

Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting
Held on Tuesday 10th January 2023, 7.00pm at Llangasty Village 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, Cllr Mr D Scully, Cllr Mr S Bailey

In attendance: Judith Phillips (Clerk), PCSO Lee Garrett (part of the meeting)

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 were permitted.

There had been no requests to attend the meeting by remote link.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mrs L Griffin, County Cllr Sian Cox.

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

4. Consider & approve the minutes of the Bi monthly meeting on 8/11/22, Tender meeting 13/12/22 & Planning meeting on 13/12/22 and 7/1/23

The minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The date of the planning meeting 13/12/22 was incorrect and amended from 13th November to 13th December. This completed, all minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record. Approval for bi monthly minutes proposed by Cllr Scruby and seconded by Cllr Jevons, tender meeting minutes proposed by Cllr Owen and seconded by Cllr Jevons and both planning meetings proposed by Cllr Owen and seconded by Cllr Scully.

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

Page 1. Asset inspections in Llangors. It was confirmed Cllr Beaven had now taken over the asset inspections in Llangors.

Dyfed Powys Police had hoped to be present at the meeting and had updated the clerk that they had commenced a speed awareness campaign with the children at Llangors school.

Llangors closed public toilets. PCC had now got the site for sale on the open market. It was noted with some concern County Cllr Cox had not been made aware of the matter and the process surrounding the sale of the site, by Powys County Council.

Emergency response planning meeting. The clerk had arranged this meeting for councillors with Powys County Council for 24/1/23 and invited Talgarth Town Council and Cwmdru and Bwlch Community Council to join LCC. It was agreed for tea and coffee to be served.

The grass cutting contracts for 2022 had been completed by contractors OTM with all works very satisfactory. Following the tender meeting, new contracts had been drawn up by the clerk, agreed by councillors and subsequently signed by OTM and the clerk. Those contractors with unsuccessful tenders had been notified.

Page 5 - Hedge at Maesyfelin. The clerk had visited the resident who had agreed to trim back harder to assist with highway splay.

PCSO Lee Garrett arrived, was welcomed to the meeting and updated those present with policing matters in the community over the last month. There had been a low number of calls for assistance over a wide range of issues. The speed awareness team had been working with children at Llangors

primary school and had been out in Llangors with the speed gun and speaking to motorists. The CSW team were encouraged to be active and Cllr Jones agreed to contact PCSO Lee with dates and sites. PCSO Garrett left the meeting after been thanked for attending.

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

7. Health & Safety: a) Approval of draft statement and policy – Cllr Preece b) Confirm all assets are in good condition – all Councillors with asset responsibilities

a) It was reported that all members and the clerk, except Cllr Bailey, had attended OVW Health & Safety training. Cllr Bailey to attend in January. Cllr Preece had drafted a H&S statement and policy which had been distributed for consideration. These items were agreed and signed by the Chair. Cllr Preece was thanked for his work on the matter. It was agreed for the Clerk to purchase an accident book.

b) Asset inspections continued to be carried out. Cllr Beaven reported that the seat on the green area in Llangors would need the wood replaced at some stage. Cllr Scully reported that the tarmac abutting the bus shelter in Llanfihangel Talyllyn continues to rise, due to weed growth. This has been reported to Powys County Council.

It was agreed that the groups who own the lease of the old telephone kiosks at Pennorth, Talyllyn and Llanywern should have continued to insure them and carry out safety checks. Clerk to contact the groups and check that it is the case.

8. St. Paulinus Churchyard: a) Risk assessment and Maintenance, b) Update on burial board matters c) New wayleave agreement with National Grid, d) Working with the Eco Church project - Cllr Preece

a) and b) Members of the churchyard working party and the clerk had met on site in November and carried out a full risk assessment of it. Following that some headstones deemed unsafe had been laid flat. The procedures within the council policy were being followed with further work required to trace the families and request that they get the remedial works done. Burial board members to get this work completed as a matter of priority, supported by the working party. One headstone had broken and this was to be assessed for repair. The overall situation with headstones to be re assessed before the beginning of April when grass cutting contractors will be on site again.

A resident with a drone had been approached and taken aerial photos of the site to assist with a plan of headstones for future risk assessment purposes. These digital photos had been supplied free of charge and the resident had been thanked. Cllr Scruby was thanked for his work on the matter. Cllr Beaven to work with the digital photos and number the headstones on it in line with the hand drawn plans already held.

A quote for an external company to risk assess the headstones had been received, which would mean an expenditure in the region of £1800. It was felt that there was no justification in such expenditure as, on a voluntary basis, the working party were able to carry out the risks assessments adequately.

