
**Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Monthly Meeting
Held on Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 7.00pm in the Pennorth Chapel Hall.**

Members Present in person:, Cllr Mrs C Owen, Cllr Ven. A Jevons, Cllr Mr C Preece, Cllr Mr G Beaven, Cllr Mr D Jones, Cllr Samantha Denne, Cllr Mr D Scully, Cllr M Scruby
In attendance: County Councillor Sian Cox.

1. Welcome and participation rules for the meeting

Those attending were welcomed and reminded that normal rules for the use of mobile devices applied. There had been no requests to attend the meeting by remote link.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mr S Bailey, 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 12/12/2023, and the Planning Application Decision meeting on 16/12/23.

The draft documents had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 12/12/2023 be accepted as a true record of the proceeding and they are to be signed by the Chair (Cllr Jones proposed, Cllr Scully seconded and all were in favour.)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 16/12/2023 be accepted as a true record of the proceeding and they are to be signed by the Chair (Cllr Scully proposed, Cllr Jones seconded and all were in favour.)

5. Matters arising from above minutes not listed on the agenda - none

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

7. Monthly planning report

Cllr Beaven introduced the January Planning Report circulated prior to the meeting and reproduced at the end of these minutes. With regard to BBNPA 23/21950/FUL 24 April 2023 he explained that a significant length of mature hedge would need to be relocated in order to provide the sightline splays required for the relocated entrance.

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

Cllr Owen reported that as agreed at the last meeting the job advertisement had been placed in the Local Beacon to be published in February.

Cllr Scully explained that he had contacted the potential applicant who had expressed an interest in the vacancy and they were very enthusiastic. The Employment Working Group would meet immediately after the Council Meeting and would discuss whether to proceed with this application straight away or await the outcome of the Local Beacon advertisement before doing so.

9. Finance matters:

a) Monthly finance report

Cllr Preece introduced the January Finance Report, circulated prior to the meeting and reproduced at the end of these minutes.

It was resolved that the January Finance Report be accepted as a true and correct record of the Council's finances and the payments made listed therein be confirmed. (Cllr Owen proposed, Cllr Scully seconded and all were in favour)

It was resolved to authorise the following payments due: £30 for hire of Pennorth Chapel Hall for monthly meeting, £64.80 to Cariads Local for advertisement in Beacons Local, £25.00 for the Clerk's assistance with audit, (Cllr Scully proposed, Cllr Jones seconded and all were in favour)

b) Burial Fees

Cllr Beaven explained that the Council aligned its fees for St Paulinus Churchyard with those charged by the Church in Wales and he had circulated a document that detailed the new fees that would consequently apply for 2024.

It was resolved to approve the 2024 fees for the St Paulinus Churchyard aligned with those charged by the Church in Wales, (Cllr Owen proposed, Cllr Preece seconded and all were in favour)

c) Budget and Precept for 24/25

Cllr Preece introduced a draft budget and precept for 24/25 that had been circulated prior to the meeting. A number of line items were discussed and some changes were agreed such as additional allowance for clerk working hours and increased maintenance work on the Glebe playpark. The changes would be introduced into a finalised budget to be formally approved at a later date. The need to maintain adequate financial reserves was recognised when considering the level of precept.

It was resolved that the precept for financial year 2024/2025 would be £23,000 which would represent no change from the precept for 2023/2024. (Cllr Beaven proposed, Cllr Owen seconded and all were in favour)

Action 1 – To draw up a finalised budget for financial year 2024/2025 for subsequent consideration and approval. - Cllr Preece

d) External Audit for 22/23

Cllr Preece explained that the Auditor had responded to our submission with some additional queries. These had been investigated with help from the previous clerk and most could be answered by supplying additional documents which had been dispatched. A query was why three tenders had not been sought for the purchase of the computer equipment for providing remote access to meetings. Single tendering was needed at the time in order to satisfy the tight timescale for drawing down the available grant funding which has been explained.

