



Llangattock Community Council CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWG

The following are the minutes of a meeting of Llangattock Community Council's Planning and Environment committee, held online on Tuesday 7th December 7pm

Attendance: Cllr G Jones, Cllr K Inglis, Cllr G Dobbs, Cllr J Rees, Cllr R Jones, Cllr A Williams

Kay Bailey - Clerk

Public Participation

None

59/21	Apologies for absence	
60/21	Members' declarations of interest	None
61/21	<p>Minutes of the meeting of the 11th of November & Matters Arising: Proposed: Cllr K Inglis Seconded: Cllr A Williams Resolved: that the minutes are a true and accurate record</p> <p>Matters arising: Budget proposal has been reworked several times since the last meeting, items to be bought are still to be dealt with. Barn Lane update, the County Councillor stated she cannot get hold of the resident currently</p>	
62/21	<p>Updates from the Environment Committee – introduced to Cllr K Inglis</p> <p>1) EV Charge points The EWG (Environment Working Group) of this committee met yesterday and received an update from LGV. Letters have gone out to residents specifically without parking, near the Church to gauge interest. LGV are awaiting these responses. Further discussions followed about supporting the Rectory Hotel and the two other businesses in Llangattock to possibly provide chargers. We also discussed the potential for one in Clos Cilau, which could come through funding from the County Council. All options to be explored further.</p> <p>County Councillor Jackie Charlton is also exploring further with Sarah Leyland Morgan (Lead on Community transport for Powys) the idea of a community bus potentially for the five councils' area.</p> <p>2) Together for Our Planet Application now submitted - awaiting result.</p>	

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3) Wales Climate week flyer

Sent out to all Councillors on P&E with agenda. This was put together to line up with Climate week in November but can be adapted for use on LCC website in the future and to hand out locally, or put in document holders in the park. We need to make some additions including the Raised Bog, the Litter-picking group and the Village Society.

4) PACE & CRF

PAVO are project managing this Community Renewal Fund, PACE are involved with the set-up of a Steering Group to help with decisions on where the money could be spent. There is a short time-scale as the money has to be spent by next June. PACE to work with PAVO to approve communities who will need to apply for funding. LGV are also involved in this work potentially with home energy audits. Jackie is on the steering group of PACE.

3 relevant areas are:

- a) Carbon Action Planning - 3 communities £5000 each.
- b) Carbon & Energy Audit £15,000.
- c) 20 minute communities (similar to Active Travel plans) £15,000.

5) Slow the Flow

Bob Vaughan from NRW joined our meeting 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. He spoke to us about a very successful scheme, Pontbren in Mid Wales, whereby a group of farmers got together to try and solve their flooding issues. They planted shelter belts on steeper slopes and unused corners of their farms which reduced the peak flows in the area by 40%. This work has been monitored and evaluated extensively by Aberystwyth University and we have some more detailed information from Bob that we can share.

The starting point in this area would be to get a group of farmers together to meet with Bob to talk any issues through, it would also be good to include both sides of the valley in these discussions. The issue is that while the Shelter belts are cheap enough, with tree planting via Stump up for Trees or Coed Cymru, the fencing is expensive (double-sided for sheep). The new Glas Tir (Environmental Land Management schemes) will pay farmers for public goods and services but these do not come into play until 2027. Bob can help with contacts for potential funding etc.

Cllr J Rees stated that he was aware of the schemes, and that he is involved in some of them, however the schemes funding does not cover all of the work required or the ongoing maintenance and this ends up being a cost to the farmer. Cllr K Inglis asked if they could chat in relation to this and arrange a meeting with Bob so that this could be fed back

6) Flood Warden scheme

A meeting was held on 17th November and a presentation given by Duncan Forbes on the role of Flood wardens. Hi-vis jackets were tried on by all involved. Llangattock was very well represented! Very good to meet up with some of our volunteers face to face at last and we picked up a couple of new volunteers on the night, whilst one existing person stepped down.