It was noted that Gwernyfed Walled Garden had carried out the hedge trimming and clearance works to a high standard. It was agreed that the possible felling of three trees may be necessary for safety reasons. The costs for this had not been obtained and the urgency was unclear. Further information was being sought by Cllr Preece and an update would be provided to members in due course. It was agreed that safety is a priority and if felling must be done it will be.

c) A new wayleave agreement with National Grid for poles and cables running across the site had been investigated by Cllr Preece, supplied by National Grid, agreed by Councillors and signed by both

parties. Back pay owed to the Council is to be paid in February and an annual income of £88.03 will be paid in future. Cllr Preece had been thanked following this through.

d) The Church Council were continuing to follow work with their Eco church project in conjunction with Llangors school pupils. Cllr Preece had spoken with a representative who was keen to work with LCC to develop areas around the churchyard. It was agreed that areas where scrub had been cleared and the land was not suitable for burials should be used.

Cllr Jones thanked everyone who had been involved with work at the site.

A request was made to all councillors that when they take on tasks to ensure they complete them, otherwise the clerk has to be paid to do the work and clerks hours were already high.

9. Glebe Community Field ROSPA inspection report and any other matters – Cllr Scruby

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no high risk matters reported. Over time some remedial works will be required to some items of equipment that carry a low risk. Cllr Scruby to look into those matters and report back to members in due course.

10. Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic update

Infection rates in Powys appear quite high at present with high levels of many other illnesses such flu and bad colds also circulating. Hospital accident and emergency departments across the country are overwhelmed with patients.

11. Llangors.org.uk email issues

The clerk reported issues with sending emails to external recipients, which had been ongoing since September. This matter was inconvenient to the clerk and two members also affected and had taken up a lot of the clerk's time in seeking what the issue was, which was at this stage identified as IP address blacklisting. It was noted that the clerk had no issues with her personal broadband system and that this matter only affected the LCC email system. Councillors Preece and Bailey reported that the IP address issue was being addressed by a local broadband provider with completion expected by the end of January when a meeting could be held with them if required. Gratitude was expressed to a local computer supplier who had been very supportive in identifying and seeking a resolution to the matter and had acted independently between all parties involved.

It was reported and agreed that the supplier of the website and email accounts to LCC involved had been helpful although had not offered to provide any temporary solution to the matter, which was disappointing. Other issues with emails such as the volume of spam emails the clerk was being exposed to, duplication when sending emails, false emails imitating councillors sent between accounts and concerns with WordPress updates being required with the website hosting were also discussed with concern. It was agreed that there was no desire to change website and email provider, however such issues need to be discussed and resolved going forward. A working party of Cllr Jones, Cllr Preece, Cllr Bailey, Cllr Beaven and the Clerk to meet with the provider. Cllr Jones to arrange.

12. Finance matters: a) Bi monthly finance report, b) Set budget and precept for financial year 23/24, c) Update on external audit for financial year 21/22

a) The bi monthly finance report shown at the end of these minutes was agreed.

b) The draft budget had been circulated for perusal and was discussed with some adjustments made. Cllr Preece and Cllr Quarrell declared an interest when discussing funding for Llangors recreation area, however agreed dispensations allowed them to continue take part if they so wished. It was agreed that the budget value normally set for Llangors recreation area be transferred to Llangors churchyard as maintenance and safety of property owned by LCC was a priority. The budget, including a three-year plan was agreed and the precept set at £23,000. An unavoidable increase on

the previous year due to rising costs incurred by the Council, debated at length with much concern about current household energy costs and rising inflation issues.

c) There had been no correspondence from the external audit.

13. Bi monthly planning report

Llangors Community Council supported

BBNPA 22/21565/FUL 23/11/22

Proposed separation of annex (Thistle Du) from host dwelling (Penrhyl), and alterations to boundary wall for improvements to access visibility at Thistle Du, Llangors

Llangors Community Council did not support

BBNPA 22/21581/FUL 15/12/22

“Construction of 2-bay car port and 1-bay garage, with 2 bedroom accommodation over, ancillary to dwelling. 3 no. apex dormers to front of roof. Structure to be finished in timber and slate, as per sheet ref A220 at Ysgubor, Cathedine.

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports
3. Monthly phone call from PCC Principal Planning Officer Luke Jones 5/1/23. The clerk reported that PCC were embarking on a system to improve communications with T&CC's and had agreed that a phone call would be received on a monthly basis where planning matters could be discussed. The Clerk had sought confirmation that all documents relating to applications were published on PCC website and questioned the validation process when documents appeared to be missing. It appears PCC are working with planning consultants to improve their validation process.

