



Llangattock Community Council

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The minutes of an **Ordinary** meeting of Llangattock Community Council's, held online on **Tuesday 16th November 2021 7pm**

Attendance: Cllr R Jones, Cllr S Ady, Cllr T Jones, Cllr G Jones, Cllr K Inglis, Cllr H Burns, Cllr A Williams, Cllr G Dobbs, Cllr J Rees

Kay Bailey – Clerk
County Councillor – Jackie Charlton

Public Participation:

112/21	Apologies for absence	None
113/21	Members' declarations of interest	None
114/21	<p>Minutes to approve from meeting of the 19th October 2021 Proposed: Cllr G Jones Seconded: Cllr T Jones Resolved: that the minutes are true and accurate</p> <p>Matters Arising Cllr G Jones confirmed that the R Powell is replacing Sam Ridge and Cllr G Jones has his contact details. Cllr A Williams requested that the surveyor's site visit be clearer, the Clerk confirmed that this is in relation to all the assets. Cllr T Jones reminded Councillors that he had circulated a discussion document about parking in the village.</p> <p>County Councillor Jackie Charlton confirmed the correspondence from a resident in relation to the health council, there has been correspondence between the resident and the council, and she believes the issues have been acknowledged by the health council.</p> <p>Cllr A Williams, regarding the empty blister packs, there is a petition as this type of recycling has been stopped.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the auditor still had not responded, she also confirmed that the resident has been written to in relation to the kissing gates. The County Councillor has also contacted Fran Bateman in relation to this issue who will be visiting site, she has also contacted the resident.</p>	
115/21	County Councillor's report	

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1. **Speed Watch Volunteers** – Still awaiting dates for training
2. **Verges around the village** – Confirmation that the Dardy verges will be done soon. Having to chase regularly. Hedges along Beaufort Road have been cut as requested.
3. **Bulbs planted** – cleared and planted up some of the plant troughs with bulbs for the spring. Still more to do and be delighted to hear from volunteers to help out. Plas Derwen and Lime Trees Ave troughs kept by volunteers and cleared too. Llangattock Litter Pickers are funding the bulbs.
4. **Visit to Brecon Waste Transfer Station** – successful visit and lots learnt. Waste to be an area of focus for 2022 from my perspective. Would like to develop better understanding of recycling as part of Climate Emergency Action Plan with Community Council.
5. **Active Travel Plan** – Met with team to discuss the links to Crickhowell which will be looked at. The Llangattock Plan was part of a funding application for Levelling Up Fund from Westminster Government. The Active Travel Plan element of the application failed but is still open with original Welsh Government fund. This links well with the Community Council climate emergency action plan.
6. **Accessible pedestrian links** – Requested visit from Fran Bateman to look at accessible links in Llangattock.
7. **Levelling Up Fund** – success for Powys for tourist projects in Elan Valley and Montgomeryshire Canal.
8. **Arwain Funding** – information sent to Clerk for sustainable funding.
9. **Mid Wales Growth Partnership Fund** – Regional fund for Powys and Ceredigion which is high level funds for large private public partnerships. Powys focusing on tourism for this round and supports above plus other projects.
10. **Flood updates for winter** – Working closely with Llangattock Flood Group and liaising with Powys. Training and road signs being negotiated. Had a meeting with Kate and Stuart Eckley last week, update given by Kate. A list of questions has been forwarded to the quarterly Flooding Meeting with Powys in December to provide updates.
11. **Bus Shelter** – Report sent in last week for the Planning Committee. Awaiting feedback from Powys on both bus shelter and possible development of a Community Transport scheme with Crickhowell and possibly five councils' area.
12. **PACE** – Meeting later this week.
13. **COVID** – still of serious concern. Regular fortnightly updates through Community Health Council.
14. **Apple Day** – Really good site for a community activity. Worked really well for the group. Not as many people attended as we would have liked but next year if COVID had less of an impact a bigger event to be planned.
15. **Commoners Project "Payments by results"** – A meeting has been confirmed with the Minister Lesley Griffiths in January to visit Llangattock and get feedback about the project
16. **County Councillor Surgery** – Next Surgery is planned for Friday 10th December at 4.30 to 5.30 for mince pies and informal chat.
17. **Llanbedr School** – Powys Cabinet agreed to progress the next stage of the school closure. The Action Group for Llanbedr are progressing to Judicial Review on process. There is a strong local campaign and leaflets are being distributed locally. This could impact on Llangattock School and we are trying to clarify a statement that any school with less than around 150 pupils will have difficulty in delivering the new curriculum. This is not a professional view and has sent shock waves through schools in Powys.

