



## Llangattock Community Council

### CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWG

The following are the minutes an **Ordinary** meeting of Llangattock Community Council's held online on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 7pm**

**Attendance:** Cllr R Jones (Chair), Cllr T Jones, Cllr A Williams, Cllr G Jones, Cllr S Ady, Cllr J Rees, Cllr G Dobbs, Cllr K Inglis, Cllr A Stubbs

Kay Bailey – Clerk

County Councillor – Jackie Charlton

#### Public Participation:

122/21	Apologies for absence	Cllr H Burns
123/21	Members' declarations of interest	None
124/21	<p><b>Minutes to approve from meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2021</b> <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr S Ady <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr A Williams <b>Resolved:</b> the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record</p> <p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <p><b><u>Clerk &amp; RFO updates:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No formal audit response yet, however I have confirmed receipt with the Audit office.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Matters arising - ordinary meeting</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Surveyor has been to all the assets (land) held by Llangattock Community Council – still awaiting response/letter.</li><li>Community Hall - Further information in relation to the lease will be sought from Powys Legal department. Still outstanding.</li></ul> <p>The request to discuss Standing Order's and hybrid meetings will be added to next months' agenda, the Clerk has gathered some information but has not ran through this with the Chair at the current time.</p>	
125/21	<b>County Councillor's report</b> <b>County Councillor Report to Community Council December 2021</b>	

Ms. K Bailey – Clerk & RFO  
16 Kennelwood, Gilwern, NP7 0BD



1. **Speed Watch Volunteers** – I continue to talk to different people to get this sorted. Recently spoke with Community Safety Partnership in Powys who recognised the issue and we are not the only ones waiting. I have now been in touch with Go Safe who run the Community Speed Vans around the County and am looking forward to a response.
2. **Verges on the Dardy** – This is still not done. Last week requested a site visit to look at where the work needs to be done and am waiting. It has now been raised as a safety issue and am hoping this will move things on. I think there has been a mis-understanding about what needs to be done as it was thought it has been completed. But sadly it has not.
3. **Active Travel Plan** – This links well with the Community Council climate emergency action plan which is now growing in importance. It is another ongoing project which relies on regular reminders to Powys that we are still here.
4. **Accessible pedestrian links** – Fran Bateman met with me and shared her time with Tim Jones. Very responsive to the access point behind The Horseshoe Pub. Am awaiting further information back and will address this in the New Year. Reported back to resident and to Llangattock Village Society.
5. **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. Still awaiting confirmation but expect to see some headlines when this has been approved.
6. **Flood updates for winter** – Continue to work with the Environmental Working Group and had some positive feedback on the Legar feasibility study, working with the Community Council and looking more proactively with the Flood Wardens on training and support. This includes developing a training programme to include Health & Safety to support the volunteers by the Powys Emergency Response Group. Very supportive of the idea of Shelter Belts and other 'Slow the Flow' ideas to link in with engineering solutions where necessary. Other types of emergencies which come under the ERG are of interest to Community Councillors. It has been agreed that Andrew Twigger will be contacting Llangattock CC in the New Year to do a presentation to Community Council.
7. **Bus Shelter and Community Transport** – Still waiting for a quote. Need to link in with Powys. Have taken it to Community Connectors local Crickhowell group and been asked to move it forward with a wider project development group to look at funding issues and a way forward.
8. **PACE** – Environment Working Group to feedback but happy to provide any information needed.
9. **COVID** – still of serious concern. Regular fortnightly updates through Community Health Council. In the last week Powys have returned to Business Continuity Planning with people being deployed again in the social care sector where appropriate. PAVO are looking for volunteers and adverts have been shared Kay (Clerk). The situation is returning to serious.
10. **Llanbedr School** – Consultation has now ended and response sent. Awaiting next steps. There is a Judicial Review on the process. It's been in the news both locally and on Wales News.
11. **Barn Lane** – Keeping in touch with Kay on this issue.

