Llangattock Community Council - *CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWG*

The following are the minutes for an ordinary meeting of Llangattock Community Council held online on Tuesday 21st November 2023 7pm.

Attendance: Cllr R Jones (Chair), Cllr T Jones (Vice Chair), Cllr G Jones, Cllr H Burns, Cllr S Ady, Cllr J Rees, Cllr G Dobbs, Cllr A Stubbs

County Councillor Jackie Charlton, Kay Bailey (Clerk)

Public Participation: Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau

CRB presented a case for "core funding" within the Council precept, outlining the pressures with sustainability of services. The Councillor's requested that they send through the figures for the residents of Llangattock ward and they will discuss.

72/23	**Apologies for absence** Cllr A Williams, Cllr K Inglis The Chair wished to thanks Cllr A Stubbs for his attendance at the Rememberance Service.
73/23	**Members' declarations of Interest** None
74/23	**Minutes to approve from meeting of the 17th October 2023 and any matters arising:** **Matters arising:** **Proposed:** Cllr T Jones **Seconded:** Cllr G Jones ● Response from Powys in relation to the closure of the Brecon Recycling Centre for 3 months County Councillor Jackie Charlton gave more feedback to the email response.
75/23	**County Councillors Report (for information only)** The County Councillor gave their report (available online) Cllr T Jones **proposed** to draft a letter for the support for yellow lines, **seconded** by Cllr R Jones. The Council agreed **unanimously** to write the letter of support. He congratulated the County Cllr on the funding for Active Travel and will be happy to share the data from LCC's place plan. He also requested the speeding data. He also asked for confirmation that the extra bus will come through Llangattock, the County Councillor stated that she could not confirm this but there is work ongoing in relation to rural travel and "Think". Cllr H Burns stated that all the buses should as a matter of course, come through Llangattock, the County Cllr suggested that this can be brought up in the next round of timetable talks.
76/23	**Report from the Planning and Environment Committee for Full Council agreement (Cllr K Inglis) and any Motions for the Full Council to Consider** **Powys Green Guide**: Community Councils now have their climate declarations & section 6 documents listed on the site, LCC are one of the first to feature! **Flood Warden meeting** - A very useful meeting for the flood warden volunteers was held on 18th October and was attended by officers from PCC. Lyn Parry from Highways and Simon Crowther from

	Land Drainage. Volunteers had a chance to ask specific questions and we were able to hear more about the work of Land Drainage and particularly Sustainable drainage and Slow the Flow work. Positive responses were recorded after Storm Ciaran, Full PCC team were on standby, drain lorry was deployed, gulleys were cleared all in advance, new sandbags delivered on Crick side. Cllr J Charlton spoke of the importance of the Flood work and how this will be extended into Ystradgynlais and Knighton, keen to share and learn from other groups and then develop a proper Strategy for Powys. **Wye & Usk Foundation:** Slow the Flow – meeting scheduled for Monday 27th to hear the latest update. **LCC website:** link sent around beforehand. **Motion** to approve new additions under Environment & Get Help by Full Council. **THINK transport project**. Meeting held with BBNPA and Brecon Dial-a-ride on 8th November. A motion was passed at P&E to set up a working group including members of the Community. Still in the research phase but making good progress. **Swimming in the Usk:** Response from NRW to email concerning swimming and water quality. Clerk to send a copy of the NRW letter to Clare Beatty Clerk CTC, requesting it for discussion at next Five Council meeting. **Active Travel update** - Cllr J Charlton reported on new traffic lights for the bridge that will recognise cyclists. Discussion over possible pedestrian crossing and whether a different road surface or colour could achieve the same purpose. Cllr Charlton also reported an extra bus is to run in the afternoon leaving Abergavenny around 5pm. Powys has not done well out of the Welsh Govt. bus Transition Fund, receiving only 2% of the funding. **Planning** **23/21866 - Church View** - no further updates **23/22248 - Winneba** -no further updates **23/22412 - TRCA LCC** - No comment other than to support our own application. **22/20716 - Llangattock Woodland Group** - response was received to LCC email concerning retrospective planning applications. Councillors discussed other concerns. **22/21395 - Gron House** - It was agreed that LCC should write a letter of concern to the appropriate Officer at BBNPA Planning Dept. Draft approved, with Clerk for sending. **19/17904** - email received from J Scott to Cllr T Jones, concerning enforcement notice. Resubmission of 18/16367 & 16/13567. Draft reply approved, with Clerk to send. **Motion:** to sign off the website additions for the emergency and environment sections (invoice is