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	<p>Cllr A Williams stated that she felt the statement was unfair on the staff of the school. She also asked who was responsible for doing the rest of verges on The Dardy. The County Councillor confirmed the verges are Powys County Council, the hedges are privately owned.</p>
116/21	<p>Standing Committees (and their respective working parties) update & motions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and Environment Committee (Cllr G Jones) 57/21 21/20435/FUL Proposal Application Withdrawn 21/20431/FUL Recreation Ground Path (validated) <p>The Clerk and Cllr Jones noted a recently uploaded document on the BBNPA Document Case from the NPTC Tree Consultant Mike Higgins, who had responded to the application with a list of comments and recommendations concerning the potential proximity of trees and hedges to the proposed perimeter path. Cllr G Jones drafted a response to the concerns and submitted a more detailed plan using satellite imagery to illustrate where the path will be in relation to any trees or hedges. LCC's response also confirmed that no pruning or removal of trees was required in order to install the perimeter path.</p> <p>21/20193/FUL 1 Lime Trees Avenue The Planning Officer's Report was discussed and noted that the Officer felt that "in balance" the permission should be approved.</p> <p>21/210474/FUL Glebe Field Path An improved cross-section profile of the path construction has been submitted and one more box signed to complete the paperwork.</p> <p>Cllr G Jones confirmed that progress and development of the Powys Active Travel Plan will become a standing item on the Planning section of the Committee Meeting and the Clerk confirmed correspondence had been received from Crickhowell Town Council. Their concerns were over the apparent disappearance of a safe walkway for pupils from Crickhowell High School to Llangattock village via Bullpit Meadow which was on the original ATP consultation drawings. In the absence of County Councillor Jackie Charlton, it was agreed that the Chair of P&E would contact Jackie after the meeting to discuss.</p> <p>Cllr G Jones advised committee that herself and Cllr K Inglis would be attending an online seminar to meet the new CEO of BBNPA on 23rd November and would report back on the event at the next monthly meeting.</p> <p>Correspondence: Cllr G Jones updated committee on contact made with Tarmac regarding their lorries using Llangattock village as a shortcut to the Kington quarries from the A465 Heads of the Valley major roadworks. The Transport Manager responded with assurances that our complaints were taken seriously and was advising all drivers at a hauliers meeting that evening that no lorries are allowed to go through Llangattock. Furthermore, if drivers were caught doing this they would have their hours docked. Cllr J Rees raised concern that local deliveries would have no alternative routes but Cllr G Jones confirmed that the restrictions would only apply to the large contract hauliers who were not on local deliveries.</p> <p>Late Correspondence: Received regarding an enquiry over a legal matter and rights of public access to a local lane. Under Data Protection legislation the detail of the letter could not be discussed openly and it was agreed that since LCC does not have jurisdiction over</p>

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Highways; in the first instance the enquiry should be addressed directly to County Councillor Jackie Charlton.

Chair finally invited comment on recent social media concerns over the proposed planning permission to site a glass recycling factory close to the border of BBNPA in Rassau. Although the planning application has been submitted through Blaenau Gwent PA, the siting of the factory is close to the top of Llangynidr and Llangattock Mountain and Cllr G Jones confirmed that she had been in contact with both NRW Welsh Raised Bogs Project, Sam Ridge BBNPA Peatland Officer and Jonathan Saville, NRW Conservation Officer for South Powys. Sam Ridge confirmed he would investigate to establish what consultations have taken place with BBNPA. Jonathan Saville (NRW) confirmed that they had been a consultee for the application for at least 2 years. He said there were plenty of pre-planning documents on the proposal but also reflected that the location had a huge background of previous pollution due to the steelworks and industry around this part of the Heads of the Valleys A465 area. Jonathan said that the most recent calculations on pollutants were not significantly high compared to usual agricultural practices in the South Powys uplands and Waun Ddu, Llangattock's very own Raised Bog was in a rain and pollution "shadow" of potential harmful contaminants as well as being 5km away from the proposed factory location. Habitat Regulation Assessments had not yet been seen and NRW have gone back to Blaenau Gwent PA requesting more details before submitting their response.

