

## Freedom of Information Policy

## In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)



The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 apply to all public authorities. Before making an application for information it is advised that the applicant reads the relevant regulations and guidance as set out by the Information Commissioner.

A general guideline to the process followed by Llangors Community Council is set out below. This is however, all subject to the published regulations at the date of request.

- Applications must be made in writing to the Clerk of the Council, stating the name of the applicant and full postal address for correspondence to be sent. Information requested must be specifically described.
- On receipt of an application the Council will consider whether it holds information of the description specified in the request or not. If not, applicants will be notified in writing within 20 working days from the date received by the Council.
- If held, consideration will be given as to whether the information requested is to be exempted under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If it is then the Council may refuse to comply with the request for information. The reasons for refusing a request for information will be communicated to the applicant, within 20 working days from the date received by the Council.
- Where specific information requested is held and can be supplied, this will be released within 20 working days and within the regulations.
- Information released will be charged for, in line with the Publication Scheme set out below.

Councillors are responsible for ensuring the legal obligations of the policy are met.

Requests should be addressed to The Clerk of the Council who is responsible for receiving, notifying Councillors of requests and processing requests.

Reviewed and adopted at the meeting of Llangors Community Council on:

Signed by Chairperson:

Print Name:



Information available from Llangors Community Council under the model publication scheme is listed in the table below.

Any requests should be made in writing and addressed to the Clerk.

The council will consider all requests in line with current regulations.

Information to be published	How the information can be obtained	Cost	
Class 1 - Who we are and what we do			
(Organisational information, structures, locations and contacts)			
Current list of Councillors and Personnel	Website and Noticeboards	Free	
Who's who on the Council and its Committees	Website	Free	
Contact details for Clerk and Council members (named contacts where possible with telephone number and email address) Staffing structure – Only Clerk so as above	Website & Noticeboards	Free	
Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it			
(Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and financial audit)			
Current and previous financial year as a minimum			
Annual Accounts	Hard copy – Clerk	50p per sheet	
Annual Governance Statement, audit plan & report by auditors – see minutes	Website. Noticeboards. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet	
Finalised budget	Website as minutes. Hard copy – Clerk	50p per sheet	
Precept	Website as minutes. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet	
Financial Standing Orders and Regulations	Website. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet	
Grants given and received	Website as minutes. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet	
Current contracts awarded and value of contract	Website as minutes. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet	
Employee salary and Members allowances and expenses	Website as minutes. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet	
Insurance Policy	Website as minutes. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet	
IRPW Published allowances report	Website. Hard copy – Clerk	50p per sheet	



Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing		
(Strategies and plans, performance indicators, audits, inspections and reviews)		
Vision & Purpose Statement	Website. Hard copy -Clerk	50p per sheet
Audit Report	Website. Hard copy – Clerk	50p per sheet
Chairperson Annual Report for the Council	Website. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Community Plan (current and previous year as a minimum). Not currently in place.		
Finance & Government Toolkit	Website as minutes. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Financial & Management Risk Assessment schedule	Website as minutes. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Local charters drawn up in accordance with Welsh Government:		
Memorandum of Understanding on Child Burial Fees	Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Class 4 – How we make decisions		
(Decision making processes and records of decisions)		
Standing Orders & Financial Regulations	Website. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Current and previous council year as a minimum (see Minutes)	Website. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Timetable of meetings – See Agenda/minutes	Website. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Agendas of meetings	Website. Notice boards. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Minutes of meetings - as above (N.B. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as private to		
the meeting.)	Website. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Reports presented to council meetings (N.B. this will exclude information that is properly regarded as		
private to the meeting.) Presented to public in the Minutes	Website. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Responses to consultation papers	Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Responses to planning applications	Website. LPA website. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Bye-laws - Not exercised		



Class 5 – Our policies and procedures (Current written protocols, policies and procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities) Current information only.		
Policies and procedures for the conduct of council business:		
Procedural Standing Orders and Financial Regulations	Website. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Committee and sub-committee etc. terms of reference - As Standing Orders	Website. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Delegated authority in respect of officers - As Standing Orders & Minutes	Website. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Code of Conduct – Register of Members Interest	Website. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Policy statements – Complaints, GDPR, Section 6 Biodiversity, Website Accessibility, St. Paulinus Churchyard	Website. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Policies and procedures for handling requests for information - See FOI schedule & guidelines Complaints procedures (including those covering requests for information and operating the publication	Website. Hard copy- Clerk	50p per sheet
scheme) See FOI schedule & Complaints policy	Website Hard. copy- Clerk	50p per sheet
Internal policies for Member complaints, Social media, Email address policy	Hard copy – Clerk	50p per sheet
Information security policy - See GDPR policies & Risk Assessment schedule	Hard copy – Clerk	50p per sheet
Records management policies (records retention, destruction and archive)	Hard copy – Clerk	50p per sheet
Policies for Grants, Welsh Language, Press & Media, IRPW Payments to Councillors, Health & Safety,		
Multi location meeting equipment, Training	Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Website information and accessibility report	Website	Free
Election process – as guided by Powys County Council	Website. Hard Copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Policies and procedures for the provision of services and about the employment of staff:		
Internal policies relating to the delivery of services	Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Equality and Diversity policy	Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Health and safety policy	Hard copy – Clerk	50p per sheet
Recruitment policies – Co-option policy for Councillors as per Powys County Council		
Councillor attendance record	Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Schedule of charges (for the publication of information)	As per this schedule	



Class 6 – Lists and Registers		
Currently maintained lists and registers only:		
Any publicly available register or list (if any are held this should be publicised; in most circumstances existing access provisions will suffice)		
Register of Electors Held – No Public Access Available via Community Council		For reachest
Asset Register Disclosure log (indicating the information that has been provided in response to requests;	Hard copy – Clerk Not Held	50p per sheet
recommended as good practice, but may not be held by community councils)		
Register of members' interests	As noted in minutes. Summary on website	Free
	& hard copy- Clerk	50p per sheet
Register of gifts and hospitality	As noted in minutes. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Class 7 – The services we offer		
(Information about the services we offer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters produced for the		
public and businesses)		
Current information only:		
Flyers/Public Updates	Website. Social Media.	Free
	Delivered to all properties	Free
Seating – see asset register		
Bus Shelter – see asset register		
Notice Boards – for CC, not for profit organisations and charity notices – see asset register. Glebe Community Field – relevant statutory documents and policy	Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Website – information for all.	Website	Free
A summary of services for which the council is entitled to recover a fee, together with those fees		
St Paulinus Churchyard - Burial Fees	Website. Hard copy - Clerk	50p per sheet
Additional Information		
This will provide Councils with the opportunity to publish information that is not itemised in the lists		
above - None		



## Contact details: <u>clerk@llangors.org.uk</u>

## SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

This describes how the charges have been arrived at and should be published as part of the guide.

TYPE OF CHARGE	DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF CHARGE
Disbursement cost	Photocopying @ 50p per sheet (black & white)	Cost incurred by the Community Council
	Photocopying @ £1 per sheet (colour)	Cost incurred by the Community Council. Unless requested all copies will be in black & white.
	Postage – standard cost	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 <sup>nd</sup> class post
Statutory Fee	0	In accordance with the relevant legislation (quote the actual statute)
Other	Clerk time	If request requires extensive Clerk time, then a charge will be made and set out at the time of the receipt of the request. Exceptions under GDPR apply.