	within the payments) **Proposed:** Cllr G Jones **Seconded:** Cllr R Jones **Resolved:** that the website pages were accepted Cllr G Jones will be undertaking the Enforcement Training run by Planning Aid Wales in the next two weeks.
77/23	**Report from the Central Services for Full Council agreement and any Motions for the Full Council to Consider (Cllr G Jones)** Committee met on Thursday 26th October, 2023. *(Sam kindly Chaired the meeting in Gail's absence).* **Maintenance update** ● The primary school will engage with the offer of Makaton Boards. ● Toilet cleaning hours being negotiated with Richard and Andy (**update**: Andy said he has taken back the weekend shift) ● Kay has become a member of the ICCM – (Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management) as part of Central's review of burial procedures ● A request has gone to BB for permission to carry out works as per the Tree Survey and to OTM for a quote for some of the works. ● The 2023 RoSPA report has not been received yet. ● The Clerk signed and returned the National Grid lease documentation ● Kay will be on leave for 2 weeks and will pick up with BrightSafe regarding asset maintenance (Peninsula Services) when she returns. ● The DragonPlay quote for regular inspections and consequent maintenance of the play equipment was accepted. (**update**: with the new zipwire cable stretching significantly to put the traveller seat well below the regulation ground clearance, it was taken out of action immediately. However, Richard and Gwyn with his special tweaking tool were able to make a sufficient adjustment to allow it to be used again. Many thanks to them both. DragonPlay are due to carry out the first of their regular inspections in early December.) ● A contract has been accepted for regular maintenance of the Toilet Block Gents Urinal. ● Land and Stone will assess the condition of the Kicking Wall and we are waiting for the RoSPA report to see their comments too. **Governance and Insurance Update** ● Sam heroically updated the Standing Orders for debate at committee. Some sections were outdated, such as terminology for Chairman and Vice Chairman which have been replaced with Chair and Vice Chair. All sections highlighted in yellow are new wording and those in blue were removed. Committee moved the motion to accept the amendments and report back to November Full Council. Since that motion two more sections have been added, which were sent to committee and highlighted pink in the document, on pages 23 and 26.. These additions are to ensure clarity around the points which are in line with our Financial Regulations (ie sort of cross-referencing) and in the definition of the word "press". They don't change what was agreed or moved at the October meeting. ● Work still in progress on setting up various procedures to formalise booking events. Thanks to Sam for drafting the new form and we're hoping Helen can trial it at the Lighting up Llangattock Christmas tree lights event in the park.

	Finance Update ● Sam, Kay and Gail to look at the budgets for next financial year held in Central. **HR (incl. Complaints, Recruitment, Grievance & Disciplinary Panels)** ● Waiting for NALCC pay scales to be released so we can ensure the Clerk is receiving the correct annual incremental pay award. **Council Toolkit Update** ● Adding Clerk's laptop failure to the risk assessment section as a 'Plan B' is required if the laptop suffers a hardware failure. **Next CS Committee Meeting: Thursday 30th November, 2023 (NEXT WEEK)** ● **Motion:** to accept the new Standing Orders from One Voice Wales with associated changes recommended by the Central Services Committee **Proposed:** Cllr S Ady **Seconded:** Cllr J Rees **Resolved:** The standing orders were accepted by the Full Council
78/23	**Place Plan Steering Group Report for Full Council agreement and any Motions required (Cllr T Jones)** Since the last meeting: • 43 young people responded to a special survey - thanks to Crickhowell High School for their assistance. • Cllrs took part in a Place Plan workshop at which the results of the consultations were explained to them, and several ideas put forward were discussed. • A newsletter was published sharing the consultation results and the ideas with residents. An appeal was also made for people to join working groups, which received a muted response. • The Clerk and the Place Plan Lead sent 13 detailed letters outlining the survey response to responsible bodies, including Powys County Council, The Canal and River Trust, the Duke of Beaufort Estate, the Llangattock Community Hall Committee and the Powys Teaching Health Board. Two letters were also sent to Llangattock Community Council as custodians of the cemetery and the Church View/Owens Row Car Park. • A meeting of the Place Plan Steering Committee was held to discuss the way forward. Cllrs were informed that the consultation had been effective, and letters outlining residents' issues were being sent to the relevant authorities. However, there was a limited response to the request to join working groups. Following some discussion, Cllrs resolved unanimously to recommend to Full Council that: 1) Climate change and environmental impact should inform every step because the Place Plan would be ineffective unless it did so. 2) It would be most effective to sketch out a draft place plan, including a design statement and suggested planning restrictions, as well as candidate sites e.g. affordable housing, parking, a community hub/shop/meeting place, green transport and measures to protect the environment. These could then be presented to and discussed with residents in a series of workshops in the New Year.