Cllr J Rees commented that other pollutants and contaminants from the industrial estates along the A465 find their way across the mountain moors. Anecdotally, Jonathan Saville had said that since the closure of the steelworks in Ebbw Vale, the blanket bog on the top of the moors was now in much better condition than anywhere else in the rest of BBNPA.

Environment (Cllr K Inglis)

- **EG charging in Llangattock (LGV & working group)**

The working group met on Monday, a few members of LGV attended as part of the group. The charge points were discussed. The specific points from the main meeting were discussed, there is not any government funding for community groups. They agreed that the Rectory would be a good plan b if the church car park was not deemed to be right. The Talybont scheme was discussed, it was a different scenario. It was confirmed that Crickhowell will be having an E.V. car sharing scheme. They clarified the costs and ongoing costs. The project would include three bays in the car park that would be required. Long term project would break even, it is the first few years that would require support. They were still focused on the housing without driveways. The working group discussed that Crickhowell will also be having Powys funded points in their car park, the County Councillor is also in discussion in relation to the Powys owned car park in Llangattock. LGV would also be talking to residents some more in relation to who would use it.

County Councillor Jackie Charlton updated the Council on Powys' intention to place Electric charge points on Council owned properties as well as solar panels and that the central car park was also discussed as a location for points. The County Councillor then left to join the PACE meeting.



- **COP Cymru and Wales Climate week**

The climate week in Wales is the 22nd – 28th November. They wanted to be able to inform the residents of what the Council and community groups are doing already in Llan-gattock, it was planned to do this on the 28th of November when the panels and the Xmas lights were being placed. This is weather dependent. Cllr Inglis shared the different themes for the days for COP Wales, she would potentially produce a leaflet to give to people on the day.

- **Visit to Waste transfer station in Brecon**

The visit was attended by Cllrs and the County Councillor. It was informative. Cllr A Williams stated that it was worthwhile trip, it was incredible how much plastic was involved. County Councillor Jackie Charlton has done a press release on this trip.

- **Together for our Planet grant**

Cllr Inglis had already shared the application. The Motion is to ask for permission to send the application to finance who will then inform Full Council, this included the new safeguarding policy:

Proposed: Cllr A Williams

Seconded Cllr J Rees

Resolved: To pass the grant application to Finance for sign off

The safeguarding policy will be taken to full council on Tuesday.

- **Emergency Plans/update meeting with Stuart Eckley**

There was a meeting Wednesday, Stuart will be producing a residents' impact study by canvassing affected residents. The plan is a live document that will be updated periodically. It is nearly ready to formally submit to this committee and full Council.

The flood wardens will be meeting next week, high vis jackets will be being ordered soon.

- **Next year's budget – bring down the amount to £1,000.00 and rename to Environment, request Council reserves to ringfence £1,000.**

Cllr G Jones thanked Cllr K Inglis for all her hard work on the previous item. Cllr G Jones spoke with regards to the current budget headings. She confirmed that the budgets current in place are yet to be spent, although it's the start of the winter season.

There is a "shopping list" currently being produced which appears to be approximately £400.00.

Next year's budget was discussed with the idea above. It was proposed that this be looked at again once the shopping list had been concluded to see if any residual money could be VIRED to a different Council budget heading. It was decided that the Committee would propose to the Finance Committee that the budget in 2022-2023 be £1000.00 and a ringfenced amount of £1,000.00 in reserves for serious adverse events.

Proposed: Cllr A Williams

Seconded: Cllr K Inglis

Resolved: It was decided that the Committee would propose to the Finance Committee that the budget in 2022-2023 be £1000.00 and a ringfenced amount of £1,000.00 in reserves for serious adverse events.



- **This year's budget – spending option**

This was discussed above

- **Health Impact Assessment of Climate Change in Wales Infographics**

Cllr K Inglis confirmed that she had sent this around. It had been discussed with Cllr G Jones and it was felt that this was more for public bodies rather than the public at this stage. Some of this information could be used once the website is developed.

