



Llangattock Community Council

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Ordinary meeting of Llangattock Community Council's to be held online on Tuesday 19th October 2021 7pm

Attendance: Cllr R Jones,

Public Participation:

102/21	Apologies for absence	None
103/21	Members' declarations of interest	None
104/21	<p>Minutes to approve from meeting of the 21st of September 2021 the matters arising:</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr A Williams Seconded: Cllr K Inglis Resolved: the minutes are a true and accurate record</p> <p>Matters Arising: Cllr A Williams – coop update, WG not prepared to do anything at this time Cllr A Williams – update on the OTM and the grass cutting? Cllr G Jones stated she had not been able to see them onsite due to the change in weather, she suggested starting this again next year. Cllr A Williams suggested writing a letter to address these issues. Cllr R Joes supported this letter and meet them early next year. Proposed: Cllr A Williams Seconded: Cllr G Jones Resolved: to write to OTM Ltd.</p> <p>Cllr A Williams – Sam Ridge's new placement is not the stated place on last month's minutes. He is managing the upland bogs.</p> <p>Cllr J Rees – he stated that the project with NRW and the raised bog has been ongoing for many years. He queried where Sam is working, as his understanding is that there is no agreement in place with the grazers/commoners/Duke of Beaufort.</p> <p>Clerk & RFO updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vacancy for co-option, the Clerk confirmed that the Council should advertise, and she will deal with this item.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No formal audit response yet, however I have confirmed receipt with the Audit office. <p>Matters arising - ordinary meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Surveyor has been to site – still awaiting response/letter.Community Hall - Further information in relation to the lease will be sought from Powys Legal department. Still outstanding.Mrs A Waring – The Five Council’s did not meet, and their next meeting is now due in January 2022. Cllr A Williams suggested that this should go to the Community Health Council and to confirm with Mrs A Waring if this would be accepted. County Councillor J Charlton would be happy to help with this. The Clerk requested that Mrs A Waring be consulted and if she is happy, she will send to County Councillor J Charlton. Cllr R Jones will contact the resident.
105/21	<p>County Councillor’s report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Speed Watch Volunteers – Still awaiting dates for trainingVerges around the village – PCC committed to clearing the encroachment of verge onto The Dardy road was to be completed by beginning of October. Chased.Speed Limits –Site visit re The Dardy 19 October, feedback at the meeting.Planning issues – Development at Conservative Club site is not very good. Have negotiated an air pollution monitor from Powys CC. Officers visited yesterday and will be putting monitor up asap. It won’t alter the outcome of the above as it takes 12 months to evaluate readings with any certainty, but evidence gathered will provide useful information for the future. Also deal with an Enforcement issue on Cedar’s site.Active Travel Plan – After speaking with Head of Highways there is some confidence about funding but not able to confirm till end of November. Working with Crickhowell Civic Society and Crickhowell Town Council to strengthen the plan.Community Hall – Had a request from Richard (Chair) to see if I could get response from legal dept on Lease guidance for the Community Hall. Phil Sherrard was able to give me an update which has been shared with Richard. <p>There will be a further information coming from Phil Sherrard to the Hall Committee and to the Community Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Flood updates for winter – Working closely with Llangattock Flood Group and liaising with Powys. Training and road signs being negotiated.Bus Shelter – Fed back information to Community Committee. Have not had a chance to get more information yet but a priority for next Community Committee.PACE – Quick update as Kate was unable to attend this month – Recycling presentation excellent, could have Tetra Pack and soft plastic kerbside recycling soon – new targets for 2024 across Wales of 70% recycling – more emphasis on reuse and reduce – PACE supporting Town and Community Councils who have signed up for Climate and Ecological Emergency and pressing Powys CC to retain the Climate Emergency Officer.COVID – cases in Powys on the rise but Crickhowell and Llangattock Schools have not seen a surge.Community Connectors – Met with Claire Sutton Community Connector for Crickhowell and they are keen to look at local networks and support groups who are starting up in person contact again.

