

# Llangattock Community Council - CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWGW

The following are the minutes of an ordinary meeting of Llangattock Community Council, held online and in person at the Community Hall in Llangattock on Tuesday 17th January 7pm.

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

**Public Participation:**

No requests at the time of publishing

72/22	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr S Ady
73/22	<b>Members' declarations of Interest:</b> None
74/22	<b>Minutes to approve from meeting of the 20th December 2022 and any matters arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dogs legislation - ongoing</li><li>• Ambulance Response - ongoing</li></ul> <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr T Jones <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr G Jones <b>Resolved:</b> that the minutes are a true and accurate record
75/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Discussion and agreement in relation to Clerking and Committee meetings</b> This council is happy to proceed that the clerk will not be present at committee with the approval of the Chair of that Committee and that the Proper Officer will check any contentious issues if necessary when writing the minutes.</li></ul> <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr G Jones <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr T Jones <b>Resolved:</b> the above motion passed
76/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Motion to accept new Grant Application Form</b></li></ul> <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr T Jones <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr K Inglis <b>Resolved:</b> that the council accept this new grant application form
77/22	<b>County Councillors Report (for information only)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Community Hall Funding?</b> – I'm disappointed that the Community Council were not able to support the grant request from the Community Hall Management Committee. I do hope we can find a way of supporting them going forward and will keep in touch with the Management Committee.</li><li>2. <b>Bus Shelter</b> – I am still waiting for more feedback on this. Feels like another marathon! Will take this up again with the Transport Team.</li><li>3. <b>Ash Tree and Grit Bins</b> – Not sure if anything has been done although I did chase this up. Not had any feedback on replacement of the grit bin. Have also been offered a site visit to look at another very large Ash Tree on Hillside. Ash Die Back is a real concern.</li><li>4. <b>Lights</b> – It seems to be a common problem when reporting lighting issues on line that</li></ol>



they do not get resolved. This has happened in Llangyndir and I am now getting reports elsewhere in the County. Will ask what can be done. In the meantime will again report the low light concerns and the lights which are not coming on.

5. **Llanbedr School** – Sadly the confirmation in the Cabinet meeting was to close Llanbedr. Pupils will be given support and will make choices very soon. There is an expectation that most will want to transfer to another CiW school although they can go to any other Primary in the Catchment (Crickhowell or Llangynidr).
  6. **Crickhowell Catchment Review** – Bwlch is now a single catchment area for Crickhowell. This means that children will attend Llangynidr primary and Crickhowell High School. There are some issues but this means the closest school for Bwlch children is Llangyndir for Primary and Crickhowell High School for secondary. This is still causing some concern but will improve future numbers for Llangynidr although Llangors CiW School are raising concerns again. No implication for Llangattock CiW Primary.
  7. **Kept Clerk Updated** - With funding opportunities and council business.
- County Councillor Surgery Llangattock** – Next Surgery planned for February with Repair Cafe. Will be making this a regular monthly event sharing between Llangattock and Llangynidr community halls. In March will be in Llangynidr.

**Powys Wide Issues:-**

1. **The Budget** – The draft budget was approved yesterday. We have agreed to keep council tax to 3.8% with the Fire and Rescue Levy taking the full cost to 5%. This is due in part to a good settlement from Welsh Government making Powys one of the highest in Wales. However, this has been achieved with a massive effort to keep savings to those areas we believe keep front line services going. Some issues around leisure centres causing concern last month and energy costs for all services still a major concern especially for school budgets.
2. **Closure of Llanbedr** – Very sorry this decision was made yesterday. There will be many community conversations around this issue and trying to support the community of Llanbedr through this transition.
3. **Review of Winter Services** – This is a review very much needed. Not been undertaken for 20 years. It is about the regular winter grit spreading which we see regularly along our roads. The review will enable Powys to consider how we manage these routes with optimum cover to areas most needed but will reconsider where not necessarily meeting standards within the statutory code. Grit bins will also be reviewed. There will be a consultation coming forward during February and I am hoping that all Community Councils will engage in this.
4. **Presentation to Town & Community Councils by the Leader of Powys County Council** – there is an opportunity to see what support is available to T&C Councils tomorrow with an open invitation to attend the regular event now organised by the Leader of the Council. Tomorrow will focus on the Climate and Nature Emergency and support for T&C Councils. Sue has been sent the links.
5. **Home to School Transport** – There was a change in school transport in January and there were some issues across the County. Not heard about any issues for Crickhowell or other schools locally.

