



CYMUNED CYNGOR LLANGYNIDR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30pm.**

Public participation. None

Present: Mrs Margaret Price (Chair), Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Mr David Filsell, Mr Mark Brian, Mr David Mantle, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Mr Alan James, Mr George Moretta, Mr Gene Taylor and Mr Paul Lindoewood.

In attendance: S.Dale (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr David Williams.
2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** AJ will need to declare an interest for February as the next planning application as it is next door to his relative.
MB declared an interest in “Pretty pins” charity and took no part in the decision.
3. **Signing of the minutes;**
of the meeting held on the 26th November 2019 were approved. Proposed by AJ and seconded by MB.
of the meeting held on the 29th October 2019 were approved.
Proposed by EG and seconded by DM.
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a. Clerk and Councils Direct - *Circulation*
 - b. Bus timetable signs from Powys County Council - *Circulation*
 - c. Recycling remittance from Powys County Council - *Circulation*
 - d. Free Planning Inspectorate training in Builth Wells 31/1/2020. - *Circulation*
5. **Clerk's Report .**
A meeting between the Village Hall Committee Chairman and Chairman of the Community Council has been provisionally agreed for February 17th 2020.

Toilet donations of £45.74 have been banked (8 weeks since the last payment).

There has been an invitation from the office of the police and crime commissioner to attend the closing ceremony of the “Knife Angel's” visit to Wales. To be held from 2pm to about 6pm on. Responses please by noon Thursday 23rd January.

A Community Awareness weekend 24-26th April at Clarence Hall, Crickhowell.



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A warning from One Voice Wales about our level of reserves – reserves may be used to save for specific projects, but Community Councils should not keep large general reserves. (Email Shan Bowden 20/1/2020).

20/18206/FUL Fellsgarth, 10 Twyn Pandy. Asked for a time extension. To 26/2/2020.

Ty Canol mast no decision until 31/1/2020.

6. **Finance:**

a. Statement of Accounts and Bank reconciliation for January 2020. *Approved.*

b. Cheques to be approved in January 2020.

Cleaning the car park (Jan)	£37.50
Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (Jan so)	£356.19
Cleaning the public conveniences (Jan)	£114.50
Electricity for the toilets	£52.42 ₁
Water for the public toilets	£255.21 ₁
Society of Local Council Clerks(membership)	£140.00 ₂

c. Cheques to be approved in November 2018.

Cleaning the Car Park (Nov & Dec)	£75.00
Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (Nov so)	£333.21
Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (Dec so)	£333.21
Cleaning the public conveniences (Nov & Dec)	£229.00
Burial Ground Trust Donation	£200.00
Zurich Municipal (Insurance)	£394.45

d. To set and approve the budget for 2020-21. *The budget was approved (see accompanying financial sheet). The Community Council plan to set a deficit budget for the next 2 years, reducing the general reserves.*

e. To set and approve the precept figure for 2020-21. *The precept was set at £14000, based on the budget.*

f. Consideration of appeals received for financial support for the year ending March 2020. *The following charities have been selected to receive donations from the Community Council this year:*

<i>Llangynidr Agricultural Show Society</i>	<i>£100</i>
<i>Brecon Advice Centre</i>	<i>£50</i>
<i>Brecon Mountain Rescue Team</i>	<i>£100</i>
<i>Wales Air Ambulance</i>	<i>£50</i>
<i>Brecon-dial-a-ride</i>	<i>£100</i>
<i>Brecknock and Radnorshire Sport Award evening</i>	<i>£50</i>



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<i>Powys Dyslexia Support Group</i>	<i>£50</i>
<i>Pretty Pins Charity</i>	<i>£50¹</i>
<i>Friends of Llangynidr School</i>	<i>£100</i>

- g. To receive the accounts of the parochial charities.

Appeals were received from the Jubilee Committee, the Village Hall Committee and the Burial Ground Trustees. All three appeals were approved with the Village Hall Committee being involved in discussions with the Community Council as to the the future of the Village hall and recreation ground committee. The details are as follows:

<i>Village Hall Committee</i>	<i>£3000</i>
<i>Jubilee Committee</i>	<i>£100</i>
<i>Burial Ground Trustees</i>	<i>£100</i>

7. Report from the County Councillor.

The County Councillors advised the Community Council to always leave the door open as far as the claiming of allowances is concerned.

