
**Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Monthly Meeting
Held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 7.00pm in the Llangasty Village Hall.**

Members Present in person:, Cllr Mrs C Owen, Cllr Ven. A Jevons, Cllr Mr S Bailey, Cllr Mr G Beaven, Cllr Mr D Jones, Cllr Miss H Quarrell, Cllr Mr D Scully, Cllr M Scruby
In attendance: PCSO Lee Garrett for agenda item 4 only.

1. Welcome and participation rules for the meeting

Those attending were welcomed by Cllr Owen and reminded that normal rules for the use of mobile devices applied. There had been no requests to attend the meeting by remote link but Cllr Cox could be contacted by phone if needed.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Samantha Denne, Cllr Mr C Preece, County Councillor Sian Cox

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

4. Update on Policing Matters

PCSO Lee Garrett reported that there had been a very recent serious theft of property where what appeared to be a firearm was brandished presumably as a deterrent. It was likely that a recent break-in to a local garage was linked together with an attempted break-in to the sailing club premises. A known gang of three from outside the area was suspected and it was likely that they had toured the area in advance looking for opportunities. He described a suspect vehicle and asked for this information to be circulated in the community and for any sightings of this or other vehicles acting suspiciously to be reported by dialling 101.

He also explained that rogue traders were currently in the Crickhowell area seeking domestic work through door to door house calls which was upsetting to some, mainly elderly residents. He asked for any examples of similar activity in this area to be reported.

He had also been advised that 'The Light' newspaper is being delivered to parts of Llangors and its style and content was upsetting for some residents. Any information about future deliveries or further concerns should be reported.

5 Consider & approve the minutes of the Monthly Meeting on 09/01/2024.

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

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 09/01/2024 be accepted as a true record of the proceeding and they are to be signed by the Chair (Cllr Jones proposed, Cllr Jevons seconded and all were in favour.)

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

Cllr Scully provided a copy of the agreed revised Standing Orders and these were signed by the Chair

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

8. Monthly planning report

Cllr Beaven introduced the February Planning Report circulated prior to the meeting and reproduced at the end of these minutes. In addition he explained that both Powys CC and NRW were seeking further information about BBNPA 23/22440/FUL 17 November 2023 Tan Troed which could well delay consideration of this application. With regard to BBNPA 23/21931/CON 18/4/23 Royal Oak

Camp the Council's response to the recent re-consultation had proposed measures to strengthen applicant's light pollution mitigations but it now appears that these mitigations are being watered down in more recent documents provided by the applicant.

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

Prior to the meeting Cllr Scully circulated a note from the Employment Working Group describing the outcome of the interview held on 7th February. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Council would accept the Working Group's recommendation and that the candidate would be offered employment in the role of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. As they will be new to the role it was agreed that the candidate would be invited to attend the next monthly Council meeting on 12th March to meet all Councillors and to get a feel of how the Council worked before they would be asked to sign a current Contract of Employment. Further discussion considered the documentation that would be provided to the candidate, the training to be undertaken and how they could be eased into the role whilst some aspects of the work would continue in the meantime to be carried out by Councillors.

The members of the Employment Working Group were thanked for their efforts to bring this long search to a conclusion.

It was resolved that the candidate recommended by the Employment Working Group be offered employment in the role of Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (Cllr Beaven proposed, Cllr Jones seconded and all were in favour.)

Action 1 – To prepare all of the required employment documentation and make the offer of employment as agreed by the Council – Cllr Scully

10. Finance matters: Monthly finance report

Cllr Preece had circulated the February Finance Report prior to the meeting that is reproduced at the end of these minutes.

All present noted that following from the discussions at the last meeting a budget had been proposed for FY 24/25 and approved by the Council ex-committee. The agreed £23,000 precept request for 24/25 had also been submitted to Powys CC.

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

It was resolved to authorise the following payments due: £18 for the hire of Llangasty Village Hall for the monthly meeting, £543 to Joe Aldworth for Website and Email services and £48 for hire of Pennorth Chapel Hall for Employment Working Group meetings. (Cllr Scully proposed, Cllr Quarrell seconded and all were in favour)

11. 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 the condition of all assets in Llangors was satisfactory apart from the collapsed seat reported and discussed at the last meeting.

b) St Paulinus Churchyard

Cllr Beaven reported that a transaction for the interment of cremation ashes had been satisfactorily progressed applying the 2024 fees. The changes to the website describing the Council's

responsibilities and providing downloadable application documentation has been successfully implemented.

c) Llanfihangel Talyllyn Glebe Playpark

CLlr Scruby explained that the picnic table required some minor maintenance and this would be undertaken in due course.

