Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 25th September 2012 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs Margaret Price (Chair), Mr George Moretta, Mr David Williams, Mr David Filsell, Mr Gene Taylor, Mr Brian Griffiths, Mr Paul Lindoewood, Mr David Mantle and Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs.

- 1. **Apologies for absence**: Mr Chris Jenkins.
- 2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** DM and EG declared an interest in item 10.
- 3a. The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd August 2012: were approved and signed by the Chair. Proposer: GM, Sec: DW.
- b. The Minutes of the planning meeting held on the 15th May 2012: were approved and signed by the Chair. Proposer: DW, Sec: GM.

4. Correspondence:

- i. One Voice Wales motions for debate in the Annual General Meeting 13th October 2012 *circulate*.
- ii. Powys County Council notice of successful candidates for Standards Community Sub-Committee *circulate*.
- iii. One Voice Wales Research Study, a questionnaire *EG to complete*.
- iv. One Voice Wales Statutory guidance to Welsh Local Authorities on the power to promote or improve well-being under the Local Government Act 2000 *circulate*.
- v. One Voice Wales 2 copies of "The Voice", Summer 2012 circulate.
- vi. One Voice Wales Training Prospectus *circulate*.
- vii. Business to Nature Invitation to events on 9th and 10th October *circulate*.
- viii. BJ Griffiths Invoice Work carried out to provide a new bench and temporary repair to Car Park. *Clerk kept this document for the accounts.*
- ix. Brecon Beacons National Park Tourism magazine and course list *circulate*.
- x. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Charter launch and signing 5th October. Response by 4th October. *MP to attend*.
- xi. Blaenau-Gwent County Borough Council acknowledgment of query about the Circuit of Wales Proposals *Clerk to retain*.

EG

MP

xii. Powys County Council – Letter to change the contact details for the cardboard collectors – *circulate*.

xiii. Letter from a resident – dated 24th August 2012. The letter objects to the cutting back of the millennium hedge. *See item 8b*.

xiv. Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens. September Newsletter – *Clerk to pass on to School*.

xv. The Clerk Magazine – September 2012 – *circulate*.

xvi. Tidy Towns – Vouchers up to £200 are available for small scale biodiversity projects – *Clerk to send to school*.

xvii. The One Show – seeks community projects that need some help. Dated 13th September 2012 – *circulate*.

xviii. Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales – Appeal dated 10th September 2012. *– circulate*.

5. Clerk's Report

Sent photograph of tree blocking an arch of Llangynidr bridge to Powys County Council.

Put up signs for Police Surgeries.

Urgent correspondence arriving after the agenda was formed:

- Invitation to Onevoicewales Brecon and Radnor Area Committee Meeting 7pm Friday 5th October in the Strand Hall, Builth Wells. *No action*.
- Invitation for Chairman or other representative to attend the opening of the Crickhowell History Weekend and Local History Exhibition. Friday 28th September 3.45pm, Conference Room, Crickhowell Resource and Information Centre. *Chairman to attend*.
- Letter from Paul Shackson about an exhibition to be held in Llangynidr Village Hall. This Circuit of Wales exhibition to be held between 3.45pm and 6.30pm on Thursday 27th September. *No action.*
- Public meetings about the South East Powys Consultation Document to be held, one in Clarence Hall, Crickhowell at 6.30pm 9th October. *No action*.
- Office for National Statistics Business Register and Employment Survey. Due to be returned by 12th October. *Clerk to complete*.
- Local Development Plan there are some changes to the National Park vision to deliver housing on environmental capacity although for Llangynidr there is no change. *No comment on the plan*.

All Clerk actions from August 2012 are completed.

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6. Finance

a. Completion of 2011-2012 Accounts.

Final presentation of the completed accounts were accepted and approved. The accounts can now be published.

SD

b. Schedule of bills issued in July and August 2012.

The cheques approved in the July Minutes (August having no cheques to be approved) have been issued:

Car Park Maintenance – cheque no 1495	£64.00
Clerk's wage and stationery allowance - cheque no 1496	£583.20
Emergency repair to stone sign	£20.00
Refreshments at the Annual Parish Meeting	£21.00

c. Payments to be approved for September:

Clerk's wages for September 2012	£291.60
Cleaning of Car Park for September	£32.00
New bench and temporary repair to Car Park.	£161.36

7. Report from County Councillor - None

8. Village Maintenance

a. Car Park – initially it seems that Powys County Council is not likely to support the grant application for the Car Park refurbishment. RH to investigate.

RH

- **b. Millenium Hedge –** Clerk to write again to the person who cut back the hedge, after taking legal advice. RH to advise.
- SD RH

MP

- **c. Stone sign** MP to arrange fixing of loose letter on the stone sign.
- **9. Jubilee Mug Budget –** GM stated that there was no need to spend the unspent £549.28. No action taken.
- **10. New Motorsport Centre at Rassau –** 2 representatives of the project presented briefly to the Community Council and took questions afterwards.

It was pointed out that the new A465 interchange with the Rassau Industrial Estate is essential to the plan, is the Circuit of Wales going to

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pay for the interchange?

The response was that the interchange is essential to the Circuit of Wales but was due to be completed as part of the existing scheme.

Concern over the Circuit of Wales traffic gaining access through Llangynidr was raised.

The response was that each ticket would have routing information on the back showing the approved route to the Circuit.

The wisdom of another motorsport centre, given the already established areas (Brandshatch, Donnington and Silverstone), was queried.

Particularly given the diminishing gates at these other venues.

The response was that there has been 3-4yrs of planning, demand for this circuit is there and there is global interest in the Development Centre.

The timescale was requested. The response was that the Circuit should be ready in 2015 for major events. It will take 10 years to finish the building work.

Concern over the noise generated at the Circuit of Wales was raised. The response was that noise is evaluated as part of the planning process and concludes that the impact is acceptable. The Circuit will employ robust methods to reduce noise, such as landscaping, trees and cladding on buildings.

The number of days the Circuit would be open in a year was requested. The response was the Circuit would be open for 6 days a year for major events. However the facility would be open 7 days/week all year.

The implication of the Site of Special Scientific Interest within the Circuit of Wales boundaries was queried.

The response was that not every issue had been fully resolved but that a mountain bike track and perhaps a solar park would be good uses for the area.

The evidence that people would spend in the vicinity of the Circuit as well as within the Circuit was queried.

The response was that an estimated 90,000 people would attend each of the major events during the year. The culture of Motorsport supports the conclusion that these people would be staying in the vicinity and therefore spending money on accommodation and amusements.

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- **11. Chartership -** It was proposed by EG and seconded by DM that Llangynidr Community Council accept and sign the Brecon Beacons National Park Charter. The motion was carried.
- 12. Reports from other meetings attended None
- 13. Items from Councillors for the next agenda:

River path above the bridge.

Highways - pothole opposite bottom shop.

- 3 new dropped kerbs to assist a disabled resident.

14. Date of next meeting: 30th October 2012

Signed by Chair.....

Sue Dale Clerk

