
**Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Monthly Meeting
Held on Tuesday 11 July 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 Mr S Bailey, Cllr Mr D Scully, Cllr Mr D Jones.

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 Miss H Quarrell**3. Declarations of Interest for agenda items as per Members' Code of Conduct**

None

4. Consider & approve the minutes of the Monthly Meeting on 13/6/2023, and the Planning meetings on 12/6/23 and 4/7/23.

The minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Minor changes to improve accuracy were proposed for the attendance list in the minutes of the planning meeting held on the 4th July and with this amendment all of the minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record. Approval for the monthly meeting minutes was proposed by Cllr Preece, seconded by Cllr Scully. Approval for the 12th June planning meeting minutes was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Owen and . approval of the 4th July planning meeting minutes was proposed by Cllr Jones and 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. Health and safety**

Cllr Beaven confirmed that the assets in Llangors were all in a satisfactory condition although the seat next to the old public toilet needs to be refreshed with new wood. Cllr Scully confirmed that the assets in Llanfihangel Talylyn were also in a satisfactory condition. Cllr Scruby reported that routine maintenance work was being undertaken in the Glebe Field and there would be a working party on the 29th July to paint the goalposts. Cllr Scully and Cllr Jones offered to undertake the weekly safety check during the 3 month period when Cllr Scuby is to be away.

8. Vacancy for the role of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Cllr Scruby reported that the actions agreed at the last meeting were overtaken by the receipt of a new application. After consideration by the Employment Working Group the Council agreed that the application should proceed to the interview stage although unfortunately the candidate withdrew prior to this taking place. An unexpected offer of a full time position was the reason given for withdrawing.

The next steps were discussed and it was agreed that the actions discussed at the last meeting would now be put in hand by the Employment Working Group. These were to 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. In addition the salary offer would be reviewed and there would be consideration of placing a small advert in the B&R. An offer from the clerk of Cwmdu Community Council to jointly advertise vacancies in both organisations would be investigated.

9. Vacancy for Community Councillor in Llangors Ward

Cllr Scruby reported that there had been no expressions of interest and as stated at the last meeting he was conscious that the current authority for co-option would need to be renewed in September. In order to remain within the current authorisation he proposed that there would be a fresh attempt to stimulate interest with the formal notice of the vacancy issued on August 14th with a closing date of the 4th September.

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. This would not necessarily be constrained by the formal notice timetable.

10. Appointment of Chairperson and declaration of acceptance of office.

Cllr Scruby reiterated that at the AGM he was elected Chair of the Council for a limited period and it was accepted that he would stand down before the September meeting. As offered at the AGM Cllr Scully confirmed that he would be happy to be nominated for a similar limited period although he would not be available for the September meeting. As the Vice Chair will also be away for the September meeting it was agreed that the next Monthly meeting will be held the 8th August and that there will be no meeting in September. In light of this agreement Cllr Scruby will chair the August meeting when a successor will be elected. Cllr Scruby and Cllr Scully will work together to ensure a smooth handover.

11. St. Paulinus Churchyard;

a) update on maintenance:

Cllr Preece reported that OTM have successfully removed the Cypress tree by the roadway but work on the tree to the rear of the churchyard is on hold due to the discovery of nesting Collard Doves. The earliest that work can commence is likely to be towards the end of August. Examination of the felled tree revealed some decay where the main trunk bifurcated although not quite as bad as the Arboricologist had suggested. Recognising that OTM is a small local company and a valued supplier it was agreed that they could be paid 50% of the quoted price in recompenses for the work already satisfactorily completed.

b) update on Burial Board matters:

Cllr Beaven reported that there had been one transaction since the last meeting covering the interment of cremation ashes and the erection of a suitable memorial. A location next to the seat at the West end of the church had been agreed.