The new High School in Brecon cost £23 million to build and could house up to 750 children. The remaining site will be redeveloped for housing and/or other services.

There has been an inspection of school services which was not that good.

ESTYN is pleased with progress.

The County Council is embarking on a strategic review of education to include Welsh language provision, additional learning needs and post 16 education.

Small schools for example of only 14 pupils may be reconsidered.

Some schools, with for example, 40% pupils from out of area could be faced with difficulties if they need to expand. This money would have to come from the local authority.

The budget is less intense this year with Powys achieving the 14th largest settlement out of 22 (better than last year 's 22/22) – there will be a bit more money for education and highways.

There will be no charge for blue badges.

There is a new Secretary for State for Wales.

The “Marches Growth Deal” has focused on highways but is now looking at technology enabled care in a project worth £2million. The idea is to reduce physical visits to homes and therefore reduce costs.

There is always a lot of interest in Brecon Library, it will be an improvement.

Y Gaer will have an informal evening event and a formal opening in July.

¹ MB declared an interest, taking no part in the decision.



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The “Knife Angel”, a 27 ft sculpture of knives given up to the police forces of the UK, being taken on tour and Newtown is hosting currently.

Any area of Powys County Council's work that Community Councillors would like to hear about, please ask.

Finally, Engineers have been out to the bridge and adjusted the equipment there.

8. **Planning Applications: None**
9. **The kiosks in the village have been retained for telephone use. However, some residents would like to adopt one of them as defibrillator housing and a mini library. To be discussed and action agreed.** *Details of the required consultation were considered. That is notices on the kiosk and prominent place in the village asking residents to write to the Community Council with their views (6 week timescale). The Community Council wishes to consult with the residents concerned and so adjourned the item till February.*
10. **The road surface in Cyffredyn Lane is deteriorating with potholes, flooding, mud and drainage problems. To be discussed and action agreed.** *RH will liaise with Highways.*
11. **Membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks, to be decided.** *Approved*
12. **A resident has asked that a vehicle speed monitor be purchased to further the work of the speedwatch team. Council agreed to monitor the speed of traffic on Forge Road. Clerk to ask Powys County Council why they do not help to reduce speed there and on Cwm Crownon Road. Clerk to purchase.**
13. **Consideration of the purchase of an outdoor defibrillator housing for the primary school. The cost is likely to be about £380. The cheapest quotes was chosen, £335+VAT was approved.**
14. **Clerk to report on costs of hi-viz vests for litter picking.** *The expenditure, being under £100 was approved.*
15. **The constitution of the Place Plan Working Group to be considered for acceptance by the Community Council. A draft was circulated and the item adjourned till February.**
16. **Two wooden pedestrian gates in the car park need replacing.** *After some discussion it was resolved to purchase and fit 2 new gates, from a health and safety point of view. The resolution was not unanimous, DF was against the purchase as unnecessary. Clerk was instructed to get another quote from Hay and Brecon Farmers and to buy the cheapest.*



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17. **There is a pot hole below Pwll Court, to be discussed and action agreed.** *RH to liaise with Highways*
18. **There is a blocked pipe leading to the collection of surface water on the corner of Dyffryn Road and Cwm Crownon Road. To be discussed and action agreed.** *RH will liaise with Highways*
19. **Review of the green waste service from Powys County Council.** *Greatly missed, but there are no plans to bring the big bins back. Large items can be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Brecon.*
20. **To consider a request from the NHS to allow further training on the Community Council's Usk Riverbank on the 28th and 30th January 2020.** *Approved*
21. **Reports from meetings attended:** *DF attended a Community Health Focus Group meeting in December, but no-one was there. MP monitored the traffic on Forge Road, may be the best solution is to put signs up showing the road narrowing and people walking on the road.*
22. **Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors:** *There is more traffic on the mountain road and more accidents. The road at Ty Sheriff and Llyn Celyn seem particularly hazardous. / Dispute land / The farmers market has no-one to run it, it may have implications for the Show.*
Date of next meeting: 25th February 2020

Signed by the Chair

Dated