12. Highway Matters

CLlr Bailey reported that he would be meeting the Powys CC Highways Officer in the following week to review all of the outstanding issues. Interested Councillors were welcome to attend.

13. Written update from County Councillor Sian Cox

CLlr Cox's written report was circulated prior to the meeting. A topic highlighted was the consultation on Sustainable Powys and Better Together where both Powys County Council and Powys teaching Health Board are engaged in work to design and plan how services can be delivered and residents' needs met in a better way. These organisations are hosting local engagement sessions and Llangors Community Council should have received an invitation to send a representative.

CLlr Cox provided additional written advice on topical local matters which is summarised below.

Public Rights of Way - Memorandum of Agreement

A Memorandum of Agreement has been developed as a way for Powys CC in partnership with Town and Community Councils to look after public rights of way and greenspaces, where there are community volunteers willing to take more ownership of paths in their area. It is not a transfer of responsibility. The Community Council can become more involved if they wish.

WiFi Cabinet

The company responsible for installing the unauthorised WiFi cabinet in Llangors have been pressed to explore alternate sites, and their claim that there is no alternate appropriate site has not been accepted.

Recycling Centre

The Brecon centre's reopening date has been put back to 11th March. The head of service has apologised for the delay which has been caused by the periods of severe adverse weather hampering construction work. He has extended his thanks to residents for their patience and understanding.

14. Community Accessibility Signage

Deferred to the next meeting.

15. Reports from Councillors

CLlr Jevons reported that he had spoken to the potential nominee to attend a Royal Garden Party but they were not interested having already attended such an event in the past.

CLlr Jones explained that at the recent Llanfihangel Talyllyn Community Hall AGM there were no candidates for key positions on the management committee. In the meantime the Custodian Trustees would continue to run the Hall but if a committee could not be formed the lease would have to be surrendered.

CIlr Scully reported that as agreed he had joined the informal group of interested parties had been set up to identify the benefits that would be gained by improving the Common infrastructure. It had been a useful meeting with numerous suggestions made for improving access and making the area more productive.

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

A number of outstanding actions had not been cleared or overtaken and these would be carried over.

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

It was confirmed that the next monthly meeting would be on 12/03/2024 at 7 pm in the Llanfihangel Talyllyn Community Hall and be available on Zoom.

Action 2 – To reflect the following matters in the agenda for the January meeting: Community Accessibility Signage - Chair

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.46 pm.

Summary Planning Report – February 2024

Llangors Community Council supported: -

None

Llangors Community Council did not support: -

None

Applications under active consideration: -

Re-consultation due to amendment of:

BBNPA 23/22431/FUL 1 November 2023

Application to replace an existing artist studio, and to create a stand alone garden room linked to the house via a glass corridor. Ty Fry, Llangorse, Brecon LD3 7UL

BBNPA 23/22432/LBC 1 November 2023

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Applications approved by PCC/BBNPA: -

None

Applications refused by PCC/BBNPA: -

BBNPA 22/21581/FUL 13 Dec 2022

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. Ysgubor Cathedine Brecon Powys LD3 7SX

Planning Correspondence: -

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

Llangors Community Council Monthly Finance Report February 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>	£21803.42	£852.73
<u>Receipts since last meeting report</u>		
12/01/2024 FPI AV Griffiths - Grinham	194.00	
<u>Payments since last meeting report</u>		
22/01/2024 FPO Cariads Local Ltd	64.80	
22/01/2024 FPO Mrs JA Phillips	25.00	
22/01/2024 FPO OTM Groundscare (Churchyard Tree)	1044.00	
22/01/2024 FPO PAVO (Payroll)	12.00	
22/01/2024 FPO Pennorth Cong Chapel Hire	16.00	
<u>Closing Balance</u>	£20835.62	£852.73
<u>Payments Due before next meeting</u>		
Llangasty Hall – meeting 13/02/24		<u>Request for Grant Assistance</u>
		NIL