Just remains for me to say a very big thank you to the Community Council and all the Councillors



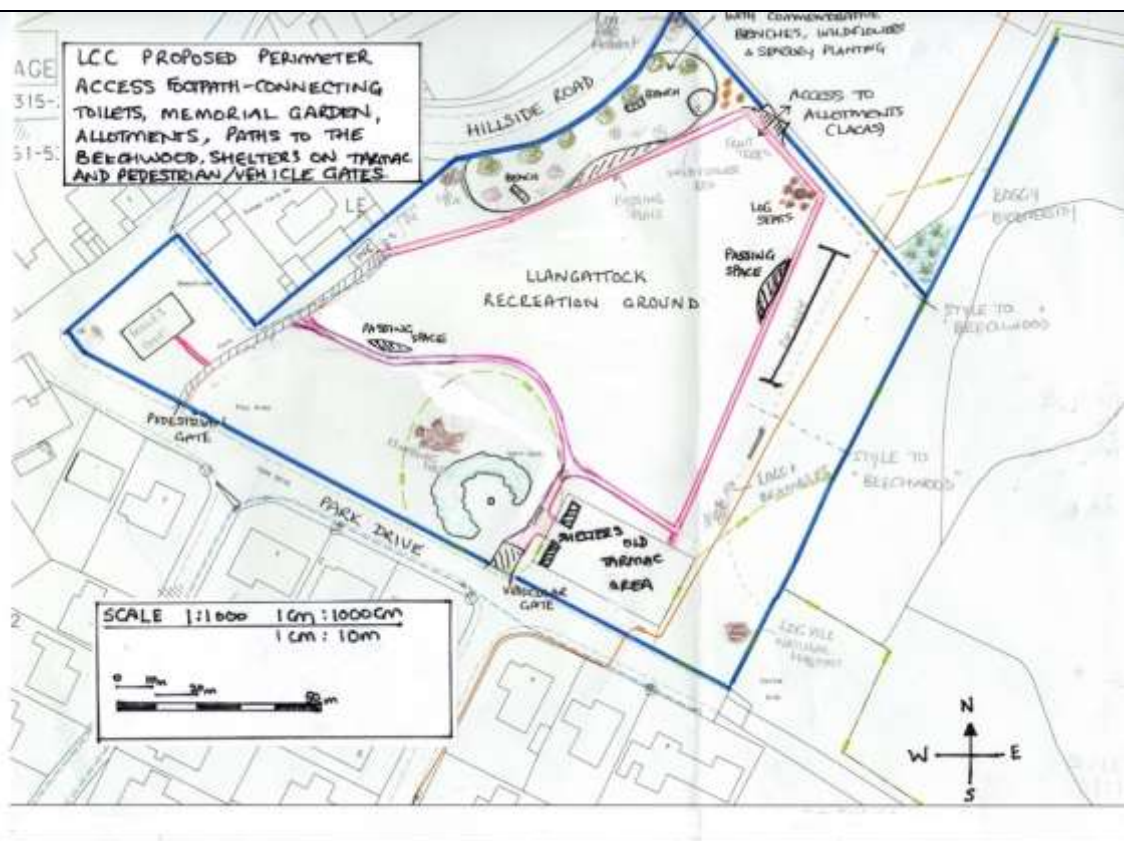
	<p>for such a busy year, supporting different projects to make Llangattock a better place to live and work. Very Happy Christmas to you all and lets hope the New Year brings better news for us all. Thank you for everything that you do.</p> <p>Cllr A Williams raised a question in relation to the verges and The Dardy, she was not impressed with the work that Powys have undertaken on that road. Cllr J Charlton confirmed she has requested a site visit with Highways and is waiting for a date to meet after Christmas on the grounds of Health &amp; Safety.</p> <p>Cllr G Jones wished to thank Cllr J Charlton in relation to Barn Lane for getting in contact with the residents. Cllr J Charlton stated that the specifics cannot be shared in a public meeting but she will keep in touch with the Clerk with any information.</p>
126/21	<p><b>Standing Committees (and their respective working parties) update &amp; motions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Planning and Environment Committee (Cllr G Jones)</b></li></ul> <p><b>Planning Report (Cllr Gail Jones)</b></p> <p><b>21/20474/FUL – Glebe Field path application.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Referred to the Parks’ Tree Consultant. No objection but conditions on regarding proximity of trees and hedges to the path and landscaping intentions.</li></ul> <p><b>Latest</b> – Kay has produced the planning approval to fell the cemetery trees from December last year with the same Planning Officer involved. This document has been uploaded to the portal so can be seen in context of all the other paperwork. No updates to Portal as of 20.12.21</p> <p><b>21/20431/FUL – Recreation Ground perimeter path.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Referred to the Parks’ Tree Consultant and also Heritage Officer who has referred to Cadw due to the close proximity of Garn Goch (Coch). Cadw require an SMC (Scheduled Monument Consent) before application progresses.</li></ul>



Richard and Gail met with Will Davies from Cadw on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December and had a very constructive site visit. Will agreed that the path should skirt around the boundary of the Site.

