

Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting

Held on Tuesday 10th January 2012, 7.00pm at Llangors Youth & Community Centre

Present

Cllr Rev A Jevons (Chair), Cllr Mr M Scruby, Cllr Mr C Preece, Cllr Mr D James, Cllr Mr A Evans, Cllr Mr D Jones, Cllr Ms L Kells, Judith Phillips (Clerk), Mr J. Price (Member of the public)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Mr C Davies, Cllr Mr I Jones, County Cllr Ms M Davies
2. **Minutes of last bi monthly meeting on 8th November 2011**
The minutes were read and signed as a true and accurate record.
3. **Minutes of PAD meetings held 19/11/11, 10/12/11**
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4. **Matters Arising from the above minutes**
Page 1 - Bus Shelter, LT – Repair works still to be carried out.
Berllan Deg flooding - Llysweddog Drains- this matter is still being followed up by PCC.
Page 2 - Proposed Road Improvement Scheme Llangors to Llanfihangel Talyllyn – Letter to chair of PCC Highways still to be sent (Action Cllr I. Jones & Clerk)
Llanfihangel Talyllyn Village – a red piece of tarmac with slow/araf on it had been completed.
Road near Heddfan, Llanfihangel Talyllyn- There appears to be water seeping onto the road on the bend near this property which was of concern and the landowner is to be contacted to establish the cause. This still to be resolved. (Action Cllr C. Davies)
Footpath Scheme Maes-y-Felin to Upper Pendre – Cllr M. Davies had been requested to enquire if this scheme is to be completed in this financial year and an update had not been received. The clerk reported that a resident had also enquired about this matter. PCC to be chased (Action Clerk)
Llangors Village Tap – Dwr Cymru had confirmed that the tap could be disconnected free of charge either on a permanent or temporary basis. It was agreed to request a temporary disconnection. (Action Clerk).
Page 5 - Closed Public toilets, Llangors Village. PCC had confirmed that the freehold ownership of the closed toilets including the land upon which they are sited is vested in Powys County Council. With regard to the re-opening of the toilets PCC had suggested any decision should wait until the school review is completed.
Possible reopening of the toilets had been advertised in the recent newsletter and no residents had come forward at this time with a view to re-opening the toilets and volunteering to help operate them.
5. **Review of Standing Orders**
It was reported that the standing orders for the Council needed to be reviewed. A new version based on a model provided by the National Association of Local Councils is to be adapted to suit the CC and will be completed for approval at the next meeting. (Action Clerk).
It was agreed that the council should continue to meet on a bi-monthly basis.
6. **Glebe Community Field Development Plan**
Access from Berllan Deg – PCC have now confirmed that a hardcore surface for this pathway will be completed in this financial year.
Lease – A letter had been received from the CIW confirming, but not guaranteeing that it is their intention to renew the lease at the end of the ten year period on terms to be negotiated at that time.

Seat – a resident has confirmed their intention to pay for another seat for the area. This to be ordered. (Action Clerk)

Development Plan – this is currently being drawn up and details of plans for immediate action were discussed and agreed. A previous pledge of donation towards the funding of works from “The White Stuff” had been followed up. A submission of a development plan to the company in the near future needs to be made before being able to secure funds from them.

It was agreed that funds needed to be transferred into the playing field account to pay costs due, and to aid financing some works to be done. A figure of £3500 was agreed to be transferred between CC accounts which would match fund the value also due to the CC playing field account from planning gain at Dol Pistyll site.

It was felt that residents were willing to organise local events to raise money towards equipment for the community field with the money raised being donated to the CC to purchase relevant items of need at that time.

It was agreed the separate “playing field” bank account will remain for all financial transactions regarding the field. As the CC is not a charity, advice needs to be sort on the best course of action for fund raising/accepting donations and input of funds from the CC into the account in order to meet Local Government Financial Regulations and consideration be given as to dealing with surplus funds should the lease of the community field not be renewed when it expires or is redeemed prior to that date. Advice to be sort and further discussion and agreement to take place. (Action Clerk)

7. Grass Cutting Contracts for 2012

It was reported that quotes for these had been requested, but not received and it was agreed the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

The invoices for the 2011 contract had been received and these were under review as the terms of contract had not been fully met by PCC. It was expected that these invoices would be part credited and payment made once approved. (Action Clerk)

8. Review of Clerk Contract and Job Description

A few minor amendments to these needed to be made to reflect current tasks carried out by the Clerk. It was also agreed that mileage reimbursed as part of the clerks duties should be paid at the HMRC rate of 45p per mile. Cllr Jevons to amend the details agreed.

9. Financial Report. External Audit Report & Budget

The finance report to date was distributed and approved.

Request for donation from Pennorth URC was approved at £100.

BDO External Auditors had completed the external audit of the annual accounts for 2010/11. The relevant completion notices to be displayed accordingly. (Action Clerk)

Budget – the budget for 2012/13 was discussed and agreed. The precept to remain at £10,800. A build up of funds in the savings account to be used as required.

It was agreed to seek another quote for insurance renewal this year. (Action Clerk)

Any events to be held to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee to be agreed at the next meeting and if funding required additional to budget, then savings account funds to be used.