	The impact of any proposals on the infrastructure needed to be considered. Before candidate sites for development were brought forward, residents should be consulted on whether to implement an on-street residents' parking scheme in areas under parking pressure. The consultation would be conducted in conjunction with Powys County Council, which is responsible for implementing and enforcing on-street parking and would also include neighbouring areas which vehicles displaced by the residents-only scheme could impact. The consultation should include a permit scheme for the Church View Car Park owned by Llangattock Community Council and candidate sites for a visitors' car park outside the village centre. The basis for consulting on an on-street residents' parking scheme is that any off-street solution (new car parks etc) would either have to be funded from the precept or charging and visitors may attempt to park in neighbouring streets rather than pay parking charges. A sample consultation form us attached below. ● **Motion:** to accept the report from the Place Plan Steering Group and approve future actions in the place plan consultation **Proposed:** Cllr S Ady **Seconded:** Cllr R Jones **Resolved:** the full council accepted the report unanimously ● **Motion:** debate and response to the correspondence from the Place Plan Steering Committee in relation to the Cemetery Cllr T Jones presented the letter. It was suggested that this letter is passed to Central Services for their meeting on the 30th November 2023. ● **Motion:** debate and response to the correspondence from the Place Plan Steering Committee in relation to the Church View Car Park It was confirmed that if a consultation was undertaken and residents were in favour of a residents scheme for on street parking then there is a cost of £4,500-£5,000 to LCC for the legal work. Permits would be £60.00 and not guarantee a space. Off street parking in the Church View Car Park, permits would be considerably more to cover the cost of the charging/fine system that would be required. Cllr G Jones stated that displacement from these kinds of schemes is an issue. Cllr R Jone's view is that the car park should remain public access, his view that extra parking spaces are needed, however the consultation should be undertaken for residents' views and for them to understand the scheme's available. Cllr H Burns concurred with Cllr R Jones that residents need to understand the restrictions/cost in place with the available schemes. Cllr T Jones' preference is that option 5 is chosen to allow for a full understanding. After a discussion Option 5 was proposed, highlighting that the Council has to take sustainability into account with every action as per the Section 6 Duty placed on the Council. **Proposed:** Cllr R Jones **Seconded:** Cllr H Burns **Resolved:** that the Council accepts Options 5
79/23	**Report from the Finance Committee for Full Council agreement and any associated Motions for the Full Council (Cllr S Ady & RFO)** Cllr S Ady confirmed that the Finance Committee will meet on the 7th December with each Chair. **Committee report followed by:** ● **Motion:** for full council to accept the payments and receipts made and instruct the Clerk to

	pay the invoices listed (October) The RFO confirmed that the remuneration panel has confirmed how the Councillor payment can be paid. NALC have also confirmed the increase of £1.00 on each scale and the backpay has been calculated via the PAYE system **Proposed:** Cllr S Ady **Seconded:** Cllr T Jones **Resolved:** all payments are noted and accepted, including the £1.00 increase in pay. ● **Motion:** for the full council to accept the reconciliation report for Oct 2023 **Proposed:** Cllr G Jones **Seconded:** Cllr S Ady **Resolved:** the reconciliation report was accepted. ● **Motion:** to donate money to the Wales Air Ambulance Charity. This motion was discussed in relation to the grants budget. It was suggested that these two motions go to the Finance meeting on the 7th to allow for a fuller discussion. This motion was not supported. ● **Motion:** to vire £400 from Community Events budget heading to a bus shelter project run jointly by LCC, Powys and Llangattock Village Society. As per above. This motion was withdrawn and was to be passed to the Finance Committee. It was queried if the bus shelter project could be partially funded by the Active Travel money. RFO and Chair of Finance have started their budget review and the Finance Committee will meet soon and make a recommendation to the next Full Council Committee. She also confirmed that the internal auditor has withdrawn her services so this will need to be resolved.
80/23	**Correspondence & Other outside Committee feedback:** **Community Hall Committee feedback:** Cllr R Jones gave feedback on the recent meeting. They spoke about the data from the place plan and their perceived lack of support from the council. Positive news, the carpet has been cleaned and it was very impressive. Cllr T Jones confirmed that they have been sent their Place Plan letter and has offered to help in terms of communicating their restrictions. **LACAS feedback:** No invite to meetings. The Clerk confirmed that LACAS canceled the Bonfire after receiving the Council's letter. **Governors feedback:** Cllr A Williams was not present. ● 25/10/23 - resident email in relation to dogs in the recreation ground The letter was discussed and there was sympathy for the request, however, It was felt that lifting the ban other than assistant dogs would be problematic to police or facilitate. The public survey in 2019 very strongly supported keeping the ban in the recreation ground. **Proposed:** Cllr G Jones **Seconded:** Cllr T Jones **Resolved:** for the Clerk respond thanking the resident, that it was considered but it was felt that the 2019 data should be supported and that the toilets are open to all people. ● 27/10/23 - Powys Day Opportunities email Cllr T Jones confirmed feedback has been sent to the Powys Health Board in relation to Day Opportunities, the County Councillor confirmed that the engagements are being well attended. She confirmed that Cllr S Cox would be happy to present on the project. She will talk to her about sending more information.

	● 31/10/23 - Health board - EMRTS phase 2 update Noted ● 09/11/23 - Welsh Government Road Safety Strategy Consultation The Clerk and the County Councillor will investigate further. ● 14/11/23 - Future Generations Commissioner - launch of “Cymru Can” The Clerk and Cllr T Jones will look at this a little further.
81/23	**Date of next committee meeting to be 19th December 2023** Cllr G Jones confirmed that the repair cafe this Saturday is the last of the year. Noted