14. Update on outstanding highway matters

The ongoing list of highway issues was discussed and updated. Clerk to chase PCC to get items on the list resolved.

15. Update from Councillor representatives on outside bodies: -

- a. **Llangors Lake Advisory Group Committee – Cllr Scruby.** Next meeting is 17th April.
- b. **Discover Llangors & Bwlch Group – Cllr Griffin.** In the absence of Cllr Griffin there was no update. It was noted that the Grapevine newsletter had not been produced in December as previously reported that it would be.
- c. **Siop Llangors Shop Committee – Cllr Owen.** Christmas sales had been good, a successful Christmas market held and Christmas party for volunteers held.
- d. **Llanfihangel Talyllyn & Llanywern Village Hall Committee – Cllr Jones.** Cllr Scruby was asked to update on the AGM which had seen all current officers re elected to their roles. A recent Christmas lights competition had been a success, along with a collection for Brecon Foodbank
- e. **Brecon to Hay Greenway Steering Committee – Cllr Bailey.** Cllr Bailey had not attended the last meeting, had not got any minutes and reported that progress with the project was slow.
- f. **Llangors CIW Primary School Governing Body – Cllr Scully.** Cllr Scully had attended a few meetings and events and was pleased to report how well the school was interacting in the community which was also in line with the new curriculum. This had been noted by Councillors and was very much welcomed.

It was noted however, that there were still members of the community who wished to see easier public access to the school facilities outside of school hours particularly to enhance integration of younger members of the community, older than primary school age or younger ones who do not

attend the school. Noted from a Play Wales bulletin was updated Welsh Government guidance supporting development of Community Focused Schools. It was agreed for Cllr Scully to represent resident views and discuss the matter with the school governing body.

Cllr Preece reported that a new Cub Scout group in Llangors had hoped to use the playing field, however with a £10 cost this was limiting options and use. Councillors were concerned a charge was being made which appeared not to be part of the letting policy. Cllr Owen explained the charge would be to cover costs outside of a time when there were no staff at the school.

With Easter and summer school holidays ahead, it was understood that County Cllr Cox was possibly looking to get a few residents together to book the site for the benefit of the children. Cllr Quarrell reported that in her professional role in PCC Youth Service she was keen to see progress made on this matter and would discuss the matter separately with Cllr Scully.

g. One Voice Wales – Cllr Preece. Updates are received directly from OVW and Cllr Preece confirmed he had not attended any meetings and that he would give apologies if not attending any in future.

h. Llangors Community Fibre Broadband Team – Cllr Bailey & Cllr Preece. It was confirmed that the team had held their final meeting with Beacons Telecom and were grateful to the owner for his commitment to those meetings. Broadband connection to Llanfihangel Tallyllyn hall would be done when Beacons Telecom go through Llanfihangel Tallyllyn, however there are no plans for that at the current time.

16. Update from County Councillor Sian Cox

It was reported that County Cllr Cox had followed up matters from the last meeting. Clarification on planning concerns at Erwlas, Llanfihangel Tallyllyn were still being followed up with PCC.

The BBNPA had clarified that, in the main, activities at Emma's Flower Field were covered under permitted development rights, albeit as it was located in the river Wye SAC area where phosphate matters are topical, so camping activities required clarification with NRW. Highway access concerns were being reported to the highway development control officer.

Planning concerns in regard to drainage and biodiversity matters at the site known as Land at Tallyllyn had been assessed by the PCC planning officer with no further action being taken.

Discussions regarding a resolution to highway issues at Llangors Lake Common were ongoing.

17. LCC Vision and Purpose Statement – Cllr Beaven

Cllr Beaven had drafted two proposals for this purpose which had been circulated for consideration prior to the meeting. These were discussed and one statement was agreed as set out below. A public consultation process to gather evidence of community aspirations would need to be done in due course, although not budgeted for the next financial year. It was suggested that useful discussions about community matters were taking place at community assemblies being held locally by Sian Cox. Councillor attendance at these could be beneficial.

Vision and Purpose statement.

Vision

Our vision for the Llangors Community is a strong, diverse, well-educated community with shared values striving to live sustainably and to protect nature. The area we live in is safe, attractive, and economically vibrant with the right balance of housing and is welcoming to visitors.

Mission

Our mission is to work proactively to achieve this vision by being well informed on all issues affecting the community, adopting policies and taking appropriate management steps on those matters where the Council has direct responsibility and being a champion for local interests on matters where we are consulted or have influence.