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**Standing Committees (and their respective working parties) update & motions:**

**Reports:**

**Planning and Environment Committee (Cllr K Inglis)**

There has been no meeting since December, the next meeting is on Feb 7th.

**PLANNING**

**Updates:**

1. 1 22/21323 FUL – Winneba.

Swimming pool has been removed from the application after the Ecologist requested more information on whether the pool was a closed water system. If not then where would the water drain to? This was in regard to the impact on the River USK SAC.

This still leaves the extension and balcony on the application, no objections received from residents to date.

**ENVIRONMENT**

- **Flooding:** Thanks to the Emergency Services and Powys County Council, Highways and Emergency Team for all their hard work. Incident on Thursday 12th Jan, was managed much better than in the past. Communication with PCC, Jackie, wardens and to the public worked well. Pumps worked well on the Crickhowell side of the river. Flood Wardens did a brilliant job dealing with drivers and directing traffic, a massive thank you to all of them. Debrief for Flood Wardens to be held on Wednesday 25th at 6.30pm at St Catwgs.
- **Slow the Flow:** Simon Evans of the Wye & Usk Foundation got in touch, he has been requested by Graham Astley of PCC Land Drainage, to include a plan for the Onneu Fach in his next funding bid. Potentially this may mean funding for Natural Flood Management on the Onneu Fach. Bid being written already, in draft form. Will follow up with Graham Astley over next few weeks.
- **LCC Website Emergency Info** - Meeting with Tim on Thursday 19th to discuss website additions for Emergency info and flooding.
- **Environment working group** - next LCC EWG meet 30th Jan
- **Repair Cafes:** Next event on Saturday 28th Jan. All donations of cake/biscuits and people-power for the cafe are very welcome.
- **Next meeting of P&E is on February 7th 2023**

**Community Committee (Cllr T Jones)**

● Kissing Gates. The grant application for funds to improve the kissing gates had been submitted and was being scrutinized by the grant funders.

● Recreation Ground Accessible Path Grant - the VAT amount is still due for payment, awaiting the contractor's VAT number. RJ/TJ are in regular contact with the contractor.

● BBNPA accessible link path from Recreation Ground to Beech Woods update - now expected to be constructed in Jan/Feb. Awaiting notification and final consultation on design. A has also been made to Central Services to purchase larger 'No Dog' signs.

● Possible link from Recreation Ground to the main road - PCC had been consulted informally and had indicated that it would be possible to create a crossing on the bend North of the Horseshoe pub. Committee members felt a crossing at the pub was a higher priority, but the most achievable route to this would be via the Active Travel Plan.

- Garn Goch The £6,600 invoice for the archaeological exploration of Garn Goch has been paid, with the VAT element being met from the Council's general reserves.
- Garn Goch community dig - no update.
- Energy efficiency upgrades to the toilet block. Update on the toilet/SDF grant. Local architect, Zac Davies, is pulling together some drawings and energy efficiency raOngs, which, together with the Llangattock Green Valleys report, which would form the basis of a grant application in April. The Council had also received an offer of costing the works from the Robert Price Energy Efficiency Centre in Newport.
- Boathouse Defibrillator - Cllr H Burns confirmed that this was awaiting electrical work from the Canal and Rivers Trust. The committee also enquired about the defibrillator at the Horse Shoe, which had not been working but has now been returned after repair.
- Basketball hoop for the recreation ground - the community fundraising appeal has reached its target. The funds will be donated to the Council to purchase and install the equipment. A decision is needed about galvanized vs acrylic backboard. The committee expressed its admiration for the community fundraising effort and the support of the Crickhowell and District Community Partnership, which provided match funding.
- Budget report – this had been published without comment and with only one question.
- Ffawyddog bench project. The sequence of events and the location of the bench has been clarified. A motion is before the Council to support the project.
- Food Vendors at the Recreation Ground: A request had been received on whether to allow a waffle van/coffee van to operate by the shelters on the recreation ground on occasion. There was general enthusiasm for this idea, though it was felt the Council should set up a working group to establish a set of criteria as to who/when/what would be allowed, and that should include vendors who had applied previously. The Motion is before Council to recommend this.
- Flooding: We supported the flood group with communications during the recent flooding.
- Procurement: LCC can now procure public contracts via the Sell2Wales website.
- Website: The website has been updated with imagery from the last 12 months.

