



CYMUNED CYNGOR LLANGYNIDR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall  
on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm.**

**Public participation.** Warden Sam Ridge from Brecon Beacons National Park spoke about their work in our area (see item 12).

**Present:** Mrs Margaret Price (Chair), Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Mr David Filsell, Mr David Williams, Mr David Evans, Mr David Mantle and Mr Paul Lindoewood.

**In attendance:** S.Dale (Clerk), Warden Sam Ridge and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr George Moretta, Mr Alan James, Mr Gene Taylor and Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs.
2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** Mrs Margaret Price, Mr David Williams and Mr David Evans declared an interest in item 21 as officers of the Llangynidr Jubilee Celebration Charity. They did not take part in the discussion or vote on the resolution.
3. **Signing of the minutes** of the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were approved. Proposed by DE and seconded by DW.
4. **Correspondence:**
  - a. Clerk and Councils Direct Nov 2018.
5. **Clerk's Report**

*Late correspondence – for information only:*  
*Llangynidr Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity requests £3000 for maintenance of the hall facilities. To be discussed in the January meetings.*  
*Llangynidr Jubilee Celebration Committee appeal for funding. To be discussed in the January meetings.*  
*Donations policy, request from the clerk for feedback on what sort of criteria Councillors want.*  
*Actions from October have been completed except the two letters to residents which needed to be amended to include recent events.*



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**6. Finance:**

- a. Statement of Accounts and Bank reconciliation for September 2018. *Approved. Resolved: Clerk to ask Grant Thornton the External Auditors about ring-fenced funds treatment in the external audit. Suggest that Council move £1400 of budget from the public toilets to other projects/maintenance this to cover the emergency work done on the trees by the Walnut Tree Stores in the January Precept meeting. To be approved in January. The under spend in office equipment could be used to purchase a shredder. Agreed in principle. to be approved in January.*

- b. Cheques to be approved in November 2018.
 

Cleaning the Car Park (Nov)	£37.50 <sup>1</sup>
Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (Nov so)	£333.21
Cleaning the public conveniences (Nov)	£114.50 <sup>2</sup>
Burial Ground Trust Donation	£200.00 <sup>3</sup>
Zurich Municipal (Insurance)	£391.69 <sub>3</sub>
Supplies for the refurbishment of the school telephone kiosk	£50.39
Llangynidr History Society (commemoration event)	£100.00 <sub>3</sub>
Clook Internet Service Provider Disk space (S Dale)	£11.44
RBL Poppy Appeal Wreath and ribbon	£19.25 <sub>3</sub>
Transfer payment for £1300 tree surgery	£23.00 <sub>3</sub>
Auditor's fee donation (to be decided at item 21)	£80.00
- c. Cheques paid in October 2018.
 

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**7. Report from the County Councillor.**

*A new Chief Executive, Dr Caroline Turner, has been appointed. She is a welsh speaker from Anglesea. Other senior appointments have been made but overall there will be fewer staff and less cost.*

*A new initiative to help fund community groups is being set up for next spring - Powys Lottery tickets will be sold on line. The proceeds will cover prizes and running costs but the remainder will fund community and charity groups.*

*The County Councillor was invited to comment on the other agenda items as they came up.*

**8. Planning Applications: None**

- 9. **Tree management progress report.** *The Community Councils trees will be inspected over winter and problem trees will be marked.*

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1 Split between contractor1 (17.50) and contractor 2 (£20.00).  
 2 Split between contractor 1 (£53.43) and contractor 2 (£61.07).  
 3 For approval only



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*Warden Ridge will advise as necessary. The stretch of Usk riverbank is in a Special Area of Conservation and problem trees there may need different treatment.*