- **Safeguarding policy**

Cllr K Inglis introduced the policy and motioned that the full council accept this as a Council policy

Proposed: Cllr T Jones

Seconded: Cllr R Jones

Resolved: Resolved to accept this policy

Cllr G Jones wished to thank Cllr K Inglis for her work on the grant and the policy work.

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

Cllr T Jones gave an update on the continuing grant funded schemes, the Disabled Toilet Block has now been delivered and is in place, with huge thanks to Land & Stone, Nic Shugar for allowing the delivery to use his entrance and Cllr R Jones, G Dobbs, and J Rees. There is a cost overrun on this project, therefore the Community Committee will be using all of their allotted budgets this year.

The second of the benches has also now been placed in the shelter.

The new All Wales Play Grant has been identified and the committee will be working on this application with a mixture of upgrades and additions to make the play areas more accessible. The deadline is Dec 8th, the intention is to motion to pass this via an extraordinary meeting on the 30th of Nov of the Community Committee, which will then be sent to the Finance Committee in early December for final approval. This will not return to full council unless requested to do so.

Llangattock Village Society are working their way towards their Xmas event on the 1st of December. Cllr H Burns would like to thank Cllr J Rees and Cllr R Jones for all their assistance. The tree is due Monday, with the Woodlands group helping to erect it Tuesday.

Cllr R Jones would like to give his thanks to Cllr J Rees and Cllr G Dobbs for their assistance with the toilet pods, along with Land and Stone.

The committee is also developing policy on booking the recreation ground.

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

Cllr S Ady stated the committee had met on Monday, there was discussion on the remuneration panel document that has been sent to all Councillors. This will be looked at in item 117/21. The finance panel will present a recommendation.

- **Grant application National Lottery Together for our Planet fund (Cllr K Inglis)**

The finance committee were pleased to pass this grant and would like to thank Cllr



	<p>K Inglis for her work on this application. Proposed: Cllr T Jones Seconded: Cllr H Burns Resolved: for this grant to be submitted by the Clerk</p> <p>➤ Payment due for this month and reported payments The RFO requested that the payments be considered. The Councillors discussed the membership to the SLCC, the Clerk confirmed that she uses the monthly forum, it was proposed that this was paid for the Clerk. Proposed: Cllr A Williams Seconded: Cllr S Ady Resolved: for the SLCC membership to be paid</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr T Jones Seconded: Cllr A Williams/Cllr R Jones Resolved: for the payments to be made as per the spreadsheet and to include the payments to Land & Stone for the groundwork to the toilet and the memorial garden tap.</p> <p>Cllr T Jones would like to know the final costs on the project so that these can be analysed against the budget. Cllr R Jones stated that this would be done after a site visit when the work had been finished.</p> <p>Cllr G Jones thanked Cllr R Jones for the consolidation of the tap work with the groundwork.</p> <p>➤ Bank reconciliation – was available on the drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Services (Cllr R Jones) Cllr R Jones introduced this and then passed this to the Clerk for assistance. The Clerk confirmed the meeting was the 22nd. The asset walk around was received from Cllr J Rees. <p>The to do lists are on the drive and accessible to all.</p> <p>The carers policy was presented on screen, Cllr S Ady introduced the policy, she confirmed that she had adapted Newport Council's policy for our purposes. Proposed: Cllr R Jones Seconded: Cllr G Jones Resolved: this policy was adopted Cllr G Jones & Cllr K Inglis wished to thank Cllr S Ady for producing this policy.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed the play inspection report will be discussed Thursday but has been sent to all.</p>
117/21	<p>Preliminary budget 2022-23 opening discussions</p> <p>Cllr S Ady requested that we look at the remuneration panel document, she explained the changes to the groups, which means there is a change to which payments are mandatory to this council and those that are no longer. The Finance Committee recommends that:</p>



Basic payments: continue to budget and to take from reserves if Councillors require it.
Senior Role Payment: this was recommended to not be taken. There has been an increase to the events budget in place of the Chairs allowance.
Attendance allowance: the recommendation is to not allow for this.
Travel and subsistence: the recommendation is to keep the budget heading title as travel and training and still be available.

Cost of care and finance loss would be taken from general reserves if needed.