12. Monthly planning report

Llangors Community Council supported: -

BBNPA 23/22062/FUL 21/6/23

Proposed internal and external alterations, replace existing conservatory with new conservatory and porch, alter window opening to north and single dormer window in place of skylight in north roof plane. Ty Mawr , Pennorth, Brecon LD3 7PJ

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Llangors Community Council did not support: -

BBNPA 23/22022/FUL

Proposed oak framed car port with office and storage over. Nantfelin Barn Cathedine Brecon LD3 7SX

Applications granted by PCC/BBNPA: -

BBNPA 23/21905/FUL 19/4/23

Detached garage at Barn Cottage, Pennorth

Applications withdrawn:-

BBNPA 22/21618/FUL 20/1/23

Ty Fry Llangorse Brecon LD3 7UL Extension to existing house and enlargement of existing out-house/studio

Planning Correspondence: -

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

13. 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. The additional part payment of £1104 to OTM and £45 for photocopying the audit paperwork were also approved.

b) External Audit of Accounts

Cllr Scruby opened by explaining that the Council was very pleased when the previous Clerk offered to compile the papers for the external audit. Without Jude's help this would have been a very challenging time and the Council's gratitude for her generous support when it was needed most should be formally recorded. Cllr Preece confirmed that the dossier of evidence was now complete thanks to Jude's efforts but it all needed to be photocopied before the July submission date. Cllr Scruby also thanked Cllr Preece for his contribution to this important activity.

c) Effectiveness of Internal Audit Report

Cllr Preece explained that this document had also been compiled by Jude and he was happy for it to be signed by the Chair and submitted. This was agreed.

d) Pension Regulator Enrolment Review

This is required to be completed by the end of July 2023. Appropriate enrolment documents have been submitted by PAVO.

14. Revised Standing Orders

Cllr Scruby explained that the revised standing orders should have been issued in time for adoption at this year's AGMs but OVW failed to meet the deadline. The Council now needs to adopt the new version as soon as possible to ensure that its activities are fully legal. This is not a straightforward decision as the new version still need to be customised to reflect our circumstances although most of the required changes can be read across from the previous version. Cllr Scully offered to draw up a customise version of the revised standing order document for consideration at the August meeting..

15. Highway Matters

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

Cllr Preece reported that PCC has recently announced that three stretches of road in Llangors and one in Llanfihangel Talyllyn will be exempt from the blanket 20mph speed restriction retaining the current 30 mph restriction. These were all very short stretches of road at the edge of the 20 mph zones and there seemed to be no logic for the exemptions. If these proposals go ahead we will be denied the full benefit of having the blanket 20 mph zone which will probably reduce its expected beneficial impact on the speeding problems. The stretch that passes the ex PGL site is particularly worrying as the 20 mph restriction would potentially improve road safety in this sensitive area.

Although some new signage has already been erected the proposed changes are the subject of a consultation with a closing date of 21st July. Councillors agreed that most residents will be baffled by the changes and that the Council should express its concerns in a response to the consultation. Cllr Preece offered to provide a draft.

16. Hill Fires on Mynydd Llangors

Cllr Preece explained that the Fire Service (Arson Reduction Team) and the Rural Crime Officer and Farm Liaison Officer from Dyfed Powys Police had been interviewing local farmers, graziers and landowners apparently saying that if the culprit could be identified they could lose their single farm payment. Cllr Scruby added that he had spoken to the landowner most affected who had been in touch with the Graziers Association and was contemplating the creation of fire breaks. Although the outcome was not known Councillors were generally content with the actions being taken. Nevertheless they felt that the Councils view that fires on the scale seen this year should not be allowed to happen again should be expressed to the relevant authorities. Cllrs Scruby and Preece will draft a suitable letter.

17. Update from County Councillor Sian Cox

Cllr Scruby explained that he spoken to County Cllr Cox before the meeting and they were content that her report would be on the agenda every two months and her attendance would not be essential at meetings where no report was requested. She would of course always attend if needed and Councillors could contact her by email.

Regarding the closed public toilets in Llangors she had no further information. On the Lake Common issues, the Commons Registration Officer from PCC has submitted an application to the Shared Prosperity Fund for funding towards legal / consultancy advice on the best management structure for the group. Sian has also approached PAVO for advice and possible funding.