10. Review of Assets

a) Health and Safety:

Cllrs Scully reported that the condition of all assets in Llanfihangel Talyllyn was satisfactory.

Cllr Beaven reported that in Llangors he had found that some of the rearmost sections of the circular seat around the tree on the triangle had collapsed. It was unclear whether this happened when the seat was being used or whether it was the result of vandalism. As the seat was then unsafe he had dismantled the remainder.

Cllr Preece explained that as far as he knew the seat was originally put there in memory of a resident, although he didn't think there are any relatives left in the area. It had been rebuilt a few years ago by the local joiner, with money raised at the Castle Inn. He offered to speak to those involved at that time to see whether they would be interested in restoring the seat again.

Action 2 – To contact the local joiner and the Castle Inn regarding restoration of the triangle public seat. - Cllr Preece

b) St Paulinus Churchyard

Cllr Beaven reported that a transaction for the internment of cremation ashes was being considered and those involved were aware that the 2024 fees would apply. At the November meeting he had highlighted that the Council's management responsibilities for the Churchyard did not feature on the website and the relevant applications forms were not available to download. In response to an action from that meeting he has circulated proposals for the changes that were needed to the website. These were accepted and Cllr Jevons was asked to investigate what would be needed to introduce the proposed changes.

Action 3 - To investigate how to introduce the proposed changes to the website covering St Paulinus Churchyard. - Cllr Jevons

c) Llanfihangel Talyllyn Glebe Playpark

Cllr Scruby explained that the ROSPA report had been identified some corrosion of the metal goal posts and suggested that structural testing might be advisable. After a subsequent inspection the Powys CC playpark officer concluded that the repainting work had addressed the problem satisfactorily and that structural testing was not necessary. Cllr Owen offered to complete the repainting work.

Action 4 – To complete repainting of the Glebe Playpark goalposts. - Cllr Owen

11. Revised Standing Orders

Cllr Scully introduced the revised LCC Standing Orders document that incorporated the new OVW Model Standing Orders and was circulated prior to the meeting. He explained that additions were highlighted in red and where the required change was a redrafting of an existing paragraph the original was shown as a duplicate for comparison but highlighted in blue. All were happy with the revised document which confirmed acceptance of the red additions and deletion of the blue duplicate paragraphs.

It was resolved that the revised LCC Standing Orders be adopted. (Cllr Jones proposed, Cllr Owen seconded and all were in favour)

Action 5 - To place the revised LCC Standing Orders document on the website - Cllr Jevons

12. Biodiversity Policy

Cllr Scruby explained that the Biodiversity report needs to explain that there will be diversity improvements through less intensive grass cutting of the margins of the Council administered land as recommended by the OVW Local Places for Nature Officer. Cllr Preece offered to provide a draft paragraph for the report and Cllr Scruby would discuss with OTM how this approach can be implemented.

Action 6 - To draft a paragraph for the diversity report on the future treatment of the margins of Council administered land - Cllr Preece

Action 7 - To agree with OTM how they will satisfy requirement for less grass cutting of the margins of Council administered land - Cllr Scruby

13. Written update from County Councillor Sian Cox

Cllr Cox's written report was circulated prior to the meeting and there were no questions. On local matters of interest she reported that progress had been made on the Llanfihangel Talyllyn parking problems and a further meeting for residents is being set up for March with speakers from Powys Highways, Powys Housing and PAVO. As there are similar concerns in Llangors she had considered

having a joint meeting but foresaw too many disadvantages and will set up a separate meeting for Llangors residents at a later date.

On the poor state of the Llangors Common highway grant funding had been secured for a feasibility study of the best management structure and a Consultancy has been engaged to carry this out. As a first step a questionnaire has been distributed widely. Cllr Scruby confirmed that the Council had received the questionnaire which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He would be responding on behalf of the Council and asked for Cllrs to send him their comments within a week. Cllr Cox added that an informal group of interested parties had been set up to identify the benefits that would be gained by improving the Common infrastructure covering for example biodiversity, the environment and the local community. Cllr Scully offered to join this group.