Proposed: Cllr S Ady

Seconded: Cllr G Jones

Resolved : the above recommendations were accepted.

December's meeting will include a motion to change standing orders in relation to online/face to face meetings.

➤ **Updated budget spreadsheet with Committee responses**

The spreadsheet was shared, it is the same format as last years with different scenarios involved. It does not need to be agreed this evening but will need to be by the January meeting. Cllr S Ady highlighted the increases in the budget are within the Central Services committee and the staffing costs.

She requested feedback from the Council in relation to the increases and the budget headings as they stand.

Cllr T Jones asked Cllrs to think about the "aspirational" money, and how this budget heading has allowed the Council to gain momentum on the 5-year plan and the projects undertaken this year.

Increases will be given by Powys via the precept, it is then up to the Council to be accountable to their electorate.

Several Councillors gave reservations on how increases would be seen by the Community. Other Councillors felt that given the progress so far that Community could see how much was being achieved.

Cllr G Dobbs queried the use band D given the housing stock in the Village. It was confirmed that D band is the standard measure. Cllr T Jones confirmed that last year the Council also did a calculation for all the other bands. It was noted that costs are rising across the board and the Council was not immune to these cost increases although a huge amount was being done around grant funding to ameliorate them.

Cllr R Jones stated that the increases are relative, an increase of 40% for example is an extra £8 annually. He noted that this year the 20% increase was not enough for Central Services maintenance.

Cllr S Ady requested that Councillors think about how much they are committed to the 5-year vision



	<p>that was passed at the beginning of 2021 as this will drive the budget and the precept request. Cllr G Dobbs stated that he is supportive of the ideas this Council have put forward but that we should also think about the working people of the villages as well.</p> <p>Cllr T Jones confirmed that people on certain benefits would pay reduced council tax or no council tax at all.</p> <p>He confirmed that much of the budget put forward at this time are running costs, at around 60%.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she is happy to run through the budget with any Councillor, that the spreadsheet is also online and includes the breakdowns. She also confirmed that the deadline for submitting to Powys is January</p> <p>Cllr H Burns requested that the calculation for each band for the next meeting. The Clerk will request the table from Powys. Cllrs R Jones queried if there were more help available from the National Parks as they give stipulations on the maintenance of the trees.</p> <p>Cllr T Jones proposed to ask the finance committee to look at the budget to see if it can be reduced and to create the full banding calculation and the relief available. Cllr S Ady was happy with this proposal and asked all Cllrs to respond to her with their ideas.</p> <p>Cllr K Inglis was happy to have more time to look at the spreadsheet and report back.</p> <p>The Clerk ran through the Central Services items for clarity and confirmed that this budget will be looked at Thursday's meeting.</p> <p>Cllr K Inglis stated that it might be an idea to have a volunteer group to do some of the maintenance to keep the precept down. Cllr S Ady stated that now Cllrs are taking up the slack on some of the maintenance and she feels that this is not correct, and the budget produced reflects the true costs. If we can ask the community to assist with this, then that would be great but would take time.</p>
118/21	<p>Correspondence received for the attention of Councillors in relation to a legal matter</p> <p><i>To resolve if this meeting should exclude the public and press as per the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the potential of personal/ confidential information being discussed:</i></p> <p><i>Proposed:</i> Cllr R Jones <i>Seconded:</i> Cllr T Jones <i>Resolved:</i> to exclude the public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Information relating to any action taken in connection with the prevention, investigation, or prosecution of crime <p>The council discussed the item, and it was:</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr H Burns Seconded: Cllr G Dobbs</p>



