

Llangattock Community Council - CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWGW

The minutes of an ordinary meeting of Llangattock Community Council, held online on Tuesday 20th June 2023 7pm.

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

Clerk - Kay Bailey County Cllr - Jackie Charlton Public Participation: none

27/23	Apologies for absence: Cllr J Rees
28/23	Members' declarations of Interest - Cllr G Dobbs item 31/23 Trees on the Mountain
29/23	Minutes to approve from meeting of the 16th May Ordinary Meeting, 16th May Annual Meeting and the 23rd May Extraordinary Meeting 2023 and any matters arising: Annual Meeting Proposed: Cllr S Ady Seconded: Cllr K Inglis Resolved: that the minutes are a true and accurate record Ordinary Meeting Proposed: Cllr T Jones Seconded: Cllr G Jones Resolved: that the minutes are a true and accurate record Extraordinary Meeting Proposed: Cllr T Jones Seconded: Cllr S Ady Resolved: that the minutes are a true and accurate record <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The FOI has been responded to - noted
30/23	County Councillors Report (for information only) No formal report produced due to time, items to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feedback required in relation to LED lights proposals. All lights in Llangattock are to be changed, with a provisional date in the Autumn. There are three lights that Powys are proposing to switch off completely, one by the Rectory (not been on since 2018), and two on the Ffawyddog; her feeling is that they should remain on and she requested feedback from Councillors. It was felt that the two should remain.• Wildflower areas - there is funding available and communications have been made with residents in relation to accessing this.• Bus shelter - she is awaiting information that has been delayed by a change in personnel.• 20mph responses to the maps have been relayed to the department.• Surgery at the repair cafe was successful• The eco conference was also successful with good engagement from Town and Community Councils. A pack will be available and sent to Cllr Inglis and Cllr G

	<p>Jones.</p> <p>Cll T Jones then shared the 20mps maps with the Council to show where the 20mph will come into force. He pointed out the exemption to the 20mph on the Hillside Road above bridge 114 and asked whether the stretch south of bridge 115 would be 20mph. He also questioned whether a 20mph sign into the village at The Plas was in the right place given the Active Travel Plan and discussion around a pathway over the road from the Recreation Ground..</p> <p>Cllr Charlton updated that Monmouthshire have requested that the Glangrwyney Road on their side be a 20mph road and they have requested that Powys do the same on their side and this will also be up for consultation. It has originally been suggested as a cycle only route by Monmouthshire but it was not accepted by the Welsh Government.</p> <p>Cllr G Dobbs stated that the Ffawyddog should be 40mph - County Councillor J Charlton said that this could not be done on this piece of legislation, unfortunately.</p> <p>The County Cllr stated that she will find out when the consultation will be available due to the timescales involved.</p>
31/23	<p>Report from the Planning and Environment Committee for Full Council agreement (Cllr K Inglis) and any Motions for the Full Council to Consider</p> <p>P&E met on 6th June. Minutes of the meeting of 2nd May were approved.</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PCC – Climate and Nature forum held on 14th June. Successful event with Councillors and attendees from across Powys, with aim of networking and encouraging T&CCs to develop their Climate & Nature Action plans. Nature session and Q&A with Speakers including: One Voice Wales, Powys Nature Partnership, W.Govt. Section 6 Biodiversity Lead, PCC and On the Verge. Climate session and Q&A with Speakers including: Bannau Brycheiniog, Centre for Alternative Technology, W.Govt Energy service and Severn Wye Energy Agency. There will be a follow-up pack which will be shared on the LCC Drive. ● LGV - Five Councils - Environment Meeting New date being fixed for next meeting, late June or early July. LGV Simon Walters had successful walk around with BBNPA staff in June, impressed with everything we are doing here in the Village. Think Funding app – small project fund for transport issues in Rural Communities deadline July 15th. In discussion. ● Climate Assembly meeting – online Weds 28th June – flyer attached – please share. ● Repair Cafe – promoted at Fete on 17th with bike fixers. Next session is on 24th June. Café is covering its costs so far with an average of between 15-20 items fixed each month. School uniform swap to be available in future and stored in Kinde cupboard. Kate liaising with Nell Battson. ● Speeding over the mountain – Cllrs G Jones & J Charlton have recently undertaken another Speedwatch session. Approved letter was sent to the CEO of the National Park on 2nd June, raising our concerns over speeding and sheep deaths and other anti-social behaviours on the Mountain. Awaiting response.

