

Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 25th October 2011 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs Margaret Price (Chair), Mr David Filsell, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Mr Brian Griffiths, Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Mr George Moretta and Mr David Williams.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Chris Jenkins, Mr David Mantle and Mr Paul Lindeewood.
2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** MP declared an interest in item 9.
3. **The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 11:** were approved, subject to a typo correction. Item 6a 'August for the sum of £2110' and signed by the Chair (p.p. EG, sec. GM)
4. **Clerks Report:** nothing to report.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - i. Copy of letter sent to resident concerning traffic control on bridge - *While the Council respects the views, it believes that priority signs may cause more problems.*
 - ii. Powys County Council - Renewable Energy Issues blanket dispensation granted to all Town and Community Councillors - *noted.*
 - iii. Urdd Gobaith Cymru Eisteddfod in Eryri request for financial contribution - *noted.*
 - iv. Llangattock Community Council Five Councils meeting 23rd November - *no items put forward for agenda. MP, EG and RH will attend.*
 - v. Email from Crickhowell High School - Clerk to Governors needed - *noted.*
 - vi. Infrastructure Planning Commission - Covanta Brig y Cwm have withdrawn their application for a Waste Generating Station in Merthyr Tydfil- *noted.*
 - vii. Powys Regeneration Partnership - Newsletter - *circulation.*
 - viii. Powys Care and Well Being - Annual Council Reporting Framework available at <http://www.powys.gov.uk/index.php?id=9034&L=0>
 - ix. Email from resident concerning problems of litter on approach roads, with the view of installing video cameras with automatic number plate recognition features - *There is no money available for this from the County Council. There would also be huge costs involved*

Action

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in monitoring and following up. RH will ask Powys about doing more litter picks in the area.

6. Finance

a. **Statement of Accounts:** The cheques approved in the September minutes have been issued. The bank statement has been reconciled to the cash book and the balance in the cash book at the end of September was £18,794.65. Bank interest was received for the sum of £2.16.

b. **Post Audit Approval and Certification:** it is the External Auditors intention to issue an unqualified certificate. The Auditors raised two issues. The first is the restatement of fixed assets, this is a note for the reader of the accounts and no action is required. The second was the level of fidelity guarantee. It is recommended that the council consider the level of insurance cover. The amount should be sufficient to cover the maximum amount of money the council holds at any one time during the year. A council does not have to have fidelity guarantee insurance if it considers that no security is 'sufficient' but there must be objective grounds for such a conclusion. Smaller councils may decide therefore that the cost of this insurance is disproportionate to the risk involved. If this is so the council should minute this decision annually. Clerk agreed to investigate cost of increasing the fidelity guarantee insurance.

Approved: annual return, which was signed and dated by the RFO and Chair.

c. **Approved:** Payment of the following cheques:

Clerks salary for month of October	£233.93
Village Hall & Recreation Ground Charity	£2500.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Wreath	£17.00

7. **Report from County Councillor:** RH reported that Crickhowell High School will be looking for a Community Governor for the High School. The path next to the school does not belong to the County Council. A resident living on the B road is concerned about the speed of traffic along this road. The speed warning signs in the village have been well received. They will be left for a short while and then moved to another location and brought back again at a later date. Their position was queried by a few residents and RH will take these comments back to P.C.C. Refuse

collection - A request for a wheelie bin by residents not in the collection area will be taken back to P.C.C. Agreed that MP would include the 0845 number for any recycling queries in her report to 'Contact'. RH will keep Community Council informed about the Schools modernisation programme. The bus service is being used well. MP reported that a few residents have requested later buses at 5pm or 5.30pm. RH will take this comment back.

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MP

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8. **Highways:** A few Councillors went to the meetings in Blaina about the A465 road improvements. It was agreed that the Council does not want traffic to have easy access down the mountain road. RH was asked to speak on behalf of LCC. DM may also be interested in representing the CC at meetings about the new road.

RH
DM

9. **Rent of Persondy Field:** the tender from Mr Price for the sum of £120 was accepted. Clerk to draw up contract.

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10. **Village Maintenance :**

- a. Complaint received about Wheelchair access around pond on canal and lack of fish stock - Clerk to write to British Waterways
- b. Broken bench in car park - BG agreed to take a look at this.
- c. Car park maintenance - agreed to appoint Dave Hutton to maintaining car park and play area. There is still a problem with people putting dog poo in the car park bin. Clerk to put a notice on the bin.
- d. School sign missing - BG agreed to investigate costs of new sign.

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11. **Village Projects:**

a. Queen's Diamond Jubilee and 200th Canal Celebrations - The Community Council is happy to support donating a Jubilee mug to the pupils of Llangynidr Primary School, but nothing else at this stage. It was suggested that the Canal Celebrations could run alongside the Agricultural Show.

BG

b. Seat in bus shelter - BG will take a look at this and report back.

12. **Report from Rights of Way Committee:** deferred.



13. **Reports from other meetings attended:** MP and EG went to the Councils meeting in Brecon.
14. **Items from Councillors for next Agenda:** none.
15. **Date of next meeting:** 29th November 2011.

Nicky Williams
Clerk

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