	<p>Resolved: for Cllr T Jones and the Clerk to word a response</p> <p>Cllr R Jones requested that the public be re-admitted</p>
119/21	<p>Co-option form received – to discuss and vote on the received co-option form</p> <p>It was proposed to exclude the public as the application has private information and Cllrs wished it to be shared onscreen.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr R Jones</p> <p>Seconded:</p> <p>Resolved: to exclude the public for this item so that the form can be shared</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr T Jones</p> <p>Seconded: Cllr R Jones</p> <p>Resolved: The application was discussed, and the applicant was unanimously accepted.</p>
120/21	<p>Correspondence received:</p> <p>The Clerk shared the correspondence list on screen:</p> <p>04th November – Powys County Council, precept forms received.</p> <p>03rd November James Evans MS/AS – copy sent to all.</p> <p><i>Council requested that Mr Evans be invited.</i></p> <p>02nd November – ROSPA report received, to be dealt with by Central Services Thursday</p> <p>26th October & 28th October - Western Power Distribution, return of Wayleave agreement WA2101210 & WA2101190.</p> <p>30th October – Resident correspondence:</p> <p><i>Dear Ms Bailey,</i></p> <p><i>I am aware that a 30mph/derestriction road sign has been placed on the road between the Ty Croeso B&B and the Ffawyddog. It does seem to be excessively large, but more importantly, also badly sited. In my opinion, the sign should be sited at the canal bridge below, or perhaps, more appropriately, at a higher position, where the Pitch Road joins the main road going up the Ffawyddog, at the 'T' junction. A number of years ago, we managed to get PCC Highways to move and reduce the size of a road sign advising of a weight limit on one of the canal bridges below the Ffawyddog.</i></p> <p><i>Incidentally, I am a great believer in a "Twenty is Plenty" speed limit in residential areas. It would be great if this limit could be widely introduced, if not become exclusively the limit, in Llangattock.</i></p> <p>Response sent by County Councillor.</p> <p>23rd October – Resident correspondence:</p> <p><i>I live on the Ffawyddog on a farm lane just beyond the Common. I have noticed that traffic during the Pandemic has increased particularly delivery vans that we all are increasingly relying upon.</i></p>

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Many of these vehicles appear to be travelling at speed and putting both walkers and horse riders at risk of a serious collision.

I noticed this afternoon that there is new signage on the single track road leading up towards the Ffawyddog, just past Ty Croeso guest house. It is encouraging commercial traffic and others to travel at speeds up to the National limit. Could you confirm this is a mistake because this single track road which has an incline of one in five and with bends and a sheer drop on one side is difficult to negotiate at speeds higher than twenty miles per hour let alone thirty or higher.

On the other side of the sign is a speed limit of 30 miles per hour going down hill. Again this seems excessive. Common sense would suggest a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour.

Could you use your influence to ask the relevant highway authorities to reflect on the need for such a sign on such a road.

Response by County Councillor

22nd October – Resident correspondence:

Re: Pointless Road Signage – near Ty Croeso, Dardy.

We are aware that you have been in correspondence with our neighbour, Dr. Frank Williams; we write in support of his objection to the placing of speed restriction signs close to his home at Ffawyddog / Dardy, Crickhowell.

We should first place on record our support for any effort to reduce the speed of motorists specifically in the area of Crickhowell and also more widely. As it now appears that all roads policing effort has been given over to strategically placed ‘speed’ cameras and randomly administered community speed control measures, we applaud anything done to improve driver behaviour. In particular, we applaud County Cllr. Jackie Charlton and PCSO Billy Dunne and their efforts at speed reduction in Llangattock. In our view, it is in part because drivers know that there is little chance of being prosecuted for exceeding speed limits that they drive at excess speeds. If they thought for one moment that they were likely to be caught and then fined, have their licence endorsed and suffer increased insurance costs they might drive more appropriately.

We witnessed the final stages of the placing of the particular roads signs at Dardy. We drove passed the home of Dr. Williams and were caused to wait while Powys CC operatives completed the placing of the signs. As we sat and waited we discussed our reaction to the sign; initially our reaction was ‘whose bright idea was that’? Secondly we agreed that, at a time of austerity for local authorities, ‘who authorised the spending of significant amounts of rate payers’ money to place a sign in such a (in our view ridiculous) position’? How much social care could be bought for the same amount? Our third thought concerned the apparent neglect of roads close to where the sign was placed; surely rate payers’ money would be better spent on road repair measures that might offer some positive benefit; was any cost benefit analysis conducted on the placing of the sign? Does anybody truly believe that the placing of that sign at that location will have any effect on driver behaviour?



