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**Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Monthly Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 13 June 2023, 7.00pm at Llangasty Village Hall**

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

**In attendance:** County Councillor Sian Cox

**1. Welcome and participation rules for the meeting - Chair**

There had been no requests from members of the public to attend the meeting by remote link.

**2. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Mr D Jones**3. Declarations of Interest for agenda items as per Members' Code of Conduct**

Cllr Preece declared an interest in the claim for grant funding from the Llangors Youth and Community Centre to be discussed under agenda item 11.

**4. Consider & approve the minutes of the AGM and the Bi Monthly Meeting on 9/5/2023, & Planning meeting on 16/5/23**

The minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Minor changes to improve accuracy were proposed for Items 5 and 11 of the minutes of the Bi monthly meeting and with these amendments all of the minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record. Approval for the AGM minutes was proposed by Cllr Scully, seconded by Cllr Quarrell. Approval for the bi monthly minutes was proposed by Cllr Beaven, seconded by Cllr Scully. Approval of the planning meeting minutes was proposed by Cllr Owen, seconded by Cllr Scully.

**5. Matters arising from above minutes not listed on the agenda – None****6. Questions on agenda items from members of the public - None****7. Vacancy for the role of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**

Cllr Scruby reported that two applicants had been invited for interview but unfortunately one withdrew for personal reasons before the due date. The other attended but after very careful consideration the panel concluded that they would not recommend proceeding with this application. The outcome of the interview was approved by all councillors and the unsuccessful candidate has been informed.

The next steps were discussed and it was agreed that the Employment Working Group would draw up a simple more eye catching description of the vacancy for display on notice boards and local websites that referred those interested to the Council's website for the details of the vacancy. The job description would also be reviewed as the current version might appear very onerous to those unfamiliar with the duties.

**8. Vacancy for Community Councillor in Llangors Ward**

Cllr Scruby reported that there had been no expressions of interest and he understood that the current authority for co-option would need to be renewed in about six weeks. He would investigate further and bring forward proposals to the next monthly meeting.

After discussion about the way forward it was agreed that the Employment Working Group would also consider alternative ways to publicize the councillor vacancy possibly in combination with their ideas for the clerk vacancy.

## 9. St. Paulinus Churchyard;

### a) update on maintenance:

Cllr Preece reported that OTM will be removing the two Cypress trees on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June starting at 0830. The immediate neighbours and the church have been informed with a leaflet or through email. Method statements and risk assessments have been provided but some aspects needed further explanation which has been advised to the contractor. The finalized versions will be circulated to councillors.

### b) update on Burial Board matters:

Cllr Beaven reported that there had been no transactions since the last meeting. He is attempting to fully update the burial ground plans in order to clarify what space, if any, is available for future burials and cremation ashes. The records are not complete but it's already clear that the space available for burials is very limited although it should be possible to make better arrangements for future cremation memorials.

## 10. Bi monthly planning report

### Summary Planning Report – June 2023

The Llangors Community Council supported: -

BBNPA 23/21950/FUL 24 Apr 2023 Lake View Llangorse Brecon LD3 7UG. New driveway access from B4650, create new driveway and stop up existing access.

### Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports

The monthly meeting was adjourned at this point to allow the PAD meeting started on the 12<sup>th</sup> June to complete its considerations. The outcome will be reported in the July planning report.

## 11. Finance matters:

### a) Monthly finance report,

The finance report, circulated prior to the meeting and shown at the end of these minutes, was approved including those payments due before the next meeting. An additional due payment of £32 for the use of the hall at Pennorth Chapel for clerk interviews was also approved.

The claim for grant assistance from the Llangors Youth and Community Centre would normally have been considered at the same time as the claims from the other local halls but it had arrived late. The claim for £300 was approved subject to receipt of satisfactory accounts.

The claim for grant assistance from SSAFA would be held over until the end of the financial year.

Cllr Scruby reported that knowing the difficulties of recruiting a replacement the previous clerk had offered to start working on the papers for the external audit as completing these as part of training her replacement was no longer a sensible approach. All agreed that this generous offer should be accepted.