10. **More disk space..** *This item should be ignored.*
11. **The bench in the car park has been broken. To be discussed and action agreed.** *A resident may be able to source new material for the bench so it may be possible to mend it.*
12. **Rights of way – an update.** *The warden gave a verbal report of recent activities in the area. These include fitting finger posts, gates, barriers and footpath improvements. There has been some filming on Mynydd Llangynidr near an ancient settlement. The Warden hopes to interest the local history/archaeological society in it. He also informed the Community Council that there is interest in the Pentwyn footpath as a right of way.*
13. **The Green Waste Scheme proposed by Powys County Council involves the community losing the large green waste bins in the car park. To be discussed and action agreed.** *Powys County Council is the only Council collecting green waste using community bins. Unfortunately, the community bins facilities are abused by businesses. Waste collected under the new system will still be used to cover landfill. The Community Council wished to know the cost of having the community bins in Llangynidr emptied fortnightly – Clerk to find out.* SD
14. **Abermule, a community council in Powys has appealed to the community council to urge Powys County Council to listen to the voice of community councils. To be discussed and action agreed.** *The council did not wish to support the appeal, no action.* SD
15. **Data Protection Progress.** *An amended draft Information and Data Protection Policy was available to Councillors. To be approved at the January meeting.* SD
16. **The 5 Councils' Liaison Committee has met. Chairman to report.** *Traffic Management on Llangynidr Bridge and other bridges in the 5 Council's area were discussed. The meeting decided to ask PCC if the proposed alert lights could be seen before they are fitted. Llangenny bridge needs a warning sign on it's approaches, it was decided to write to PCC to make a request. Green man festival and issues were discussed. It was decided to list them all and request sight of the traffic management plan. C Cllr Harris suggested a meeting between Llangynidr Community Council and the owner of the Green Man Festival, perhaps in April 2019. Green Waste Scheme was discussed. The meeting had a preference for the community bins which will be conveyed to Powys County*



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*Council.*

*Policing was discussed, particularly the lack of Police Officers. It was decided to write to the Police Commissioner about his plans for policing in the 5 Councils' area.*

- 17. The telephone kiosk by the school has been refurbished by 2 volunteers. They have sent photographs and request reimbursement for the paint used. The telephone kiosk on Forge Road has also been refurbished. To be discussed and action agreed.** *The request was approved and the Clerk instructed to write to both sets of volunteers to thank them for their endeavours.*
- 18. Request for funding to all local community councils for Brecon Tourist Information Service. To be discussed and action agreed.** *Clerk to write back to inform them that the matter will be discussed in the January meetings.* SD
- 19. Expressions of interest have been invited by PCC in their Healthy, Active and Outdoors project. The Community Liaison Officer is checking to see if community councils inside the National Park are included. They are not included.** SD
- 20. The car park has been inspected, report from the committee.** *The tarmac was reported as good, hedges will be cut (access on the other side has been arranged), flower beds need attention, the gates are okay, GT to be called to cancel his arrangement to cut the hedges, there was no fly tipping and it was tidy round the bins. Signs are needed direct people to the car park (to go on agenda for January)*
- 21. The internal auditor donated his £80.00 fee to a cause of the council's choice. To be discussed and action agreed. Resolved: to give the fee to the Llangynidr Jubilee Celebration Charity. This charity has paid for or contributed to many community celebrations or commemorations in recent times. It has put out an appeal for funds. MP, DE and DW took no part in discussions.** SD
- 22. The Circuit of Wales may be reconsidered. Welsh press reports that a new project on the site is being put together. To be discussed and action agreed. See [walesonline.co.uk](http://walesonline.co.uk) for details. Resolved: Clerk to keep Council up to date.**
- 23. Monmouthshire Housing Association written in response to resident's criticisms and observations. This has been circulated. To be discussed and action agreed.** *The Community Council comments: The road surface is not yet finished, causing motorists and causing inconvenience to other passers-by. Contact details are not apparent when passing the development. Parking, there are still lorries parking on the road rather than in the development, flooding* SD



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*concerns MHA appear to have missed that the photographs (available from the clerk) were of several events over several years. Resolved: A copy of the letter will be sent to the resident who was concerned about flooding.*

SD

- 24. The Remembrance Day evening commemorations were held in the hall. It has been suggested that the Community Council pay for this. To be discussed and action agreed. Resolved: The Community Council cannot help with retrospective applications and suggests an approach to the village hall committee to cancel the debt. Clerk to write to the resident.**

SD

- 25. Reports from meetings attended:** School Governors meeting, Mr David Young has been appointed Chairman of the Governors. The school is doing well. The Christmas play is on the Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December and the Christmas Fair is on the Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

- 26. Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors:** The "steps" in Forge Road (discussion to also include the unmade area by Bridge House).

SD

**Date of next meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> January (finance committee) 15<sup>th</sup> January (precept meeting) and 22<sup>nd</sup> January (ordinary meeting) 2019**

**Signed by the Chair**

**Dated**

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