**Fun fact! Human remains were exposed in an antiquarian excavation in 1874.**

Ms. K Bailey – Clerk & RFO  
16 Kennelwood, Gilwern, NP7 0BD



- Will recommends applying for Scheduled Monument Consent for the area of the vehicle access first so can be taken back to BBNPA Planning ASAP as deadline for the Landfill Grant is 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2022. I am drafting the form and Will & colleagues will attend to it when they return in the New Year. Should be relatively easy to turn Consent around as a result of site visit.
- May need to give more details of biodiversity enhancements.
- No new updates to Portal as of 20.12.21

#### 21/20452/CPL – 4 Rectory Close, Llangattock

- Parks have **Refused** application for trench dug to cable EV charger at remote parking space, on grounds that the land to be dug not lawfully used for off-street parking. Kate can give more details on potential for EV charger locations in the environment section.

#### 21/20216/FUL – Winneba

Planning Ecologist comments – phosphate screening as site within river catchment area, recommend a preliminary bat roost assessment, referral to the Tree Consultant with regard to potential impact of the pool on the root systems of hedgerow & mature tree on site and additional biodiversity enhancement measure required and submitted for approval.



### **Update on “Meet the CEO of BBNPA” – seminar held on 23.11.21**

- New CEO – Catherine Mealing-Jones. Attended by Cllr K Inglis and Cllr G Jones. They are using “doughnut economics” model to revitalise the way BBNPA operates. (Cllr K Inglis can explain more if Cllrs are interested)
- Headlines - BBNPA have just started a 4-month consultation process, to be adopted by April 2022, for a Management Plan for the National Park – “Future Beacons – 2022-2027 Consultation Draft”. Ambition - to be ecologically resilient and zero carbon by 2045.

*Cllr G Jones still drafting notes from the online meeting – can provide more details or circulate later.*

- Cllrs G Jones and K Inglis attended a **Community/Place Plan Webinar** this week to look at the process involved in creating one. No doubt that Llangattock and hamlets needs one.
- It will be a big project and likely to take up 2 years of planning, consultations, and implementation strategy, tying in with LCC’s 5 Year Vision.
- Any questions? There were no questions raised for Cllr G Jones

### **Environment Report (Cllr Kate Inglis)**

#### **1) Transport & EV Charge points**

- LGV have sent letters out to residents near the Church, who have no known parking, awaiting these responses. Other options are being explored including all the hospitality businesses in the Village as well as Clos Cilau.
- Jackie is also exploring further with Sarah Leyland Morgan (Community transport for Powys) the idea of a community bus potentially for the five councils’ area.
- Gail has spoken to Western Power and has instigated an enquiry to look at the electrical supply in various parts of the village. Chris Green is the contact, and he will advise what voltage can be achieved and where.

#### **2) Together for Our Planet**

- Application now submitted - awaiting result.

#### **3) Wales Climate week flyer**

- Will be updated and shared on LCC website. Leaflets to be put in dispensers in shelters in park and on noticeboards.

#### **4) PACE & CRF**

PAVO and PACE are project managing this fund from the Community Renewal Fund. There is a short timescale as the money has to be spent by next June.

The briefs being prepared will go out to tender to find project managers and then communities will be able to apply. Most relevant for Llangattock are:



- Carbon & Energy Audit & Action plan – they will choose 3 communities, who must have declared a climate emergency and have a working group to take project forward.
- 20-minute communities – research into rural communities.
- Home energy audits – pilot in 3 communities, Peter Blood of LGV is involved in this one.