## 12. Appointment of website and email providers for the forthcoming year

As follow up to the discussion at the last bi monthly meeting Cllr Preece and Cllr Bailey met with Joe Aldworth on 20<sup>th</sup> May. This was a worthwhile opportunity to clarify the Council's needs, explain the difficulties encountered with the current system and restate where essential improvements are being

sought. Joe advised that the majority of the Council's specifications are now being met by the current set up and he has taken out the required indemnity insurance. The current email accounts are accessed through the 3<sup>rd</sup> party Outlook but a better option would be to use an online platform that should effectively sidestep local network IP issues in the future. He proposed using Roundtube Webmail for this purpose and this was installed on the clerk's laptop. He also provided revised costing which although there are some increases these were much less than the significantly higher costs of engaging with an alternative supplier.

Cllr Preece reported that not long after the meeting he had a re-occurrence of the familiar problem of being unable to send emails via Outlook. He switched to using Roundcube which worked perfectly and has continued to do so over the last 3 weeks. Roundcube will need to be installed on some Councillors home computers and phones to eliminate all potential problems in the future.

After discussion all agreed that in light of the improvements made and the high cost of alternatives the current arrangements with Joe Aldworth should be extended to the end of the financial year. Cllr Bailey to advise Joe of the Council's conclusions and finalize the details.

### **13. Highway issues**

The outstanding issues report will not be reviewed at every monthly meeting.

The current closure of the A479, originally planned for two weeks is likely to be extended. The signposted diversion directs traffic through Llangors village which is causing high volumes and increased speeding on Talgarth Road. Residents are concerned about the safety of using the footpath on this stretch of road but attempts to request vehicles to reduce speed have been met with abuse. It was agreed that the dummy policeman would be set up in this area.

Mobilization of the community speedwatch is still awaiting approval of potential sites. Fresh attempts should be made to resolve these last issues citing the current problems on Talgarth road as the justification for higher priority action.

### **14. Bannau Brycheniog consultation**

The proposed response to the FOI request, circulated prior to the meeting, was approved.

### **15. Hill Fires on Mynydd Llangors**

Cllr Preece explained that the fire was started towards the base of the common and it spread uphill, driven by a variable wind, through the bracken and then into and through the adjacent fir plantation. A large number of fire appliances attended but once well-established there was little that could be done to control the fire which was still smouldering over a week later.

Burning the bracken is a long established practice normally carried out by commoners with grazing rights and there have been many past attempts to stamp it out particularly in 2010 but none have been successful. It is tolerable if carried out during the winter but burning during the bird breeding season has a devastating impact on wildlife and can often get out of hand and cause other damage, as in this case.

All present felt that fresh attempts should be made to prevent or discourage the practice although Cllr Scruby pointed out some of the difficulties to be overcome as for example all those with commoners rights would have to be involved. If there is an easy solution it would have been put in place years ago. County Cllr Cox described some initiatives that she has in mind. It was felt that the landowner should be made aware of the Council's views and Cllrs Preece and Scruby would draw up a draft letter for consideration.

## 16. Update from County Councillor Sian Cox

County Cllr Cox reported on a number of issues within the community:

Llanfihangel Talyllyn parking issues – ongoing discussions with residents regarding parking issues around Dol Pistyll junction. County Cllr Cox has delivered flyers to local residents but the response has been disappointing and she intends to make personal contact with more residents..

Closed public toilets in Llangors – these have been sold but County Cllr Cox still does not know who the buyer is yet.

Lake Common issues – The next steps are to obtain grant funding for legal advice on the management structure and when this has been set up further grant funding will be needed for the necessary remedial work to the roadway. In the meantime Highways have carried out some temporary road repairs to address safety concerns.