10. Planning Report

Llangors Community Council supported the following planning application:-

BBNPA REF: 11/07349/FUL – 8/11/11

Grazing field for equines with a field shelter/hay store on skids at the Rise, Llangors
– Miss Anthea Scott

BBNPA REF: 11/07411/FUL – 1/12/11

Extension to agricultural shed and replacement agricultural shed at Upper Cefnwern, Llangors – Mr P. Sevenoaks

Applications approved by BBNPA/PCC

BBNPA ref:11/07070/FUL – 8/11/11

Change of use of garage (former cart-shed and stable) to self contained holiday cottage/guest accommodation at Dolycoed, Tallylyn – Mr & Mrs G. Hope

BBNPA REF: 11/07349/FUL – 14/12/11

Grazing field for equines with a field shelter/hay store on skids at the Rise, Llangors – Miss Anthea Scott

Applications Refused by BBNPA/PCC

PCC ref: P2011 1118 12/12/11

Householder: Creation of new access at Heddfan, Llanwern – Mr & Mrs James

Full report should be read, briefly: The proposed development would result in the creation of a substandard access with visibility splays which are not adequate to ensure highway safety.

Planning Correspondence:

1. Response from Ian Davies, PCC planning enforcement officer regarding ponds at Tredomen/Trefeinon Halt, Llangors confirming enforcement action to be taken regarding the one northernmost pond at the site requesting the owner to undo the works or submit a retrospective planning application for the retention of that pond.
2. BBNPA planning surgery timetable for Llandovery and Abergavenny

11. School Governor Report

Cllr Scruby reported that the AGM of the Governing Body had taken place and a meeting of the Governors was to be held in the near future.

12. Waen y Mynach Common – Lord of the Manor Issues

It was reported letters had been received from PCC Commons Registration Officer explaining some common land issues brought to the attention of PCC with regard to this common. Concerns raised had included the extent of tree cutting, hedge laying, scrub clearance and encroachment matters. As there is no Lord of the Manor at this site the Commons Act 2006 confers discretionary power on a local authority to protect “unclaimed land” against unlawful interference, which suggests the CC has a role to play in such matters. It was proposed by PCC that a meeting is set up for all interested parties to discuss the matters and agree a positive way forward, possibly setting up a “Friends of Waen y Mynach Common” group. The CC agreed to assist PCC in organising such a meeting locally and the CC would attend the meeting to ascertain the exact problems and listen to any matters residents wish to raise in order to help provide a positive way forward. Date for meeting and details to be agreed with PCC (Action Clerk).

(Cllr D. James declared an interest in this matter)

**13. General Correspondence Received
Powys County Council**

1. Poster – How Fair is Powys meeting 7/12/11 Brecon
2. Request for written support of Play Radnor, Play Montgomeryshire & Brecknock Play network. Letter of support sent by Clerk.
3. Invite to Big Lottery Child’s play round 1 Evaluation & Play Strategy

workshops 16/1/12

4. Letter re Welsh Education Strategic plan consultation starts 2/1/12.
5. Letter re Queens Diamond Jubilee Light a beacon on 4/6/12. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. BBNPA Social Inclusion strategy & Action Plan Consultation

Welsh Government/National Assembly

1. Letter re Fire & Rescue National Framework 2012 consultation
2. Letter re Consultation on Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill. Replies by 2/2/12
3. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report – December 2011
4. Seasons Greetings from William Powell A.C./A.M.

One Voice Wales

1. European Antibiotics Awareness Day 18/11/11
2. Responses to WG Walker Review consultation
3. Ordnance Survey local councils survey
4. Sustainable Futures Practitioners networks 5/12/11
5. Buckingham Palace Garden Party invitation 2012
6. Strong roots project – Green Futures training programme 23/2/12 Cllr I Jones to attend
7. Advertising Traffic Regulations Orders consultation exercise commencing 7/12/11
8. CCW funding newsletter

Other

1. Training course “ Welsh Assembly & Government Training Course” 14/12/11
2. Training course “The Future Outlook for Adult Social Care Services” 20/3/12
3. DPP – Invite to Powys Joint Community Consultative meeting 2011 23/11/11
4. DPP – new Police Inspector for area – Inspector Andy Reed
5. DPP – Conclusion of audit of accounts 31/3/11
6. Mid & West Wales Housing voluntary Board Members required & Housing Bulletin
7. Mid & West Fire & Rescue Authority Annual Action Plan 2012-2013
8. CCW – External funding newsletter
9. PAVO – members e-briefing Dec 2011
10. Natwest bank – booklet on bank accounts for CC's
11. Christmas card from Roger Williams and Kirsty Williams
12. Email from David James RHE re Affordable Housing at the Glebe field. No further progress.
13. Register of Electors
14. RSPB annual newsletter
15. Clerks & Councils direct booklet

14. Any Other business

1. A resident in Llangors is hoping to put together a photographic time capsule of people/places in Llangors to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This is in principle supported by the CC.
2. It was reported and agreed that a notice removed from the notice boards advertising a “Community Kitchen” whereby some of its profits go to charities, involved a private business. The CC does not allow the promotion of individual business through its Community notice boards.
3. It was reported that the roads from Ty Mawr to Mynydd Troed, Llangors to Upper Cefn Wern and Talylyn to Pennorth need the ditches cleaned. Due to blocked ditches the roads were a mess and the surface of them rapidly deteriorating. PCC to be notified (Action Clerk).

15. Date and Venue of the next bi monthly meeting.

The next bi monthly meeting was arranged for 13th March 2012 at 7pm at Llangors Y&C Centre.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.