#### **5) Slow the Flow**

- Bob Vaughan from NRW joined us to discuss his previous work on Slow the Flow projects. Bob has a wealth of experience with Sustainable drainage, Agriculture, Forestry and Hydrology. He has very kindly offered to help us out with the development of this project in his own time. Bob can also help with contacts for potential funding etc.
- Jackie has also reported back from the PCC quarterly flood meeting, that Graham Astley (PCC Land Drainage) is supportive of Shelter Belts and Slow the Flow, as long as it includes landowner buy-in. So the PCC feasibility study can include these proposals and could be funded.
- Next steps in the New Year will be to meet with farmers and try and arrange a wider area meeting for landowners which Bob Vaughan is happy to speak at.

#### **6) Flood Warden scheme**

- Two meetings have now been held with volunteers; more volunteers signed up on Crickhowell side. Hi-vis jackets being ordered this week once printing is approved.
- Five Councils may be asked to contribute some funding towards the scheme and equipment, £100 suggested.
- ID cards being produced by Volunteer Bureau and then questionnaires are going to be taken around all affected properties on both sides of the river to gather info on vulnerable persons and historical flood data.
- Met Office are warning that Jan & Feb will be wetter than normal.
- PCC/Stuart Eckley and Andrew Trigger are preparing some training to be delivered in the Spring.

#### **7) Emergency & Flood Plan**

- Not forgotten! (Apologies – just been too busy to review it lately).
- Will be sent to all Councillors over Christmas for comments at their leisure!

Cllr A Williams had spoken to NRW in relation to the raised bogs, the local officer is happy to come to talk to the environmental working group in the New Year.

Cllr J Charlton stated that Officer Andrew Twigger is happy to present a presentation in relation to emergency work to the Community Council in the New Year. Cllr G Jones suggested the February meeting for this.



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

**All Wales Play Opportunities Grant:** Success in securing £10,013 of grant funding from the Welsh Government to repair and refurbish playground equipment. This will be used to improve the zip wire, climbing frame and benches and some new equipment. It has significantly reduced pressure on the 2022/3 budget. A tremendous team effort in a very short timescale. We are now progressing the various projects.

**Accessible gates:** We found a local contractor who could replace the gates to improve accessibility at a much lower cost during the information gathering process. These can be paid for from the shelters grant.

**Shelters:** The panels are in, offering more protection for people who want to sit in them. Thank you to Cllrs and Volunteers who gave up a Saturday to do it. We will store the remaining panels to see whether we will install any more.

**Toilet Pod:** A quote has been gathered for additional works to build an accessible ramp and make improvements recommended by Accessibility Powys. This is additional spending, and we have had to vire funds from the noticeboard budget, meaning we cannot finish the **Noticeboards Project** this financial year.

**Church Noticeboard:** Cllr A Williams has secured a grant from the Church in Wales for a new noticeboard in the Church grounds.

**Park Signs:** Still waiting for the contractor about the new signs for the park.

**Landfill Communities Grant Scheme for an accessible path around the Recreation Ground:** The next deadline for this is 23 January 2022 at 23:59 but depends on achieving planning permission.

**Accessible Path Planning:** A massive amount of work has gone in to obtain planning permission answering queries from Brecon Beacons National Park's tree consultant and Cadw. As a result, the route of the path has had to be redrawn outside the boundaries of the Garn Coch scheduled ancient monument. We still don't know at this time whether we will achieve planning permission in time for the grant application.

**Football Association of Wales Grassroots Grant Scheme:** Having submitted an expression of interest, we have been invited to submit a detailed application for goalposts. A site meeting is being arranged to decide whether and how we wish to proceed.

**Fun runs:** The Committee has been liaising with Crickhowell Running Club and Crickhowell Living with Dementia Society. They wanted to use the park for fun run events on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and Easter Monday, though the January 2<sup>nd</sup> event was subsequently cancelled due to Covid. They would be organising the events, and we talked to them about issues like car parking, dogs, litter, entertainment etc. It looks like they may have secured car parking on neighbouring land. Cllr Burns tells us that the proceeds of the January 2<sup>nd</sup> event are to be donated to the Llangatock Village Society to be used in the Park and we look forward to working with them on that.



**Christmas Lights:** Many congratulations to the Llangattock Village Society for a very enjoyable evening to switch on the Christmas lights in the Recreation Ground and the continuing Light Up Llangattock project. The Council has received many positive comments for its involvement in this project.

**Events Policy/Policy for the use of Council Assets:** This Will be addressed in the New Year

Cllr A Williams added that the noticeboard is located as you enter the churchyard not under the Lichgate.

