

Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting
Held on Tuesday 4th October 2022, 7.00pm at Llangasty Parish Hall and remotely via Zoom

Members Present in person: Cllr Mr D Jones (Chair), Cllr Mrs C Owen, Cllr Ven. A Jevons, Cllr Mr C Preece, Cllr M Scruby, Cllr Mr G Beaven, Cllr Miss H Quarrell.

Members Present by video link: Cllr Mr D Scully, Cllr Mrs L Griffin

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

1. Welcome and participation rules for the meeting - Chair

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and requested that mobile phones be switched off unless being used to read documents, no photographs or recording of the meeting was permitted.

2. One minute silence to remember the late H.M. Queen Elizabeth II followed by an update on the actions the Community Council took during the recent period of national mourning

Buckingham Palace had announced that H.M. Queen Elizabeth II had passed away on 8/9/22. One minutes silence was held as a mark of respect.

The announcement had activated Operation London Bridge for which LCC had an already agreed plan in place. On 9/9/22 the Clerk placed a condolence book in St Paulinus Church, Llangors with some flowers purchased at cost of £15, which it was agreed to be reimbursed to the Clerk. Approximately fifty people signed the book. The flag at the Church was set at half-mast and thanks were extended to Cllr Preece and his son for doing that. The bells had been due to ring at Llangasty church, however that had not taken place. Cllr Jones, as Chair of LCC, had issued a statement to the community about the mourning period proceedings which included the cancellation of the September bi monthly meeting until this date. LCC website carried a black pop-up tribute to the Queen with an official photo issued for all councils to use. The cost for the website pop-up was agreed at £25. Cllr Jevons organised a service of prayer and reflection on the eve of the State Funeral 18/9/22, which had been attended by approximately sixty people. The State Funeral took place on 19/9/22 which was a national bank holiday and the last day of the mourning period. The Clerk removed flowers and the condolence book from the church on 20/9/22 and subsequently sent the book with a covering letter to King Charles III. Cllr Jevons and the Clerk were thanked for having a plan in place and the work involved with actioning the plan so swiftly and sensitively.

3. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mr S Bailey

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

Item 12 - Bi monthly Finance report - request for grant assistance for Llangors Playpark – Cllr Preece, Cllr Beaven and Cllr Quarrell had declared an interest.

5. Consider & approve the minutes of the Bi monthly meeting on 12/7/22, and Planning (PAD) meeting 30/8/22

All minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Both sets were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Owen and seconded by Cllr Quarrell.

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

Triangle, Llangors grass cutting – following a period of allowing the flowers to seed the contractors were instructed to cut the grass on 20/7/22 which had been done and the area was looking good.

Asset inspection books – It was confirmed that Cllr Scully had commenced inspection of assets in Llanfihangel and that Cllr Preece was still to hand over the role to Cllr Beaven in Llangors.

Speeding vehicles and Community Speed Watch (CSW) training. It was reported that much work had been done to promote and encourage membership of the CSW team. Dyfed Powys Police (DPP) had confirmed that training will take place on 18/10/22 in Llanfihangel Talyllyn and then the team will be able to operate under the remit of DPP, in areas of the community assessed by them. A meeting with DPP to discuss speeding issues as well as an update on policing matters was planned in October.

7. Questions on agenda items from members of the public

None

8. Llangors Lake common car park and road surface concerns

An email had been received from some stakeholders at Llangors Common regarding the poor condition of the roads and car park in that area. LCC had raised this matter with PCC previously. It was noted that there has a long history regarding maintenance responsibilities at the site with only the tarmac road as far as approximately Lakeside shop, being adopted highway. County Cllr Cox reported that she had and continued to do extensive work on the matter and was awaiting PCC officers to report back to her regarding clarification on public liability, insurance and legal matters and a positive proposal for a long term solution to the matter. County Cllr Cox is now leading this matter and all stakeholders at the site were being considered. It was agreed that LCC would be kept informed of progress and would assist where they are able to, in order for a long term resolution to be achieved. It was agreed for the Clerk to respond to the email received and also acknowledge that the author had offered to attend the LCC meeting or any future meeting to discuss the matter.

9. Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic update

Infection rates had been lower, but were rising again with some anticipation of a spike in October. Most healthcare settings require masks to be worn. The autumn booster vaccination programme was underway locally.

10. Vacancy for LCC representative on Llangors School Governing Body

The chair explained the need to get the position filled and that Cllr Scully had expressed a keen interest in taking on the role. He was nominated to be appointed to the role by Cllr Jones which was seconded by Cllr Jevons and members present. Cllr Scully accepted the position. It was agreed for the Clerk to email the headteacher at the school with the relevant information.

11. Bi monthly finance report

The bi monthly finance report shown at the end of these minutes was agreed. The clerk reported that unexpected works required to trees at St. Paulinus churchyard for reasons of safety did mean that there would be an overspend on the allocated budget which would have to be funded from reserves. This was agreed by Councillors. It was also noted that the Clerk hours of work were very high for the first six months of the year. A request for grant funding from Llangors Youth & Community Centre for the playpark was considered with a grant of £3000 awarded in line with budgets set for the purpose. It was agreed that further funding would be considered in a future financial year when funds allow. Clerk to inform the applicant.

12. Bi monthly planning report

Llangors Community Council supported:

PCC 22/1356/HH 17/8/22

Replace attached outbuilding with two-storey extension at Stockton Hall, Llanfihangel Talyllyn

Applications granted:

BBNPA 21/20400/FUL 30/9/22

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.

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports
3. Powys Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) update and consultation on the process. Agreed no comment to be returned to PCC.
4. Planning slides from PCC planning training 28/7/22. Attended by all CC members except Cllr Jones and Cllr Preece.

13. Update on outstanding highway matters and car parking concerns in Llanfihangel Talyllyn

The outstanding list of issues had been distributed and was agreed. County Cllr Cox confirmed that she had met with a PCC highway officer, in the community, and assessed items on the list and other matters raised with her in the hope of getting them resolved.

It was also reported that concern had been raised about the growth of weeds in and on the banks of the Nant Cwy, Llangors adjacent to the Red Lion pub. It was agreed that Cllr Preece would contact the owner of the pub about cutting them back to avoid potential flooding issues.

14. Update from County Councillor Sian Cox

County Cllr Cox had followed up concerns about activities at Erwlas Farm, Llanfihangel Talyllyn and having received a response from PCC that was unclear, was following the matter up further.

She had also followed up concerns raised about activities at Emma's Flower Field and awaited a response from BBNPA. The concern with the splay vision from vehicles egressing from the site was highlighted. In both cases establishing factual information about current activities, future intentions and whether planning permission is required is what is sought in order to clarify the position to those with concerns.

Parking concerns in Llanfihangel Talyllyn and safety around the area of Dol Pistyll junction had been assessed by County Cllr Cox who had leaflet dropped properties and visited residents in the area. The PCC School transport officer had also been in attendance observing highway safety at the time of collection/drop off of pupils. Progress was being made and work continues in order to resolve the matter. Some residents in the vicinity had committed to assisting with parking concerns.

The Welsh Government plans to roll out 20mph speed limits in 30mph zones was raised. It is likely that Llangors and Llanfihangel Talyllyn will be included in the scheme. "A" classified roads through neighbouring villages are not automatically going to be reduced to 20mph and a consultation process with NWMTRA is currently in place regarding the process.

The cost of living crisis was currently a hot topic with PCC offering information and assistance to residents.

An idea to form a pool of volunteers off the back of the Llangors Together Team was being considered by County Cllr Cox, to address various different issues in the community, together.

15. Multi location meetings enablement project – policy for use of equipment

The equipment was used at the meeting for the first time, enabling it to be hybrid. The grant funding had been received and the project now complete. The clerk had drafted a policy regarding use of the equipment by voluntary groups, however the position with a number of aspects of insurance was being sought, so the policy could not be finalised and would be brought back to the November meeting for approval. Clerk to resolve.

16. St Paulinus Churchyard policy

The Clerk had drafted a management policy and related forms for the churchyard, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Outstanding items were discussed and the policy and forms agreed. It was likely that an external body will need to carry out a full safety assessment of the headstones every five years. This to be considered at budget setting.

