extinguishing the fires. This was of concern to members.

10. Financial Matters; a) Bi monthly finance report, b) Internal Auditor Report, c) Presentation and approval of Annual Governance Statement and reports for external audit

a) The bi monthly finance report shown at the end of these minutes was agreed. A request for grant funding from Pennorth Chapel which had missed the March meeting was agreed at £100. A request for an annual grant to Llanfihangel & Llanywern Community Hall was agreed at £300. Annual membership of One Voice Wales was agreed and also a transfer of funds to the Glebe account in line with the budget and VAT refund received.

b) Alan Williams, Internal Auditor, confirmed that he had completed the internal audit of the Council which was satisfactory with no issues raised. He thanked the Clerk for keeping the books in such good order.

c) The Annual Governance Statement and reports to be submitted to Wales Audit office for external audit had been circulated prior to the meeting. These were unanimously agreed and duly signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

11. Update on outstanding highway matters and streetlighting

Llanfihangel Talyllyn parking review plan and the double yellow line extension in Llangors were being followed up by the clerk. It was reported that residents had raised safety issues with parking near Dol Pistyll junction again.

Llanfihangel Talyllyn streetlight works had been completed, except the light in the bus shelter which had been chased and will hopefully be done before the Autumn. A resident had reported a blocked ditch at Berllan Deg. The clerk had reported to PCC who acted quickly to resolve the matter.

The list of ongoing outstanding highway matters had been distributed prior to the meeting. Much work has been done clearing ditches, highway patching and some resurfacing.

Cllr Scruby reported a pot hole and eroding section of road on the U0177 in Llanfihangel Talyllyn. It was reported that residents were concerned about an increase in the number of speeding vehicles travelling through Pennorth and Talyllyn. It was agreed to contact PCC to discuss the issue and the possibility of assessment for speed restrictions to be carried out.

Clerk to follow up all matters.

12. Bi monthly planning report and planning concerns raised by members of the public**Llangors Community Council supported:**

BBNPA 22/20882/DISCON 25/3/22

Discharge of condition, 3 (Vehicular Access), 4 (Details of hedgerow), 5 (Details of species mix to be used in the hedges) and 6 (Details of species mix to be used for the meadow seeding) in pursuant to planning application 14/11678/Ful at Loan Riavach, Llangorse

PCC 22/0524/HH 1/4/22

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling at Ty Siriol, Penpentre, Llanfihangel Tal-Y-Llyn.

BBNPA 21/20400/FUL 14/4/22 Re registered

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.

Applications granted: -

PCC 22/0093/HH 10/3/22

Upgrading of rear single storey flat roof extension with a rear single storey mono-pitched roof extension at Tanybryn, 3 Rockfield Terrace, Talyllyn.

PCC 21/0914/FUL 30/3/22

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

PCC 21/1789/FUL 26/4/22

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.

BBNPA 22/20882/DISCON 3/5/22

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Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists

2. PCC Planning decision reports

3. Enforcement complaint Ty Canol, Llangors. Following the last meeting the BBNPA had been contacted about the process for dealing with planning concerns at this site. The BBNPA had recorded the matter as an enforcement complaint, although there was no further update on the matter. Clerk to follow up.

4. It was reported that a resident had raised a concern regarding the alleged further development of Emma's Flower Field, Llanfihangel Talyllyn. It had been noted that a number of mobile structures now formed something like a site compound and that there was an advert on line for wild camping in August. The resident had been guided to read planning policy and contact the BBNPA if matters were still of concern. The issue was noted by members and the Clerk was requested to obtain an update on the matter.

5. The owner of a property in the community had emailed the CC with a concern regarding alleged possible water contamination of tributaries to Llangors Lake, from waste water at Trebinshwn House, Llangasty, as detailed in a current planning application on BBNPA website. The issue was

noted and discussed. It was agreed for the Clerk to suggest that the residents contacted the NRW conservation officer for the area.

6. A resident had raised a planning concern regarding Erwlas Farm, Llanfihangel Talyllyn. Allegedly there is now a static caravan located in the agricultural shed alongside a touring caravan believed to be lived in, which has been in the shed for several months, and a lot of rubble and equipment now stored on site. This follows a number of concerns over recent months to the CC. It was agreed that the matter needs to be referred to PCC planning authority to make them aware of concerns and assess whether there is any breach of planning at the site. It was agreed for County Councillor Sian Cox to follow up the matter.