**Motion:** to create a Working Group in relation to food vendors on Council land (Cllr T Jones)

**Proposed:** Cllr R Jones

**Seconded:** Cllr K Inglis

**Resolved:** that a working be formed between Community and Central Services

**Motion:** That this Council congratulates the Ffawyddog Community Group (FCG) for wishing to enhance the facilities available to the community and visitors to the area.

That the Council agrees in principle to take responsibility for a bench which the FCG wishes to install subject to:

- Most residents of the Ffawyddog who gave money to this project wish it to be so.

- Approval by the Council of the final design.
- The signing of a memorandum of understanding between Llangattock Community Council (LCC) such that the FCG will keep the bench in good working order and gives LCC express permission to remove the bench should it fail to do so. (Cllr T Jones)

After a debate, the motion was changed to the following with full Council approval:

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**Proposed:** Cllr T Jones

**Seconded:** Cllr R Jones

**Resolved:** that the group be informed of the above motion being passed

- Request from the County Councillor in relation to County items being included in the Newsletter (Cllr T Jones), it was noted that the Council approves all newsletters and therefore retains editorial control and will not be adding any items that would be political.

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

- Payment due for this month and reported payments
- Reconciliation Report (quarterly) - noted

**Proposed:** Cllr G Jones

**Seconded:** Cllr T Jones

**Resolved:** for the RFO to arrange the payments of the invoices and that the Council noted that payments made

#### **Central Services (Cllr G Jones)**

Committee met online on Thursday, 22nd December, 2022.

- RoSPA Report for 2022 - now received and sent to committee members. Clerk and Chair have gone through the report and highlighted areas of attention. It should be noted that the report for last year states that the multiplay equipment is "at the end of its useful working life" and we are tasked with programming "early replacement".
- Invite Stephan Butcher to a site visit to talk about options with repair work we can do.
- Glebe Field lease - response from Surveyors received. Lease is due for renewal in 2024. The land available and annual charge needs further discussion this year before being brought to Full Council as a summarised presentation for sign off.
- Tree Inspection Survey - confirmed same as last surveyor. In the diary for spring when in full foliage.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maintenance To Do list - to be updated and streamlined - several outstanding jobs to be done as the weather improves and the spending freeze lifted.</li> <li>● Talking of freezes - water frozen in toilet pod - Richard looking at solutions.</li> <li>● Faulty tap in ladies WC fixed by Dave Harries early January.</li> <li>● Cemetery - Clerk updated committee on an issue with processes with us, funeral directors, bereaved families and gravediggers. Sam has kindly offered to review processes with Kay and input from Richard please and it is possible we will draw up our own policy to clarify procedures in the future.</li> <li>● Hedgeline with Glebe path - OTM to carry out hedge cutting and strim pathway as soon as the weather allows. On the list and in hand.</li> <li>● Asset Monthly Tour - to be arranged late January with Ann Williams, Gail to accompany. Any actions will be added to the Job List and any voluntary assistance from Llangattock Village Society to be discussed with Helen.</li> <li>● Clerk and Chair looking at compiling a calendar chart to log all important dates/data relevant to Central Services remit. Some policies will be due for review this year.</li> <li>● Next meeting at the end of February.</li> </ul>
79/22	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 06.01.23 - Resident in relation to metal detection on Council land  <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr R Jones  <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr J Rees  <b>Resolved:</b> Cllr T Jones and the Clerk will respond to the request from the resident informing them of the restrictions in relation to Garn Goch and to request that they take part in the community dig project.</li> <li>● 28.12.22 - Yes Cymru - Email, request for grant  This Council did not wish to give a grant to this body at this time.</li> <li>● 23.12.22 - Resident in relation to Basketball Hoop  Request to write to the resident to ask that they take this up with the County Cllr and visit her at his next surgery as this would appear to be a highways matter  <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr K Inglis  <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr G Jones  <b>Resolved:</b> for the clerk to write to the resident</li> <li>● 22.12.22 - Black Mountain Archeology - Garn Goch Report  <b>Motion</b> to allow the items found to be retained by Powys Archive  <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr H Burns  <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr T Jones  <b>Resolved:</b> for Black Mountain Archeology to be told that they can go ahead and contact the archive in Powys to store the items found.</li> <li>● 13.12.22 - Powys - Email, Dispensation  The Clerk to send this letter to all Councillors via email</li> </ul>
80/21	<p><b>Date of next committee meeting to be 21st February 2023 confirmed at 7pm</b>  Noted</p>