## 17. General correspondence received report

*The items listed below had all been sent to Councillors as they were received.*

### **Powys County Council**

1. Road closure notices
2. Cllr Sian Cox Community Involvement Day Sat May 20th
3. Cllr Sian Cox Minister's statement on Gilestone Farm / GMF proposal
4. Canals, Communities and Wellbeing Project update
5. PCC News

### **Brecon Beacons National Park Authority**

1. Meeting agenda for various committees
2. BBNP weekly lists

### **Welsh Government**

1. Business Advice updates, consultation notifications & rural and climate change bulletins and update

### **Other**

1. OVW updates
2. PAVO updates
3. Play Wales updates
4. Wales NHS and Powys CHC & PTHB updates
5. Email from resident re: Barn Cottage "Detached Garage" Ref: 25/21905/FUL
6. 20 's Plenty for Us update
7. WG Consultations / updates
8. M&WW Fire - Public Services Boards Local Well-Being Plans
9. M&WW Fire Open Water Safety Advice
10. Bronllys Well Being Park AGM 29th June
11. Cllr Iain McIntosh Bannau Brycheiniog consultation (FOI request)
12. Love your Burial Ground event Llangasty Village Hall 31st May
13. Powys LCA Impact Report 22/23
14. Ethnic minorities and Leadership conference notification
15. Defib World notification re Defib Batteries and Electrode Pads date checks required
16. Zoom update / continuous meeting chat availability

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17. Gilestone Farm Leaflet – Gilestone Farm Project Team

**18. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Scruby advised that OneVoiceWales has issued updated standing orders and these would be considered at the next monthly meeting. We had also received advice on the need for regular checks on the condition of defibrillator batteries. It was concluded that no special action was needed as existing arrangements would take care of any issues. It will not be appropriate to review all of the regular bi monthly agenda items at every monthly meeting and he will welcome suggestions for including on the agenda for the July meeting. The Lake Advisory Group will meet on the 10<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30.

Cllr Scully confirmed that he had attended a number of meetings with other community councils on the Gilestone Farm proposals. The emphasis was on the need to share information.

Cllr Bailey advised that the Llangasty Hall management committee are trying to set up charitable status but they need a lease for the hall from the church. Cllr Ven Jevons didn't think this would be a problem.

Cllr Owen confirmed that the Llangors Community shop was performing well and had recruited a part time assistant to help with the increased level of turnover.

**19. Confirm date, time and venue of the next hybrid monthly meeting**

It was confirmed that the meeting would be on 11/7/2023 at 7pm in Llangasty Parish Hall and available on Zoom.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:08 pm

## Llangors Community Council Monthly Finance Report June 2023

	<u>Lloyds Bank</u> <u>LCC Account</u>	<u>LCC LT Playing</u> <u>Field A/C</u>
<b><u>Opening Balances from last meeting report</u></b>	£15,498.26	£704.12
<b><u>Receipts since last meeting report</u></b>		
01/06/2023 TFR Glebe Field Budget t/f from LCC Acc.		1712.00
<b><u>Payments since last meeting report</u></b>		
12/05/2023 FPO Joe Aldworth - Map Your Marketing	74.00	
12/05/2023 FPO Llan Tal Llyn Village Hall - Annual Grant	300.00	
12/05/2023 FPO Llangasty Parish Hall - Annual Grant	300.00	
12/05/2023 FPO Llangasty Parish Hall - Hire of meeting room	27.00	
12/05/2023 FPO One Voice Wales - membership	196.00	
12/05/2023 FPO Zurich insurance	605.86	
26/05/2023 FPO Church of Wales - Glebe rent		248.00
01/06/2023 TFR Glebe Field Budget t/f to LCC LT Play Field Acc.	1712.00	
07/06/2023 FPO J Phillips May Wages	321.95	
<b><u>Closing Balances</u></b>	£11,961.45	£2,168.12

### **Payments due before next meeting**

Churchyard maintenance costs OTM £2208  
PAVO Payroll costs £12 per month  
HMRC Quarterly Payment £241.38  
Llangasty Parish Hall - 13/6/23 hire of room £27.00

### **Request for Grant Assistance**

Llangors Youth & Community  
Centre  
SSAFA the Armed Force Charity