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	<p>12. County Councillor Surgery – Back in person, second Saturday of the month in the Community Hall.</p> <p>13. Apple Day 23 October 2.00 till 4.00 – Llangattock Community Woodlands and LACAS are celebrating Apple Day by providing the opportunity to come along to the Recreation ground and press your apples!! Bring along clean apples and cartons and the rest is easy.</p> <p>14. Commoners Project Payments by results - We had an interesting visit to Llangattock Common on Friday and were also joined by Jane Dodds AM and Julian Rees our own Community Councillor. please see details on the project Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Payments-for-results-on-common-land-Talu-am-ganlyniadau-ar-dir-comin-102034428385828</p> <p>Cllr K Inglis asked what the update was for item 3.</p> <p>County Councillor met with Jo Lancey that morning in relation to residents' issues into the speed limits sign positions, she is still awaiting a response to the queries however, changing the actual stretch of road involved.</p> <p>Chair R Jones requested that if Councillors wished to discuss this in more depth, then there should be a separate agenda item and asked Councillors to contact himself or the Clerk if they wished there to be one.</p>
106/21	<p>Standing Committees (and their respective working parties) update & motions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Environment Committee (Cllr G Jones) <p>The Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14th October.</p> <p>Public Participation from LGV – Llangattock Green Valleys, with Peter Blood and George Smith. LGV requested Council to consider the question of providing electric vehicle charging points in the community; with potential cost implications. (Details to follow in Environment Section with Kate)</p> <p>Planning Sent response (objection) to a large development of another bungalow with swimming pool and full-length balcony at rear of property. Several material considerations raised as well as property within BBNPA's Conservation Area and proximity to mature trees and hedging.</p> <p>Application Forms for the Glebe Field and Perimeter Path received and proceeding through validation process before being sent on to the Officers. Parks own delays with absences due to Covid and a large influx of electronic applications.</p> <p>The Clerk forwarded an invitation from the new Chief Executive of the NPA. Seminars on Wednesday 10th , 23rd November, and 9th December. 3 of us currently planning to join in and find out more.</p> <p>One Application requiring a response on a "lawful development certificate" of an armoured cable supply from a property across other land to access their parking spaces to provide power supply for future electric vehicles. Sub Com supported the request in principle but felt it couldn't comment on the lawfulness of the application and assumed that the applicant had obtained the necessary permissions from the neighbouring properties and</p>

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Coop/Conservative Club

Covered in the County Councillors report.

Hand over to Cllr K Inglis for Environment Section.

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Environment Working Group report for Full Council 19/10/21

EWG met on Monday 18 th Oct, plans and actions from that meeting include:

Renew Wales : Climate Action Plan

Working on developing a Climate Action Plan with Renew Wales.

Ann has done a lot of work with the Church already and is arranging a meeting with Vanessa Garwood of Renew Wales to support the working group with this.

Ann is working with the school to get the children to produce posters to help explain the benefits of leaving the long grass in the churchyard.

The Church is now collecting empty tablet blister packs for recycling with Terracycle.

Kate to draft letter to PCC, lobbying for Tetrapaks and soft plastics to be added to the PCC kerbside recycling.

Land Drainage

PCC Flood group meets quarterly, and Jackie attends these meetings, we can ask questions about all sorts of flood-related matters in that forum.

Feasibility Study for Onneu Fach Culvert: Jackie and Kate to follow up on plans for this study with PCC.

Shelter belts and Slow the Flow: writing to Bob Vaughan and Edward Ward of NRW for advice on how to move this forward. Sam Ridge now in new role, can hopefully input to this work.

Website development/Together for our Planet Lottery fund

Application to further promote existing groups using the new website, promoting partnership working and volunteer opportunities. Also sharing information about other initiatives in the region, such as the Benthylg in Abergavenny, recycling in Brecon and sharing information from the PACE group. Other ideas include events for residents, such as repair/upcycling workshops, films and talks and visits to other areas such as Pontbren.

LGV; EV Charging point

We have invited LGV to join our Environment working group and both Peter Blood and George Smith are interested.

LGV project idea to install an EV charge point, travel survey carried out.

They will apply for a grant for the installation costs but there will be ongoing running costs to include insurance, contactless payments and standing charges. These could be anywhere from £400 - £1000 per year, until such a time as the charger may breakeven. (It is estimated to run at a loss for the first 4-5 years).

Issue of planning permission.

Alternative idea to explore locating in Rectory Hotel and possibly subsidising them to run the charger.

The Councillors discussed this in more depth.



Cllr Inglis informed the Council that she had received a further email regarding the project which gave the breakdown of costs. The installation costs are completely covered.

Cllr G Jones requested that this item be placed on the agenda for next month to allow for more information.

- **Community Committee (Cllr T Jones)**

Cllr T Jones gave the following updates.

Projects being run by the community committee are progressing:

- Work has started on the new accessible toilet block. The footings are going in. Delivery is expected the week beginning the 1st of November.
- The planning application for the path round the recreation ground has been submitted and now verified and responses made to questions raised by the BBNPA planning department.
- The first of the benches has been made and installed in the shelters, the second to follow shortly.
- New log play and biodiversity areas have been created using logs donated by Glanusk, which had been washed down to Crickhowell Bridge.
- Work installing the panels was delayed due to poor weather
- Work on the accessible gates has been delayed by contractor difficulties but is still being pursued
- Power for the Christmas Tree is to be installed shortly. The Woodland Group have agreed to help put it up. LCC will publicise this community cooperation.
- A small working group has been formed across Community and CS to re-examine new signs for the park.

Cllr T Jones requested that the work on the signs be shared. The specific wording was discussed at length to allow the signs to go forward.

The changes were proposed, and the vote was unanimous to change the wording.

Cllr K Inglis will change the graphic and the Clerk will forward to the sub-contractor to price.

- The Village Society have offered to organise celebrations for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with support from the Community Committee. We are investigating whether a Beacon could be the centrepiece of an event on the tarmac area (with appropriate risk assessment and protection for the surface of the tarmac/grass)

After the initial discussion it was felt that it would be better for the Council to lead this project due to the insurance costs involved and therefore requires a decision in principle on this before the Committee and the society can start full research and planning.