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- **Waun Ddu:** Following an issue with the landowner and NRW in relation to the permission for access to the Raised Bog. The P&E committee voted to approve a follow-up clarification letter, however after further contact with NRW this has not been sent. We have been requested to wait for NRW to meet with the landowner face to face, which they were hoping to do this week. Ongoing situation to monitor.
- **PCC Quarterly Flood meeting** – Cllr G Jones & Cllr K Inglis attended yesterday 19/6. **Graham Astley, PCC Land Drainage** – mentioned how the application for the Culvert in the Legar Brook has progressed to the “Business case” stage and how this scheme will overlap with Slow the Flow and other Natural Flood Management (NFM) work. **Slow the Flow** – application “looks positive” but we will have to wait for a formal announcement. If we have problems with a less than positive landowner, the monies can still be used within the catchment. **Flash flooding** – Issue of water running through Beechwoods and ending up on road at Vine Tree was flagged. Could be looked at as part of the NFM works. To follow up with BBNPA and CRT, who may have done some recent works. **Crickhowell Bridge** – Issue reported by a resident of material having been washed away from under one of the parapets supporting the bridge. A team has been engaged by PCC to carry out these emergency works. Cllr J Charlton wanted to pass on thanks to the Flood wardens and especially to the Crickhowell resident who raised this issue.
- **Enhancing Common Land with Trees Project Brief** – Discussion and possible letter to be sent requesting further information from the Duke of Beaufort and Pryor & Rickett Silviculture.

PLANNING:

21/19927/FUL at Timbercraft Park - This is a re-consultation due to amendment Councillors voted to support this application and the improvements to the road layout. Visuals shared with the Full Council for information.

22/21323/FUL - Letter sent to planning officer regarding Winneba and concerns received from residents. No reply as yet, chased up on 19/6/23.

- **Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th July at 7pm, 2023.**

The report was noted by the full council.

Discussion in relation to the document supplied by Cllr J Rees “Enhancing Common Land with Trees”

The documentation was discussed and concerns raised. The County Councillor stated that Powys have not been consulted and are not aware of this document. Cllr G Dobbs stated that the commoners had not been consulted before the document had been produced. The County Cllr will find out the name of the person involved at NRW. Cllr G Dobbs, requested that the letter be sent to the AM as well.

Proposed: Cllr R Jones

Seconded: Cllr T Jones

Resolved: for a letter to be drafted and for Llangynidr Community Council to be consulted on their views also.



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Report from the Central Services for Full Council agreement and any Motions for the Full Council to Consider (Cllr G Jones)

Committee last met on Tuesday 30th May, 2023.

Thanks to Sam for chairing in Gail's absence.

Maintenance:

Monthly asset list due to be carried out by the end of the month. If someone can swap places with Tim that would be great.

Zipwire failure. It was closed due to faulty and worn parts on the traveller mechanism and spring on the cable a week before the cable snapped at a rusted weak point. The seat had already been cable-tied up to the wire to prevent use. The ties were not found near the location and we cannot say for certain whether someone had tried to use it while out of commission. Kay has ordered replacement parts from DragonPlay and we are waiting for them to be sourced. Thanks to Richard, Gwyn and Julian for taking down all the broken parts.

Once we have re-commissioned the zipwire we will investigate someone to be contracted to inspect the equipment for us on a regular basis.

The Memorial garden watering tap is now operational. A key for the tap lock is hanging in the cleaning cupboard. Gail has hosepipes to connect to it and reach the fruit trees and other shrubs. Thank you to Craig and Richard for getting it ready in time for the fete.

A mature tree on the edge of the footpath between the little Onneu bridge and the church kissing gate has been identified by the Woodland Group as having ash dieback. We have identified the landowner and having had a quick chat with her at the fete, she is going to talk to her tree surgeon and Barry Sandilands about what happens next and its likely removal.