Cllr K Inglis stated that the January run has been cancelled due to the covid situation.

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

**Finance Update December 2021**

The Finance Committee met on the 6<sup>th</sup> December and reviewed the grant application for the All Wales Play Opportunities, which we agreed should be submitted. The Committee would like to thank Cllr Tim Jones, our Clerk and the Community Committee for their hard work in compiling the excellent application.

As a committee we also reviewed the new budget information relating to the household council tax bands along with the communications that will support the budget when it is presented to the community. This additional information along with a revised budget was circulated for comment following the meeting.

The final item that we discussed was the clerk's role and payments made to her including the re-evaluation of her salary band based on her current activities. The outcome of this discussion will be presented to the council later this evening.

➤ **Payment due for this month and reported payments**

The RFO shared the payments on screen, Cllrs had been sent this information by email and hand delivered where necessary.

**Proposed:** Cllr K Inglis

**Seconded:** Cllr G Jones

**Resolved:** to pay the payments on the excel spreadsheet

➤ **Bank reconciliation**

Noted

The Clerk/RFO shared the latest forecast for the Council's accounts and explained the breakdown.

Cllr S Ady asked if the extra donation from Western Power Distribution (£2,000) should be discussed.

**Motion:** to ringfence £2,000 of the £4,000 donation to the glebe field path project and £2,000 in general reserves.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Central Services (Cllr R Jones)</b></li></ul> <p>The Clerk stated the last meeting with on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, where an asset walk around was received and the to do list update.</p> <p>A letter has been sent to the vendors for The Plas which was collated by the Clerk and Cllr S Ady and signed off by Cllr R Jones in relation to the issues bought up in Central Services.</p> <p>Matters arising and the top do list are on the drive and the next meeting in this Thursday.</p> <p>Cllr A Williams asked if a link could be given each month to help with access.</p>
127/21	<p><b>HR staff contract discussion</b> <b><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></b></p> <p>Staff contract (confidential information)</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Cllr T Jones <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr K Inglis <b>Resolved:</b> to exclude the public from this part of the meeting</p> <p>The Clerk left the meeting whilst the discussion was ongoing, and the public was excluded from this part of the meeting.</p> <p>County Councillor J Charlton left the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and see everyone in the New Year.</p> <p>REDACTED</p>
128/21	<p><b>Preliminary budget 2022-23, recommended report received from the Finance Committee. To discuss and vote on the recommendation</b></p> <p><b>Budget 2022/23 Discussion presented by Cllr S Ady</b></p> <p>Over the last few weeks, I've sent you out documents that outline our proposed budget submission for 2022/23 along with tax band information relating to council tax per household, which was requested at the November Ordinary meeting. I also attached a communication that supports the budget request giving an explanation as to why we are looking to increase the amount of money we are asking for a community council. It clearly shows the continued work that we do as a council to support the community now and in the future, as well as reminding people of the many assets that we must look after – plus the new assets that we have bought through grant funding.</p> <p>I also think that it is important to remind ourselves when we look at the proposed budget that over 80% of the money, we are asking for is to support our fixed costs such as salary, insurance, asset maintenance.</p> <p>Considering being awarded £10,013 through the All Wales Play Opportunities grant we have been able to review our suggested budget that I sent out earlier this month. The grant that we have</p>