It was unanimously agreed that a Churchyard working party was to be formed consisting of all Llangors ward councillors, led by Cllr Preece. This, as a minimum, to carry out day to day maintenance and safety inspections of the site. It was further agreed to appoint a second member, alongside Cllr Preece, to oversee the burial board duties with volunteer Tony Evans. Cllr Jevons and Cllr Griffin both offered to take on the role and would discuss the matter further with the Clerk.

Due to safety concerns with trees, members had agreed for an arboriculture survey to be carried out which had been completed and the report was awaited. Cllr Preece had also met with a contractor regarding the cutting of hedges and bracken that was needed and a quote was awaited. It was agreed that quotes and works to be done would be distributed and considered via email.

17. Update on campaign to reduce dog fouling issues

It was felt that this project had been successful again this year and areas would be monitored to see if there was a need for any respraying of chalk. As the weather is getting wet it is likely the process will pause and re start again in March.

18. Skills review and training plan timeline

One Voice Wales had supplied a standard skills assessment form and training plan template. The skills assessment form had been adapted for LCC by the Clerk and distributed to members for completion by 7/10/22.

19. Finance and Governance toolkit update on the process taken and approval of outcome

The Chair and Vice chair had met with the Clerk and completed part 1 of the Welsh Government toolkit and issued the information to all members. Following this, all members had met with the Clerk to complete part 2. Three members who had not attended the meeting had fed into the process by email.

The detail of the process had been recorded and outcomes to both parts summarised and circulated to members prior to the meeting. This was unanimously agreed. The Clerk will now amalgamate the actions required with the skills assessment information and form a training plan. A discussion took place about the formation of a health and safety policy and it was agreed all Councillors and Clerk will attend the One Voice Wales training module covering this in November.

Actions required from the two activities will be placed on the agenda for the November meeting, when members can decide when they will take place, ahead of budget setting for 2023/24.

20. Update from Llangors Community Fibre Broadband Team – Cllr Preece

Cllr Preece reported that the remit of the group had about become exhausted. Properties throughout the area who had expressed an interest in taking up the Welsh Government community voucher scheme and have fibre broadband supplied by Beacons Telecom had now all had the

opportunity to be connected. Some minor issues continue for some properties, however direct communication channels with residents and Beacons Telecom are now well established. Installations at village halls and Pennorth Chapel had been completed free of charge by Beacons Telecom except Llanfihangel Talyllyn hall, which was to be followed up.

21. General correspondence received report

Items all sent to Councillors as received.

Powys County Council

1. Road closure notices
2. Climate Action Fund
3. Information pack on 20mph
4. Funding opportunities
5. Links from Arwain networking event
6. Powys Discretionary Fund for Cost of Living
7. Quarterly PCC & Town & Community Council Meeting Agenda 14/7/22
8. Standards Community sub-committee - town and community council representatives
9. Mid Wales UK Shared Prosperity Fund Webinar - Presentation slides
10. County Cllr Cox - Welsh Government Energy Service - Community Energy Grants
11. County Cllr Cox - Powys County Council News
12. County Cllr Cox - Creating Green & Resilient Communities event at BMC
13. County Cllr Cox – Financial Support for Powys County Council tenants
14. PCC News Cost of Living crisis survey
15. Protocol on death of the Queen
16. Meetings during the Mourning Period
17. County Cllr Cox – 20mph National roll out of programme

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. Meeting agenda for various committees
2. Sustainable development fund update

Welsh Government

1. Business Advice updates, consultation notifications & rural news updates
2. Mourning Guidance
3. Digital Skills Survey

Other

1. OVW updates
2. PAVO updates
3. Play Wales updates
4. Wales and Powys CHC & PTHB updates
5. NRW Llangors Invasive species group meetings
6. Member of the public email re WG purchase of Gilestone Farm, Talybont
7. Resident email re concerns with night time traffic on C0107
8. Clerks & Councils Direct booklet
9. Boundary Commission for Wales Secondary Consultation Period Representations
10. Brecon Advice Centre annual report
11. Citizens Advice Powys update
12. Calon Hearts update
13. Fields in trust – the UK's favourite park
14. Focus Newtown Enterprise Hub update
15. Bronllys Wellbeing Park meeting 18/7/22
16. Homestart Cymru updates
17. Katie Powis – Living Safely with Covid updates
18. PACE introductory email

