
**Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Monthly Meeting
Held on Tuesday 8 August, 7.00pm at Llangors Youth and community Centre**

Members Present in person: Cllr M Scruby, 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, Cllr Miss H Quarrell
In attendance: County Councillor Sian Cox, four members of the public.

1. Welcome and participation rules for the meeting

Cllr Scruby welcomed all those attending particularly the members of the public and confirmed that there had been no requests to attend the meeting by remote link. He further explained that he became chair on the understanding that he would step down after the July meeting as he is to be absent for an extended period. Although he was opening the meeting the incoming chair would take over after agenda item 4.

2. Apologies for absence: none**3. Declarations of Interest for agenda items as per Members' Code of Conduct. - None**

Cllr Scruby explained that two Councillors had declared an interest for the PAD meeting on the 1st August because as members of the Community Shop Management Committee they concluded that they should not participate in the Council's consideration of the Tan Troed pre application consultation. However, the Chair of the Community Shop Management Committee had now publically stated that although there had been discussions between the developer and the shop staff the Community Shop was neutral towards the proposed development and would back whatever the community decided. In this situation it was no longer necessary for the two Councillors to declare interests in that matter.

4. Appointment of a new Chair

Cllr Scully confirmed that during at the AGM he had offered to become the chair for a limited period period after Cllr Scruby stood down. There being no other nominations Cllr Jones proposed Cllr Scully as Chairperson for the next 3 months, seconded by Cllr Owen. Cllr Scully was unanimously elected and a declaration of acceptance of office was completed. Cllr Scully took over as chair for the remainder of the meeting and thanked Cllr Scruby for his work in support of the Council over the past three months.

5. Co-option for vacancy in Llangors Ward

Cllr Scruby explained the steps taken and that the Council had been granted authority to fill the vacancy in the Llangors ward through co-option. Sam Denne, who is an eligible resident, had expressed interest in joining the Council and they were attending the meeting. Councillors then received satisfactory responses to their enquiries about the candidate's reasons for wanting to become a Councillor and their relevant skills and experience. Cllr Beaven proposed and Cllr Scruby seconded that Sam Denne should be co-opted to fill the Llangors Ward vacancy which was decided unanimously. Cllrs Scully and Owen would ensure that that the appropriate acceptance and declaration paperwork are completed after the meeting.

6. Consider & approve the minutes of the Monthly Meeting on 11/7/2023, and the Planning meeting on 1/8/23.

The minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Approval for the monthly meeting minutes was proposed by Cllr Jevons, seconded by Cllr Baily and approval for the 1st August planning meeting minutes was proposed by Cllr Scully, seconded by Cllr Scruby with all in favour. These minutes were then signed off as a true record by the chair.

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

The following matters were addressed:

Cllr Scruby confirmed that the working party to paint the goal posts on the Glebe Field announced at the last meeting did not take place as the weather was unsuitable. The working party would now take place on the 19th August. He also confirmed that the Council's letter on the Llangors hill fire had been sent to the landowners who had expressed his gratitude for the Council's support. The visit by the OVW Local Places for Nature Officer to Llangors on the 18th July had been successful and he would circulate the written report which includes recommendations for follow up actions for later consideration.

Cllr Preece confirmed that all the relevant documentation had been delivered to the External Audit office on the 27th July with a receipt provided.

8. Questions on agenda items from members of the public

Cllr Scully explained that he would allow members of the public to contribute when the Tan Troed consultation was discussed under agenda item 10. There were no further questions.

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

Cllr Owen introduced the revised vacancy notice and job description that had been drawn by the Employment Working Group and had been circulated prior to the meeting. The aim being to be more eye catching and tone down the potentially off-putting onerous job description. To help with the task they had examined similar material produced by neighbouring Councils. These documents were intended for recruitment purposes and the full job description would still form part of any employment contract. All agreed that they were a significant improvement compared to the earlier versions and should be displayed on the notice boards, local social media, OVW and the website. A short advert in the B&R would also be considered. Cllr Scully thanked the Employment Working Group for their efforts and asked them to continue with the follow-up actions.

10. Monthly planning report

Llangors Community Council supported: -

BBNPA 23/22118/FUL 03 Jul 2023

Replace Existing Conservatory To The Rear Of The Property. 5 Old Station Tyfecca Tal-Y-Llyn Brecon LD3 7TA.