	<p>This meeting is being held again at 9am on Thursday 9th in the CRIC centre, mainly for new volunteers on the Crickhowell side.</p> <p>Volunteers are to be issued with ID cards very soon, so that they can start to visit residents with a questionnaire about their circumstances and previous flooding events.</p> <p>County Councillor stated that she is still waiting for information in relation to the bus shelter. She had been in conversation with a larger group of interested parties in relation to community transport. She will be bringing it forward to the network group next week to talk about this further.</p>
63/21	<p>Active Travel Update:</p> <p>County Councillor J Charlton stated there is not much information to share with the committee at the moment. Fran from Accessibility Wales did come for a site visit, and she thought that the footpath behind the Horseshoe over the bridge would be a good link for residents. Fran will put her thoughts in writing. Cllr Charlton thought this may need some funding to be able to get this safe and accessible. She is hopeful to have more information next year.</p> <p>The Clerk requested if there were any comments in relation to Crickhowell Town's Council concerns around the Active Travel Plan safe path through Bullpit Meadow. Cllr Charlton said she did not know why this was thought and stated that as far as she is concerned the path is still within the current plans.</p>
64/21	<p>Planning applications received after the previous meeting:</p> <p>Cllr G Jones introduced this item:</p> <p>21/20474/FUL – Glebe Field path application. Planning referred to Mike Higgins, Tree Consultant for Parks. No Objection to proposed development but subject to conditions regarding the proximity of trees and hedges and re-landscaping intentions of the site. The pre-commencement condition requires us to provide Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) and an Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) and proof of adhering to the AMS will be demonstrated through the submission of a series of brief reports throughout the scheme or a single larger report -detailing each arboricultural consultant/clerk of works visit and where relevant photographic evidence. Recommend contacting Stephan Butcher, PCC, for assistance and guidance.</p> <p>21/20431/FUL – Recreation Ground perimeter path. Also referred to Mike Higgins, with No Objection but subject to same conditions as Glebe Field. Also referred to the park's Heritage Officer who has referred to Cadw as the plans indicate the path would be near Garn Coch. Cadw require an SMC (Scheduled Monument Consent) to be decided before approval. Cllr R Jones has assisted with the Clerk's to request site visit with Will Davies and Amelia Pannett from Cadw – we will meet them on Friday 10th morning and clarify where the scheduled perimeter of the Scheduled Ancient Monument is and request an SMC.</p>

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	<p>Update on Meet the CEO of BBNPA – seminar held on 23.11.21 Attended by Cllr K Inglis and Cllr G Jones. Only 8 participants from other community councils, good opportunity to ask questions! New CEO gave broad outlines on what they wanted to do. They are using doughnut economic model to revitalise the way BBNPA operates. There need to be big shifts in:</p> <p>Land Management Health – curative not preventative Economy – from linear to “doughnut” model Housing – community focussed, not market driven Energy Tourism</p> <p>The headlines are that 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”. Their ambition is to be ecologically resilient and zero carbon by 2045. They will be introducing new farming and land management schemes – working with individual landowners and payment for eco-system services; engaging with community councils, setting up a Nutrient Ingress Management Board for the River Usk due to dangerously high levels of phosphates in the river water. This appears to tie in with Bob Vaughan’s (NRW) presentation to EWG yesterday. It is about influencing and advocacy and trying to sell a vision on how this can all work as shown in the heart of the doughnut model “so we can get that balance between nature and people living in harmony to the good of both”. We asked about Planning decisions which appear to contradict their ambitions and the CEO responded that she empathised with the way we feel about some planning decisions. The Planning Officers are taking perfectly proper decisions against the current guidance and basically what needs to change is the system they are operating in. A Place Plan would help.</p> <p>Update on Ciner Glass Recycling Factory – letter from Kathy Jenkins, Planning Enforcement Technician. Kathy sent link to a recent meeting PAROW minutes and comments made by Chris O’Brien, Policy Officer. Because it is near the boundary of the Parks in Blaenau Gwent, it is termed a “Fringe Application/Consultation”. No further comments at this time, but the minutes state the scoping conclusions the Environmental Statement will need to detail cover 1) the impact of emissions on ecological receptors in the National Park and 2) the visual impact of the development from receptors in the National Park. Meaning??? There were also notes that discharge vapour from the chimneys have been scoped out of the visual appraise because the specific weather conditions needed for the formation of a vapour plume will only occur for approximately 0.1% of the year (ie <10 hours per year).</p>
65/21	Date of next committee meeting to be confirmed – 4th January 2022

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