HR/Governance and Insurance:

Sam and I are going to have an online meeting with Peninsula who are offering to provide an HR service which would support Kay (on HR matters and welfare) and pick up various administrative functions (risk assessments and maintenance lists) which are currently relying on human input and management. Hopefully the demo is happening this Thursday afternoon and can be put on the agenda to discuss at Central the following Thursday.

Complaints, recruitment, grievance and disciplinary panels:

None

Committee due to next meet on Thursday 29th June, 2023

The report was noted by the full council.

- Zumba in the Park, feedback and comments (Cllr H Burns/Cllr G Jones)



	<p>Cllr H Burns fed back on the Zumba in the Park, she mentioned that it was successful, however that the music was potentially too loud. Councillors discussed that if the business contacted the Council to do another class, that the noise level be agreed upon as fitness in the park is a good idea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs in the recreation ground (Beechwood entrance to the allotments) (Cllr R Jones/Cllr G Jones) <p>Cllr G Jones gave an update on a discussion that was had with a person entering the allotments via the park with dogs. The person was unhappy with being told that they should not enter the recreation ground with dogs.</p> <p>Cllr A Williams mentioned that there are regular reports of dogs both in the recreation ground and the Glebe Field.</p> <p>Cllr T Jones requested that when we write to LACAS with a gentle reminder to members in relation to the rules for the recreation ground.</p> <p>Cllr H Burns suggested that an entrance from the Beechwood to the LACAS field could be an answer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: to Increase to the Chair's allowance with a VIRE from Central Services of £500 Proposed: Cllr T Jones Seconded: Cllr G Dobbs Resolved: that £500 be VIREd from Central Services to the Chair's allowance • Motion: for the Full Council to sign off the Risk Assessment presented at the Annual Meeting in May Proposed: Cllr T Jones Seconded: Cllr S Ady Resolved: the risk assessment was accepted by the full council • Discussion in relation to the Clerk's hours (Cllr G Jones) This will be looked at in the next Central Services meeting on Thursday. <p>The full council accepted this report.</p>
33/23	<p>Community Committee Motions to Full Council & Place Plan Steering Group Reports for Full Council agreement</p> <p>To congratulate Llangattock Village Society and the LCC Fete Working Group for organising a highly successful summer fete, and to the following businesses and volunteers who helped to make it happen. He would like to formally thank the list that has been provided.</p> <p>The full council accepted this report.</p> <p>Llangattock Place Plan Working Group Report: The LPPWG had a pop-up information stand at the summer fete and spoke to more than 100 people about the plan. Around 100 short surveys were given out, and 50 returned on the day. The general reaction was positive and interested.</p> <p>The Bannau Brycheiniog Sustainable Development Fund has awarded £1,440 for printing and promotional materials.</p> <p>Next steps: Collate the information collected on the day Create a database of interested residents</p>