Proposed: Cllr H Burns

Seconded: Cllr K Inglis

Resolved: approved unanimously



The Community Committee discussed its priorities for 2022/3 and will be submitting a list to the finance committee shortly.

Members also supported requests from residents for a bus stop at the roundabout on the grounds that it would encourage sustainable travel. They asked Cllr Jackie Charlton to elicit more information on costs/type from Powys County Council. She will report back in November and a decision will be made whether to bid for precept funding.

Lastly, the committee discussed a request from Crickhowell Running Club and Crickhowell and District Living with Dementia Society to hold a fun run around the park in April, including music and a licenced bar. Sign-off is requested by full Council subject to the following conditions:

1. They organise the event, risk assess and arrange insurance
2. They organise music and alcohol licences
3. All litter to be removed and any damages repaired at their expense

Cllr H Burns requested that “no dogs” allowed at the fun run if that is decided. Cllr A Williams concurred.

Proposed: Cllr G Jones

Seconded: Cllr H Burns

Resolved: approved unanimously

- **Finance Committee (Cllr S Ady & RFO)**

Cllr S Ady stated that there had been no meeting since the last meeting and then passed to the RFO. Finance will meet soon with regards to the budget and there is also work being completed on what’s left in the budget headings and will be reported back in November.

The RFO shared the financial report and the payments that are due to be paid this month.

Proposed: Cllr R Jones

Seconded: Cllr A Williams

Resolved: unanimously passed to pay the invoices owing

2nd quarter reports were signed by Cllr S Ady and sent to all.

- **Central Services (Cllr R Jones)**

Cllr R Jones requested that the Clerk run through the update.

Met on the 23rd of Sept and received the new asset walkaround list. They started their discussion in relation to their forecast and budgeting.

There is a to-do list and matters arising list and asset walk arounds documents are available on the drive, if any Councillors would like to see this, please contact the Clerk.



	Next meeting is this Thursday.
107/21	<p>Sixth month forecast and preliminary budget 2022-23 discussions</p> <p>Cllr S Ady stated that the preliminary budget will be looked at in November once each committee has sent back their requests.</p> <p>The RFO presented the forecast excel spreadsheet with the budget headings for the current year.</p> <p>She offered the Councillors to have one on one sessions with the spreadsheet if they would like to.</p> <p>Councillors noted this.</p>
108/21	<p>Allotment Field: to receive a report back from the working group about the renewal of LACAS's lease, proposed changes to that lease and an increase rent for the field.</p> <p>Cllr T Jones confirmed that LACAS has not decided on the proposals yet. However, as per the circulated paperwork there are various items which the Council needs to read before next month.</p> <p>One clause that the working group suggested being added to the lease is in relation to having the ability to have access to some the land for accessibility paths or parking. This is not a proposal at this stage, but they wished to open this idea to the full council.</p> <p>Cllr S Ady suggested adding another clause in relation to the allocation to residents. Cllr A Williams supported this and thought that vacant plots should be given to residents first. Cllr H Burns also supported the suggestion of vacant plots being given to residents.</p> <p>Cllr J Rees supported the idea of the accessible paths.</p> <p>Cllr T Jones will take this back to the LACAS committee.</p>
109/21	<p>Discussion in relation to a potential parking area – Cllr R Jones</p> <p>Cllr R Jones introduced this item.</p> <p>He has continued to research areas in the village that could support a new car parking area for residents only. He has spoken to Powys officers in relation to this and suggested that the Council go to pre-planning in relation to the plot that is currently for sale.</p> <p>There is also land potentially available for sale at the end of Park Drive which could be a general car park.</p> <p>Councillors discussed this idea and the potential plots.</p> <p>Cllr A Williams suggested there might be a covenant on the land for sale, Cllr G Dobbs queried if they would be willing to sell the plot on its own. Cllr T Jones stated there is a covenant on the land being sold, but it is up for negotiation.</p> <p>Cllr H Burns wondered which houses would use a residents car park. Cllr G Jones suggested that the research by Llangattock Green Valleys stated that about 30-35 houses that do not have car parking spaces. Although, from an ecological standpoint not encouraging more cars would be</p>



	<p>beneficial.</p> <p>Cllr T Jones suggested that this item needs to be looked at in the whole, with all the ideas and land options. What ever decision would be supported by some and not others and it would need public consultation.</p> <p>The discussion moved on to the accessible paths. It was agreed that members would meet to take some measurements and then speak to the landowner. The Clerk will send correspondence with Cllr A William's assistance on the work being done.</p>
110/21	<p>Correspondence received</p> <p><u>October 12th - Five Councils email regarding Remembrance Day</u></p> <p>Clerk to check the time on the letter for Cllr S Ady. Cllr A Williams has already replied.</p> <p><u>October 18th – Powys Pride</u></p> <p>Cllr T Jones suggested that they be pointed to our website and Facebook page and to contact us if they are interested.</p> <p><u>September 29th - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report Consultation - February 2022 (for information and any further response required by 26th Nov) – this item may will need to be used when collating the budget</u></p> <p>Cllr S Ady would like the finance committee to look at this.</p>
111/21	<p>Date of next committee meeting to be confirmed 16th November 7pm</p>