13. Update from representatives:

a. Llangors Lake Advisory Group Committee – Cllr Scruby

Cllr Scruby had attended a recent meeting where better monitoring of water quality to prevent potential blue/green algae issues had been discussed. The Dragon Fly hotspot project was also being further developed.

b. Discover Llangors & Bwlch Group – Cllr Griffin

There was nothing to report as there had been no meetings.

c. Llangors Community Shop Committee – Cllr Owen

Officers from the National Lottery had visited the shop and were very impressed with it. Valuable advice had been received from a merchandising specialist, sales were improving and Welsh Wednesdays are now being held with residents enjoying communicating in the Welsh language while visiting the shop.

d. Llanfihangel Talyllyn & Llanywern Village Hall Committee – Cllr Jones

The Spring fayre had recently taken place which had been well supported although not back to pre-pandemic levels of attendance or revenue. Arrangements were being made to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee on 4th June at the Glebe Community Field. Consideration was being given to replace the current lighting in the hall with LED lights.

e. Brecon to Hay Greenway Steering Committee – Cllr Bailey

There had not been any work done by the group to report on, due to the chairperson of the group now working away from the area.

f. St. Paulinus Churchyard Burial Board – Cllr Preece

Cllr Preece reported that he would assess some trees for safety and potential removal. It was agreed that regulations regarding the operation of churchyards needs to be reviewed. Clerk to follow up.

g. Llangors Community Fibre Broadband Team – Cllr Bailey & Cllr Preece

There continued to be some service level concerns particularly in Talyllyn. Cllr Bailey agreed that a meeting with Beacons Telecom would be arranged before the next CC meeting.

h. Llangors CIW Primary School meeting with Head & Chair of Governors – Cllr Bailey & Cllr Griffin

Both members reported on a welcome visit to the school and tour of the site. The Head had indicated that the school would wish to work more closely with the community. It was suggested that any access to the school field will be free of charge, but only be by a group booking the site and supervision of users will be required. The school was asked to consider a current Welsh Government grant available for community focussed schools to encourage working with and supporting the wider community.

County Cllr Sian Cox informed members of her intention to hold community assemblies to bring people together to discuss issues and find solutions to resolve them. It was agreed for her to work with Cllr Owen and Cllr Griffin to understand issues for potential resolution.

14. General correspondence received report**Powys County Council**

1. Mount Street Junior School & Cradoc CP School objection report and decision letter
2. T&CC Nominations for election to Community Sub-Committee of PCC Standards Committee, closing date 31st May 2022 – no one wished to be nominated.
3. Letter from Woodland Trust re Queens Green canopy
4. Road closure notices
5. T&CC Election updates
6. Welsh Government: Register a business or organisation to help Ukrainian refugees coming to Wales
7. WAST – defibrillator registration request

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. Meeting agenda for various committees
2. Tourism Times

Welsh Government

1. Business Advice updates, consultation notifications & rural news updates

Other

1. OVW updates
2. PAVO updates
3. Play Wales updates including WG grants for community focussed schools to encourage working with and supporting the wider community – noted.
4. Wales and Powys CHC & PTHB updates
5. Focus Newtown Enterprise Hub events
6. MWWFRS updates
7. Arts Wales - Nights out update
8. Green Lane Association – Countryside access update
9. KWT places for nature survey
10. Llangors Playpark plans
11. Powys Dyslexia update
12. Thanks from County Councillor Emily Durrant. Noted Clerk responded with thanks too.

15. Reports from Councillors

Cllr Preece asked Cllr Scruby to inspect the growth of wild flowers on the Triangle in Llangors and to assess whether the grass could be cut. If it is worth leaving to promote wildflower growth it was agreed to erect a sign on site explaining this to residents.

Cllr Owen reported an ongoing issue with weeds disturbing the tarmac on the footway at the entrance to the bus shelter in Llanfihangel Talyllyn. Clerk to report to PCC.

16. Arrangements for Annual Public Meeting 17/5/22

Invitations for community groups to attend the meeting had proven popular, with only one group not attending. This did mean the evening would be busy, so plans were discussed and agreed.

17. Confirm date, time and venue of the next bi monthly meeting, 12/7/22, 7pm.

This would be held at Llangasty Hall. Clerk to arrange.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.03pm.

Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Finance Report May 2022

		<u>Lloyds Current A/C</u>	<u>Playing Field A/C</u>
Opening Balances		£13,310.86	£423.40
Receipts since last meeting			
29/04/2022	Precept	6,668.00	
29/04/2022	HMRC VAT refund 21/22	853.54	
Payments since last meeting			
11/03/2022	CQ1291 Noah's Ark Childrens Hospital Charity	240.00	
11/03/2022	CQ1292 Ronald McDonald House Charities	235.00	
29/03/2022	FPO OTM Churchyard tree	192.00	
29/03/2022	FPO A4 Office Products Ltd - Stationery	179.99	
29/03/2022	FPO J. Phillips Book of Condolence etc	51.83	
12/04/2022	FPO J. Phillips Wages & Exp. March & backpay	1,000.62	
12/04/2022	FPO J. Phillips Zoom Annual Subscription	143.88	
Closing Balances		<u>£18,789.08</u>	<u>£423.40</u>

Payments due before next meeting

Clerk salary & exp, April, May & June
 External Audit fee 20/21 circa £350
 Zurich insurance renewal £537.42
 HMRC£160.85
 Mole catching churchyard
 OVW membership £181
 Glebe rent 1/6/22 circa £248
 Transfer to Glebe A/c Budget & VAT £1650.72
 ICO registration £35
 ROSPA Glebe £72
 PCC Non contested election costs circa £500 to £1000
 Clerk owed £75.98 for APM flyers & antivirus

Applications for Grant Funding

Pennorth Chapel
 Llanfihangel Talyllyn & Llanywern Hall