Llangors Community Council considered but did not respond: -

BBNPA 23/22121/CPL 04 Jul 2023

To use a mobile home as additional living space in my parents' garden. This would be a chattel comprising of two separate sections joined together. It will measure approximately 6m x 8m and measure no more than 3m internally. This is within the required 20 x 6.8m external and 3.05m internal height as stated in the legal definition of a caravan described in the Caravans Sites and Control of Development Acts 1960. The two sections would be constructed out of an insulated timber frame on a steel skid chassis, clad in natural wood with a coloured corrugated roof. Rothbury, Llangors, Brecon LD3 7TR

Llangors Community Council is considering and will respond:

Developer pre-planning application consultation for the proposed development comprising the siting of holiday lodges with associated amenity buildings, infrastructure and landscaping at Tan Troed, Llangors.

Applications granted by PCC/BBNPA: -

None

Applications withdrawn:-

None

Planning Correspondence: -

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

In introducing his report Cllr Beaven explained that the Council had not responded to BBNPA 23/22121/CPL 04 Jul 2023 as the applicant requested a legal ruling on whether a full planning application was needed for the proposed development and the Council does not have the expertise to comment on this matter. Cllr Preece added that he was aware that BBNPA 23/22118/FUL 03 Jul 2023 had recently been withdrawn.

With regard to Tan Troed Cllr Beaven explained that planning regulations require the developer of a major scheme to undertake a pre application consultation prior to their submission of a full planning application. This should allow local views to be taken into consideration before the details of scheme are firmed up for a full application. The Llangors Community Council is a nominated consultee but we are not compelled to respond. Utility providers are also nominated consultees and they are mandated to respond.

The Council was notified of the consultation in mid-July and it was not known from the outset what steps the developer was taking to advise local people of the consultation although it later became clear that there had been a hand-delivered letter from the developer to some of the properties close to the site. There also appears to have been some misunderstanding over the role of the community shop in making documentation available. Subsequently the developer announced that they would hold drop-in sessions at the Red Lion on the 2nd August and in the Community Hall on the 3rd August. Cllr Cox also helpfully used her contacts to advise more residents about the consultation and the various events.

The original intention had been to agree the Council's response to the consultation at the PAD meeting on the 1st August but this final step was deferred to allow any issues arising from the drop in events to be taken into account. The latest position is that in response to concerns expressed at the drop-in sessions the consultation closing date has been rescheduled from the 10th to the 17th August.

The drop-in sessions were reasonably well attended and most of the concerns already identified by the Council were reinforced by residents' questions. Cllr Beaven would now produce a draft consultation submission that would be circulated for comment and agreement prior to submission. This would reflect the concerns identified and minuted at the PAD and would be checked against the notes Cllr Cox had made during the drop-in sessions.

Members of the public present expressed deep concerns that they only became aware of the proposed scheme and the drop-in sessions by chance and they believed that many residents are still unaware that a major development with implications for all of us is being considered. They felt that more needs to be done to publicise the scheme including another meeting similar to the drop in sessions.

In response Cllr Beaven explained that it was the developer's responsibility to engage the local community and the Council was aware that insufficient was being done. However, the Council was in a difficult position as stepping-in to compensate for the deficiencies could undermine the Council's independent position as a consultee with adverse implications for any later full planning application. The Council would learn from events and would ensure that all residents were well informed should there be full planning application. In the meantime, the Council's response to the pre application consultation would cover the matters that are likely to have most impact on the village and once submitted it could be viewed on the Council's website.

11. Finance matters: Monthly finance report

Cllr Preece introduced the finance report, circulated prior to the meeting and shown at the end of these minutes. Approval was proposed by Cllr Jevons, seconded by Cllr Jones with all in favour.

12. Highway Matters

Cllr Preece confirmed that the consultation submission from the Council objecting to the 30mph buffer zones that had been designated exceptions, had been dispatched and is being considered. The Council will be notified of the outcome. Cllr Cox said that she had spoken to a number of residents and in general they were content with the proposed buffer zones.

The manikin currently positioned on Talgarth Road has helped to reduce speed although some motorists are beeping to demonstrate they know it's not real. It will be repositioned in order to refresh its impact.

Cllr Cox advised that she is organising two public meetings on speeding concerns. These will include a presentation to explain the type of speed reduction devices and techniques available and where they are most effective, someone will describe what can be done by residents themselves without involving the authorities and there will be a representative from the Community Speedwatch team. The meetings will take place in Llangors on the 14th September and Bwlch on the 28th September.

13. Llangors School Playing Field

Cllr Scully explained that his written report of the meetings with the School Head Teacher had been circulated prior to the meeting. In general the discussions were going well with a positive attitude on both sides to put arrangements in place that would provide access to the school playing field recognising that this could never be as free and uncontrolled as it had been at the old school site. The use of the field as an open learning space and the school's safety and duty of care responsibilities have to be respected. Ideas of how to progress this matter are being considered including means to control access such as a code operated key box are being considered and the school will give more publicity to its letting policy. It will be important that sessions are organised that make good use of the available access in order to build trust and confidence in the community.