	<p>the money available this financial year to undertake the much-needed Zip Wire maintenance (approx. £5K) and £1500 for accessibility benches. Both of which had been budgeted for in the 22/23 submission. By taking these figures out of the relevant budget lines it has had a positive impact as you can imagine.</p> <p>I also received feedback around the amount of money that we had allocated to support the Jubilee celebrations. It was felt that £1K was too much so this was reduced to £500 in case there are community activities that we as a council want to support.</p> <p>£653 was added back into Communications to complete the Notice Board Replacement Programme. Monies had to be taken out of this year's notice board budget line following an increase in the costs of the accessibility ramp and additional railings. The final additional was £500 as contingency to support the All Wales Play Opportunities grant as this was given as part of the award.</p> <p>This means that the amount of money that we are proposing we ask Powys CC for is £34896. This assumes as we discussed earlier that our reserves are £4,846 and our current account is sitting around £5500. This would mean we are asking members of the community for an increase of £0.46 pence for a band D property or £0.67 for a band F property. It is also worth remembering that anyone who is on benefits would receive a reduction in the amount of council tax they pay along with single occupier who receive a 25% discount on their council tax.</p> <p>I appreciate that this may be the first time that some of you will have gone through the updated budget, but can I please ask if anyone has any questions, concerns, or comments around the information that we have discussed?</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Cllr S Ady <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr T Jones <b>Resolved:</b> unanimously resolved to accept this budget for 2022-2023</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Cllr T Jones <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr R Jones <b>Resolved:</b> to accept the precept request within the spreadsheet</p>
129/21	<p><b>Motion to correspondence to Powys in relation to the work undertaken on the TRO (Cllr A Williams)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suggested response to discuss</li></ul> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Cllr G Jones <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr A Williams <b>Resolved:</b> for the Clerk to send the suggested letter to the Powys Highways officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Correspondence from resident's update</li></ul> <p>Clerk asked if the Council would be happy for her to work with Cllr S Ady on a response to all</p>



	residents. The Council were happy for this to proceed.
<b>130/21</b>	<b>Chair Allowance – volunteers</b> Cllr R Jones informed the Council that he would like to spend his Chair Allowance on vouchers for the toilet's volunteers from Cashells in Crickhowell.  This was noted by the Council, with thanks to the volunteers.
<b>131/21</b>	<b>Correspondence received</b>  <b>Resident: 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <i>Hi in order to keep you up to date of work carried out by council In the dardy for the last year sorry to say the same as the last year Nil No verges cut Traffic speed controls something out of Faulty Towers.</i>  <i>However, if you can find a PROACTIVE member of the council who will Walk the length of dardy road you will notice a large tree leaning towards The road it as already pushed out the stone wall And the next strong will make it unsafe</i>  <i>Also why is there no minutes posted on the notice board bought for That perpose l.e at the park</i>  <i>The Clerk confirmed that the new minutes have been posted to the noticeboard and that she had responded to the resident with an offer to show them how to access the minutes on the website if they would like. She also confirmed that County Cllr J Charlton is working with this resident in relation to his queries on the verges.</i>  The Cllrs discussed the response and to re-explain that the verges are the concern of the County Council.  Cllr T Jones confirmed that the Council's legal requirement is to publish them online. There is also a communications policy, could this be referred to the Community Committee to look at if Council wished.  <b>Crickhowell and district civic society – email 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <i>Dear Clerk.</i>  <i>You may recall that in May, the Crickhowell and District Civic Society asked whether the five councils of Crickhowell, Llangattock, Glangryney, Llangynidr and Cwmdru would join together in joint action against the proposed development of the former Conservative Club in Crickhowell, most likely into a Co-op convenience store.</i>  <i>As you will know, planning permission for this development has been granted and the time for legal action has passed, but significant safety issues remain which we want to highlight. We want to emphasise that we want to raise awareness about the safety issues surrounding this site, not whether it is occupied by the Co-op.</i>

Ms. K Bailey – Clerk & RFO  
16 Kennelwood, Gilwern, NP7 0BD



	<p><i>I am writing today to ask whether your Council would be willing to join with others to campaign on these concerns and, if so, whether we can arrange a joint meeting as soon as possible.</i></p> <p><i>Best Wishes</i> <i>David Williams Chair Crickhowell and District Civic Society</i></p> <p>Cllr T Jones requested to talk to this item as he is aware of it. The planning for the Co-op appears now to be passed and that the next issue in relation to the application is the safety issues in relation to the pedestrians. The suggestion is that Crickhowell take the lead on this and that the five council's give their support if they take the lead. Cllr K Inglis asked who this would be taken up with, Cllr T Jones stated it would be the National Parks and the Welsh Governments Trunk roads department.</p> <p>Motion: that this Council is prepared to join with the other four councils to highlight the safety issues in a campaign lead by Crickhowell Town Council.</p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Cllr S Ady <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr G Jones <b>Resolved:</b> motion carried</p>
<b>132/21</b>	<b>Date of next committee meeting to be 18<sup>th</sup> Jan confirmed at 7pm</b>

Ms. K Bailey – Clerk & RFO  
16 Kennelwood, Gilwern, NP7 0BD