	<p>Filter the database according to area and interest Decide the composition of the Working Group as it includes interested residents Create initial audiences in MailChimp for each interest issue Organise an inception meeting to raise awareness further and discuss the way forward. Profile our community using data and existing information/plans Organise another meeting to evaluate our community as it is now.</p>
34/23	<p>Report from the Finance Committee for Full Council agreement and any associated Motions for the Full Council (Cllr S Ady & RFO)</p> <p>No Finance Committee held since the last Ordinary meeting, however work has continued regarding the full audit. Our clerk/RFO has been working tirelessly to ensure that all the required information will be available for submission on or before the 7th August.</p> <p>There may be some documentation that we will need to be signed around declarations of interest and committee meetings but Kay or I will be in touch with you and provide hard copies as required.</p> <p>We have also received further information from the Auditor General's office regarding key dates relating to this year's audit.</p> <p>Monday 11 th September is the date that the Auditor General has appointed from which electors can exercise their right under the Public Audit Wales Act 2004.</p> <p>Also the annual return must be certified by the RFO and approved by the Council by 30 June 23. This we did on 23 May. This and supporting documentation must be submitted by 1st August. The audit office hopes to issue audit opinions from 18th September 23.</p> <p>The timetable for public inspection of accounts has also been issued. We must publish our audit notice on our website and noticeboards for a minimum of 14 calendar days.</p> <p>After 14 days we will need to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place for members of the public to inspect the accounts and supporting documentation, if they want to, for a total of 20 working days from 10 July to 4 August. I would suggest that this is via appointment with the clerk at the office in the Clarence Hall House.</p> <p>With regards to the issue of VAT that and whether there is a limit to the amount that we are able to claim back, Kay has finally had a reply from the SLCC through a company called PSTAX. Their Principal Indirect Tax Consultant is of the opinion that there won't be "any restriction to the Council's entitlement to recover VAT that it incurs on works to replace public realm items such as playground equipment and kissing gates. These will both presumably relate to the Council's non-business functions and so the related VAT can be recovered in full. The annual £7,500 limit does not apply to this type of VAT.</p> <p>The £7,500 limit relates very specifically to the VAT you incur to support VAT-exempt 'business' activities and the sort of things this applies to would include community buildings that you hold out for leasing or letting to third parties. Looking at your website, this could perhaps include the Llangattock Community Hall" We are awaiting a reply from PSTAX as to whether we are able to claim the tax back up front or on payment. If the reply comes back that we can claim up front I would still advise that we maintain a buffer in the budget to ensure business continuity.</p>



	<p>Good news I think which will make our development plans for the coming years a lot easier to manage.</p> <p>The report was noted by the full council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: for Full Council to a) note the payments made in the previous month and b) request the RFO to pay the invoices received (attached report) Proposed: Cllr K Inglis Seconded: Cllr G Jones Resolved: that the full council instruct the RFO/Clerk will pay the invoices requested and the full council notes those payments already made ● Motion: for the Full Council to accept the reconciliation report Proposed: Cllr T Jones Seconded: Cllr G Jones Resolved: that the full council accept the reconciliation report ● Audit update - to be given by the RFO and Cllr S Ady - this was given within the finance report ● VAT update - Cllr S Ady/RFO - this was given within the finance report
<p>35/23</p>	<p>Correspondence & Other outside Committee feedback</p> <p>15th June - email: henk.jan.kuipers@powys.gov.uk Ymgynghoriad ar yr Asesiad o'r Farchnad Dai Leol ar gyfer Powys / Consultation on the Local Housing Market Assessment for Powys Cllr T Jones suggests that this be passed to the Planning and Environment Committee. Cllr K Inglis will place this on the committee's next agenda.</p> <p>07th June - email: Gilestone Farm project community engagement Cllr R Jones confirmed that leaflets have been received in the community in relation to the project. After discussion it was decided to have a future item on the agenda in relation to the project.</p> <p>05th June - email: Llangynidr Show 2023 Sports & Health Hub Noted but no capacity at this time.</p> <p>Cllr A Williams informed the Council that she had concerns in relation to the swimming in the river. Crickhowell Town Council stated that the conditions of the river are the remit of National Resources Wales. The Clerk will pass this to Central Services for them to investigate further.</p> <p>Update on parking correspondence (Clerk/Cllr T Jones) The Clerk confirmed that the resident's had responded and requested how to pull together a public meeting so she had</p> <p>The Council discussed a letter from a resident regarding the Council's use, with permission, of images of a scout group who had attended an informal briefing about the Place Plan. Cllr T Jones agreed to do more research.</p> <p>Outside Committees (Llangattock School, LACAS, Village Hall, PACE etc if not mentioned under specific committee) Cllr A Williams confirmed that the school had confirmed that Llanbedr School is closing. There had been correspondence stating that Llangattock School had been unsupportive, which was not the case. This has meant that the school children from Llanbedr have mostly decided to go to Crickhowell Primary. This will impact on Llangattock's numbers.</p> <p>There is a new head teacher who is settling in well, however the school has also been informed that</p>

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	they are to have an inspection.
36/23	Date of next committee meeting to be 18th July 2023 Noted

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