We assume that a site visit was conducted before authority was given for the placing of the sign. If so, was the concept of natural traffic calming not considered? When passing the sign whilst travelling downhill, the driver enters the 30 mph zone; to drive at a speed even approaching 30 would be at best reckless. The gradient coupled with immediate entry into a 'blind bend' would suggest that 10 – 15 mph would be the appropriate maximum. Similarly, travelling uphill into the de-restricted zone, a theoretical maximum speed of 60 mph applies. Again, road conditions preclude speeds beyond 20 mph; in winter months 15 mph. Did nobody consider that enforcement of speed limits at this location is unlikely and impractical? Such questions should have occurred to anybody with any experience of traffic management.

An aesthetic argument can also be considered. Given that the sign is situated within the Brecon Beacons National Park surely someone questioned the necessity of erecting a sign at that site; surely?

In our view pointless measures such as the placing of this sign call into question the legitimacy of Powys CC. Has a survey been conducted at this location to identify whether a particular problem exists, one that the placing of a sign might address? We are aware that residents of Dardy have concerns with the speed of motorists close to their homes but the question remains, was a particular outcome sought from the placing of this sign? Unless a benefit can reasonably be foreseen this was an unnecessary sop to residents, a waste of money and ultimately pointless.

Response sent by County Councillor

21st October – Resident response:

Thanks for your reply. Moving the sign is an improvement. However, I remain concerned that the Ffawyddog was not considered in the proposal, as was the whole of the Dardy. I had assumed that the bottom Dardy road was the focus of attention and didn't appreciate that the whole of the Dardy was being considered. The road from the junction of Ty Croeso to the 'T' junction onto Ffawyddog Common is, probably, the most dangerous section in the area and is only subject to the National speed limit. This concern is due to the road being used by commercial vehicles avoiding the 'pinch-point' in Llangattock, a poor quality road surface and muck and leaves. I have challenged some commercial drivers, who regularly use this road, and they say they have been told to come that way by their sat nav. I have mentioned some of this to Tim and I think it should be part of any future look at speed limits in the LCC area.

19th October – Resident correspondence:

I am the vocal complainant about this new ridiculous speed restriction sign on the road between the Ty Croeso B&B and the Ffawyddog. I had a site meeting with Jo Lancey from PCC Highways, today. She made it clear from the outset that the sign would stay. I promptly left the meeting as no negotiation was on the table. Everyone I have spoken to, who uses this road, thinks the sign is bonkers. As far as I am concerned, there were no warnings whatsoever about the positioning of this particular sign. Councillor Jackie thinks PCC have followed the correct consultation process, but I am surprised that PCC did not make clear the signage positions to a main stakeholder, our local council.



	<p><i>I feel that this is going to be a bone of contention for some time to come. I do not intend letting go of the bone.</i></p> <p>Councillors discussed the above correspondence. Cllr S Ady requested if they could see the responses from the County Councillor. The Clerk stated she will provide these.</p> <p>Cllr A Williams gave a thorough background to some of the issues raised above.</p> <p>Cllr T Jones shared background information on the above issues, he shared maps to help the Councillors understand the context of the consultation process that was undertaken to obtain three new speed limits in three parts of the community, including the Dardy, and the start of speed limit and end of speed limit signs that were then placed in line with the RTO.</p> <p>One set of signs on the Dardy had, however, been placed incorrectly and are going to be moved. Cllr T Jones stated that while the Council had not got everything it wanted, it had achieved a great deal. The way Council responds to both the officer and the residents involved should be in such a way that both can move forward in a positive way to address speeding in the future, which this Council intends to do.</p> <p>Discussions at full Council were mentioned by Cllr A Williams and Cllr G Jones. Cllr A Williams stated disappointment that this had not occurred on a substantive motion and Cllr G Jones stating that even if they had been discussed the detail may not have been understood; it was a learning process. Cllr T Jones said that if any Councillor wished for there to be more discussion on items like this then they can request it via the Chair and the Clerk; he would have welcomed discussion of changes which he felt overall had benefitted the community.</p> <p>Cllr A Williams stated that she will await the signage being moved.</p> <p><u>Training</u></p> <p>December's One Voice Wales list sent to all.</p> <p>Future of the National Parks sessions – two Councillors are going to these sessions.</p> <p>Scribe accounting sessions on budget setting with Cllr S Ady on the 10th of Nov and the Clerk attending on the 18th.</p>
121/21	Date of next committee meeting to be 21st December confirmed at 7pm