Action 8 - To respond to the Llangors Common feasibility study questionnaire – Cllr Scruby

14. Reports from Councillors

Cllr Beaven drew attention to the Brecon and Radnor Area Committee meeting that was to consider a draft Memorandum of Agreement that would enable a sharing of responsibility for Public Rights of Way between a Community Council and Powys CC. This was a laudable objective providing it could be entered into voluntarily and was not to be implemented unilaterally as a savings measure.

Cllr Scully reported that he and Cllr Jevons had attended the ‘Hinterland Group’ of local community councils. The main topics of discussion were the 20 mph speed restrictions and the development of Gilstone Farm. There were calls for the Councils to make joint representations on key issues but this was not widely supported.

Cllr Preece explained that he would be away for the February meeting but would still prepare the appropriate financial reports. Cllr Owen would manage the clerk’s email account during his absence.

Cllr Owen was pleased to report that Siop Llangors Shop had achieved high sales over the Christmas period.

Cllr Denne explained that she was aware that some practical changes around Llangors would raise awareness and improve the wellbeing of those with cognitive impairment and restricted mobility. She was invited to put forward proposals for consideration by the Council.

Action 9 - To put forward proposals for changes that would improve the wellbeing of those with cognitive impairment and restricted mobility – Cllr Denne

15. Review monthly action list for items not already covered on the agenda

All outstanding actions had been cleared or overtaken apart from actions 4, 6 and 7 which would be carried over.

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

It was confirmed that the next monthly meeting would be on 13/02/2024 at 7 pm in the Llangasty Village Hall and be available on Zoom.

Action 10 – To reflect the following matters in the agenda for the January meeting: Finalised budget for 2024/2025 (if not addressed outside the meeting) - Cllr Owen

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

Summary Planning Report – January 2024***Llangors Community Council supported: -*****BBNPA 23/22510/FUL 30 Nov 2023**

Single storey extension, remove chimney, cladding to part of existing bungalow. Construction of garage. 29 Maesyfelin Llangorse Brecon LD3 7TS

Llangors Community Council did not support: -**BBNPA 23/22440/FUL 17 November 2023**

Proposed change of use of existing leisure and overnight camping site at Tan Troed, and removal of existing buildings, permanent pitches and hardstanding, to create a holiday lodge park comprising 48 lodges, with associated amenity buildings, infrastructure, and landscaping. Address: Tan Troed Adventure Centre , Llangorse, Brecon LD3 7UF.

Llangors Community Council did not respond: -**Powys CC 23/1651/RES 6 December 2023:**

Reserved matters for details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in connection with outline approval 21/0402/OUT for a dwelling Site Address: The Chalet, Cymru Deg , Llanwern, Brecon Powys

Applications under active consideration: -

None

Applications approved by PCC/BBNPA: -**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.

Applications refused by PCC/BBNPA: -

None

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
PCC Planning decision reports

Llangors Community Council Monthly Finance Report January 2024

	<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>	£14861.22	£852.73
<u>Receipts since last meeting report</u>		
29/12/2023 BGC Precept Dec 23	7666.00	
<u>Payments since last meeting report</u>		
27/12/2023 FPO Tindle Newspaper (Clerk Advert)	358.80	
27/12/2023 FPO Llanfihangel T Llyn Church Grant	125.00	
27/12/2023 FPO Llanywern Church Grant	100.00	
27/12/2023 FPO Llangors Y&C Play field (ROSPA INSP)	72.00	
27/12/2023 FPO Llan Tal Llyn Village Hall Hire	40.00	
27/12/2023 FPO HMRC (Clerk backpay)	28.00	
<u>Closing Balance</u>	£21803.42	£852.73
<u>Payments Due before next meeting</u>		<u>Request for Grant Assistance</u>
OTM - £1044.00 (Tree felling Church Yard - Agreed Dec Meeting)		NIL
Cariads Local Ltd – £64.80 - Beacon – (Clerk Advert)		
Pennorth Chapel – meeting 9/1/24		