Purpose

Our purpose is to communicate well with local people in order to understand attitudes and views on all local matters, to spend public money cost effectively in the best interests and wellbeing of the community, to manage Council owned assets safely and efficiently, to support voluntary and community groups for the benefit of the community and the environment and to be accountable for all we do.

Cllr Beaven was thanked for his work on the item.

18. Update from training attended – Cllr Scully, Cllr Quarrell, Cllr Jevons, Cllr Owen, Cllr Jones

Mixed views were reported regarding different topics of training that had taken place with One Voice Wales. Courses appeared to be aimed more for Town Council's and did not expand very much on slides issued. This to be monitored to ensure the expense and time to attend courses is justified.

19. General correspondence received report

Items all sent to Councillors as received.

Powys County Council

1. Road closure notices
2. Climate Emergency Forum Spring conference questionnaire response. This was discussed with no comments to return to PCC. Clerk to respond.
3. Letter re Mount Street & Cradoc schools
4. Powys News – Dec 2022 Warm spaces directory
5. Canals, Communities & Wellbeing Project
6. Vision for the future – views wanted
7. White Ribbon Day
8. Update from Powys' Regional Partnership Board
9. Dispensations Letter - noted

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. Meeting agenda for various committees

Welsh Government

1. Business Advice updates, consultation notifications & rural news update
2. Infrastructure Assets and Accounts audit
3. Section 137 expenditure limit letter

Other

1. OVW updates. The Toolkit update and subsequent social media guidance was noted.
2. PAVO updates
3. Play Wales updates including guidance to schools on community use of premises.
4. Wales and Powys CHC & PTHB updates
5. Wales NHS Briefing - Service development proposal EMRTS Cymru/Wales air ambulance
6. Citizens Advice Service. Across Powys April to Sept 2022 report
7. Cwmdru & District CC - Gilestone Farm concerns. This matter was discussed and it was noted that some residents in the community had also raised concerns with the clerk, questioning why they had not been consulted on plans for the site. It was agreed no action to be taken.
8. Resident email re Gilestone Farm proposals
9. Clerks & Councils Direct booklet
10. OPC newsletter
11. OPCC updates and consultation re funding
12. Katie Powis – Keep Wales safe - viruses

13.MWFRS updates

14.WAA Mid Wales base campaign update

15.Brecon Rotary Club request to plant crocus bulbs in planters at the entrances to Llanfihangel Talylyn. The planters are not under the jurisdiction of LCC, however it was agreed to support the bulb planting.

20. Reports from Councillors

Cllr Jevons reported the sighting of a dead fox which although unclear had possibly been poisoned. This was noted with concern, but as the cause of death was unclear no further action was required.

Cllr Beaven reported the sighting, for the first time, of a Teal Baikal on Llangors Lake.

21. Confirm date, time and venue of the emergency response planning meeting with PCC officer and neighbouring Councils on 24/1/23 6.30pm and next bi monthly meeting, 14/3/23, 7pm

The next bi monthly meeting to be held at Llangasty Hall and Councillors agreed to arrive early to assist with setting out of the room and hybrid meeting equipment.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.07pm.

Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Finance Report January 2023

	<u>Lloyds Current A/C</u>	<u>Playing Field A/C</u>
Opening Balances	£9,642.53	£1,301.12
Receipts since last meeting		
08/12/2022 500064 Talgarth TC & Cwmdu & Bwlch CC H&S training	160.00	
30/12/2022 BGC Powys CC - Precept	6,666.00	
Payments since last meeting		
27/11/2022 FPO Tindle newspapers – GC advert	84.84	
27/11/2022 FPO A4 Office products - stationery	204.94	
27/11/2022 FPO Llangors Y&C Centre hall hire	21.00	
27/11/2022 FPO Powys CC - ROSPA inspection		72.00
14/12/2022 FPO J Phillips Wages & Expenses Nov (inc backpay)	1425.00	
14/12/2022 FPO OTM 1/2 year Grass cutting	961.80	525.00
14/12/2022 FPO Llanfihangel Talylyn hall - meetings	30.00	
14/12/2022 FPO GWG Tree & Garden Care - Churchyard	444.00	
Closing Balances	<u>£13,296.95</u>	<u>£704.12</u>

Payments due before next meeting

Clerk salary & exp Dec, Jan & Feb
 OVW Health & Safety Training £77.50
 PCC Non contested election costs £697.39
 Sale of Laptop ~£120
 External audit fee circa £300
 Annual website & email hosting usually £240
 Say Cheeze email issue costs circa £40
 Churchyard maintenance costs TBA
 Llangasty Hall meeting