18. 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. PCC News
3. Powys leisure Review

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. Meeting agenda for various committees
2. BBNP weekly lists
3. Decision for Barn Cottage, Pen-north - 23/21905/FUL

4. Planning App withdrawn Ty Fry Llangors

Welsh Government

1. Business Advice updates, consultation notifications & rural and climate change bulletins and update
2. Audit Wales notification of Full Audit and various documentation, including Audit processes

Other

1. OVW updates including Amended Standing Orders and update on Welshpool Air Ambulance
2. OTM Risk Assessments and Method Statements for tree felling St Paulinus Church Yard
3. Bronllys Well Being Park AGM 29th June 23
4. Llais Cymru Update
5. Cwmdu CC - Draft notes of the 5 Councils meeting last Wednesday 28th June 2023 at Cwmdu Village Hall.
6. PAVO updates
7. Play Wales updates
8. Wales NHS and Powys CHC & PTHB updates
9. 20 's Plenty for Us update
10. Mid & WW Fire Farm Fire Safety and various
11. WG Consultations / updates

19. Reports from Councillors

Cllr Scully reported that he had produced written notes of his meetings with other community councils and these would be circulated. He had also recorded his discussions on the recreational use of the school playing field together with ideas on how to take matters forward. It was agreed that Cllrs Scully, Owen and Quarrell would meet to agree how best to proceed.

Cllr Beaven explained that a planning application had been posted on the BBNPA website without any request for consultation responses. He would investigate further with the planning authority.

Cllr Owen confirmed that the Llangors Community shop is performing well.

Cllr Preece reported that with no clerk in post he had given his details to the Information Commissioner's Office as the temporary contact for the Council.

Cllr Scruby reported that he and Cllr Preece had attended an interesting meeting of the Lake Advisory Group where they viewed the silt traps installed by NRW. The next meeting will be on 11th September and as Cllr Scruby will be away, Cllr Preece offered to attend to represent the Council in his place. Others are welcome to attend.

Cllr Scruby also attended the PCC Climate and Biodiversity action day. The OVW Local Places for Nature Officer will be visiting Llangors on the 18th July to see what further could be done with the areas of land administered by the Council. All were welcome to attend the site meeting which would start at 11.00am at the shop.

20. Date, time and venue of the next hybrid monthly meeting

It was confirmed that the meeting would be on 8/8/2023 at 7pm in the Llangors Youth and Community Centre and available on Zoom. Cllr Jones suggested that we should consider alternative weekdays as this could allow the meeting to be held at other venues. Cllr Scruby welcomed the idea and said that the options would be investigated for discussion at the next meeting

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

Llangors Community Council Monthly Finance Report July 2023

	<u>Lloyds Bank LCC</u>	<u>LCC L1</u>
	<u>Account</u>	<u>Fiel</u>
<u>Opening Balances from last meeting report</u>	£11,961.45	£2,168.12
<u>Receipts since last meeting report</u>		
01/06/2023 FPI DM Prosser Ltd (Undertaker)	282.00	
<u>Payments since last meeting report</u>		
12/05/2023 FPO Pennorth Congregational Chapel	32.00	
12/05/2023 FPO Joe Aldworth (Map your Marketing)	452.50	
12/05/2023 FPO Llangorse Youth and Community Centre	300.00	
<u>Closing Balances</u>	£11,458.95	£2,168.12
<u>Payments due before next meeting</u>	<u>Request for Grant Assistance</u>	
Churchyard maintenance costs OTM £2208		
OTM GC Contract £1605.74 (LCC Acc. £1038.74 Glebe £567.00)		
PAVO Payroll costs £12 per month		
HMRC Quarterly Payment £241.38		
Llangasty Parish Hall - 13/6/23 hire of room £27.00		
Jude wages and expenses June (being processed with PAVO)		
Audit photocopying costs		