14. Report of attendance at Joint Community Councils discussion on Gilestone Farm

Cllr Scully explained that his written report of the Joint Community Councils meetings had been circulated before the meeting. Although the meetings had been convened to explore a wide range of issues of interest in fact Gilestone Farm dominated the discussions. The Talybont Community Council had chosen not to attend the joint meeting but they have recently had a informal meeting with the Welsh Government and the report on their website provides the most up to date information about their position.

15. Revised Standing Orders

Cllr Scully advised that he was making good progress creating the tailored version of the revised Standing Orders and these will be available for consideration at the October meeting.

16. General Data Protection Regulations – annual review of policies

Cllr Scruby explained that the Council's Data Protection Regulations are normally reviewed at this time of year but to do so requires the advice and key contributions from the Council's Data Protection Officer. In the absence of a clerk this role is currently unfilled and it will not be practical for a Councillor to substitute on a temporary basis. The review would consequently have to be deferred until a new clerk is appointed. In the meantime he asked all Councillors to renew their understanding of the Council's data protection policies to ensure they are aware of Councillors' responsibilities and that their own practices are compliant.

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. PCC News
3. Correspondence Blocked Drain Opp Llan Tal Llyn Village Hall – still o/s 6/8/2023
4. Acknowledgement of LCC objection to 30mph "buffer zones"

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. Meeting agenda for various committees
2. BBNP weekly lists
3. Withdrawal of Planning App Ty Fry Llangors
4. Pre App Consultation Proposed Dev Tan Troed Llangors (AMSPanning) – various inc. **Public**

Welsh Government

1. Business Advice updates.
2. Audit Wales notification of Full Audit and various documentation, including Audit processes
3. Climate change

Other

1. OVW updates inc. Nature networks Maps
2. Llais Cymru Update
3. PAVO updates
4. Play Wales updates
5. Wales NHS and Powys CHC & PTHB updates
6. 20 's Plenty for Us update
7. Mid & WW Leisure review and various
8. WG Consultations / updates
9. Policing Accountability Board notification of meeting 17th July Gwernyfed School
10. Bronllys Well Being Park Update
11. Proposed Wind Farm correspondence Radnor Forest and associated Pylons
12. Notification of closure Powys Dyslexia Group Support
13. Notification of The 3rd Annual Social Housing Conference 16th Nov

18. Reports from Councillors

Cllr Scully advised that as the next Monthly Meeting will now not be until October, the new Councillor should be added to the mailing list as soon as the acceptance and declaration paperwork is complete.

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

Cllr Quarrell advised that the overdue cleaning of the bus shelter would be completed shortly.

Cllr Cox introduced her written report circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting including items of interest at the Powys County Council indicating that she was trying to give more publicity to the Council's range of open meetings.

Cllr Scully expressed the Council's gratitude for the extra efforts being made to keep the Council functioning during the absence of a clerk, particularly the roles that Cllrs Preece and Beaven have taken on.

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

It was confirmed that the next monthly meeting would be on 10/10/2023 at 7pm in the Llanfihangel Talylyn Community Hall and available on Zoom.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.48 pm.

Llangors Community Council Monthly Finance Report August 2023

		<u>Lloyds Bank LCC</u>	<u>LCC LT Playing</u>
		<u>Account</u>	<u>Field A/C</u>
<u>Opening Balances from last meeting report</u>			
11458.95	2168.12		
<u>Payments since last meeting report</u>			
10/07/2023 FPO	OTM Groundscare (GC Contract)		567.00
10/07/2023 FPO	Llangasty Parish Hall	18.00	
10/07/2023 FPO	OTM Groundscare (GC Contract)	1038.74	
11/07/2023 DD	ICO	35.00	
11/07/2023 FPO	HMRC	241.37	
11/07/2023 FPO	Mrs JA Phillips (June Wages)	442.50	
11/07/2023 FPO	Mrs JA Phillips (June Expenses)	35.00	
21/07/2023 FPO	Llangasty Parish Hall	18.00	
21/07/2023 FPO	OTM Groundscare (50% Churchyard Trees)	1044.00	
21/07/2023 FPO	PAVO (Payroll)	36.00	

Closing Balance

8550.34

1601.12

Request for Grant Assistance

Cerebral Palsy Cymru.

Brecon Dial-A-Ride

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