- 19.RBLI Get your Parish Council involved in the Queen's Green Canopy project
20. Tesco community grants info
21. Boundary Commission community review guidance
22. Love Production – Great British Bake Off
23. MWFRS Autumn update
24. Request to lobby Wales Air Ambulance base closure in Welshpool
25. Powys Regional Partnership Board Newsletter
26. Ramblers – Our paths our future

22. Reports from Councillors

Cllr Griffin reported on a recent meeting of Discover Llangors & Bwlch group. The condition of the car park and road at Llangors common, potential for a dark night skies event in February, reprint of the Awesome Walks leaflet, donations to Llangors toilets and the website had all been discussed. The next Grapevine newsletter is due to be published in November.

Cllr Quarrell reported that she had received a complaint about the safety of a car located on Powys County Council land near Llangors closed public toilets. It has no wheels and is sat on blocks. She had spoken to the owner twice about the matter, however it has not been removed. In the interests of public safety, it was agreed for the Clerk to contact PCC about the matter.

Cllr Scruby reported on a recent meeting of Llangors Lake Advisory Group. Concern had been raised about the condition of the road and car park at Llangors common and alleged antisocial behaviour on the Llangasty side of the lake with paddle boards being launched and used in areas of wildlife protected zones of the lake and litter being left. The invasive species group and work carried out over the summer had been a success and will continue next year.

Cllr Owen reported on a recent meeting of Siop Llangors Shop committee. Following a successful summer, sales had slowed recently as expected. It was hoped the vacancy for a part time deputy manager will be filled by an existing member of the volunteer team.

Emails - the Clerk requested that care be taken with phishing emails. Unfortunately, there are a lot of scams about and members were advised not to open anything suspicious or forward them to the clerk. All councillors confirmed that antivirus software is active on all the devices they use for business of the council.

When answering emails from the Clerk, councillors were also requested to consider just replying to the Clerk and not “reply all” where possible, in a bid to reduce the number of unnecessary emails.

23. Confirm date, time and venue of next bi monthly meeting, 8/11/22, 7pm

The date and time were confirmed and it was agreed to be held at Llangors Youth & Community Centre.

There being no other business everyone was thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.34pm.

Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Finance Report October 2022

	Lloyds Current A/C	Playing Field A/C
Opening Balances	£8,436.14	£1,301.12
<u>Receipts since last meeting</u>		
27/07/2022 FPI J.T. Davies - Headstone	187.00	
28/07/2022 BGC Powys CC - Arwain Hybrid Equipment Grant	2,033.53	
25/08/2022 FPI A.V. Griffiths - Burial of Ashes	164.00	
31/08/2022 BGC Powys CC - Precept	6,666.00	
05/09/2022 FPI J.T. Davies - Headstone	44.00	
<u>Payments since last meeting</u>		
11/07/2022 DD ICO GDPR registration	35.00	
10/08/2022 FPO J Phillips Wages & Expenses July	957.52	
09/08/2022 FPO One Voice Wales Training	17.50	
22/08/2022 FPO Joe Aldworth - Web/email work	60.00	
22/08/2022 FPO Audit Wales - 2020/21 audit	210.00	
06/09/2022 FPO J Phillips Wages & Expenses August	799.87	
Closing Balances	£15,450.78	£1,301.12

Payments due before next meeting

Clerk salary & exp Sept & Oct
 Annual web hosting Circa £30
 ROSPA Glebe £72
 OTM Churchyard tree £80 + VAT
 OTM 1/2 year GC contracts £1239+VAT
 PCC Non contested election costs circa £500 to £1000
 Llangors Y&C Centre Hire 7/6/22
 Churchyard Arboriculture Survey up to £400
 Churchyard Hedge trimming?
 Llangasty Hall hire 13/9/22 and 20/9/22
 Llanfihangel Talyllyn Hall Hire 10/10/22 & 18/10/22
 Joe Aldworth Operation London Bridge £25

Request for Grant Funding

Llangors Y&C Centre - Playpark