



CYMUNED CYNGOR **LLANGYNIDR** COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Council Meeting held via electronic media on Tuesday 16th June 2020 at 7.30pm.**

**Public participation.**

**Present:** Mrs Margaret Price (Retiring Chair), Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Mr David Filsell, Mr Alan James, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Mr Mark Brian (Incoming Chair) Mr George Moretta (left meeting at item 4) and Mr Paul Lindoewood.

**In attendance:** S.Dale (Clerk).

- 1. To elect a Chair of the Community Council: MB** proposed by MP and seconded by EG. Approved.
- 2. To receive the declaration of acceptance of office. To be completed at a later date due to social distancing regulations.**

**3. To elect a vice chair of the Community Council.**

MP was proposed by MB and seconded by AJ until DW is able to take up his duties.

**4. To appoint representatives:**

**Llangynidr Village Hall Trustee MP**

**Primary School Governor DW**

**Burial Ground Trustees EG DM and MB**

**Focus on Health DF**

**One Voice Wales PL and EG. SD to check that the OVW has the right addresses.**

**To appoint Committees:**

**Finance - AJ (Chair), DF, GT and MB**

**Planning – DF, GT, EG and MB**

**Rights of Way – DM (Chair), DW, MP and MB**

**Human Resources – PL(Chair), MP, AJ and MB**

**5. Apologies for absence: Mr David Williams.**

**6. Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** MB declared an interest in item 13 and having made a comment, withdrew from the discussion.

MP declared an interest in item 24, having made a comment she withdrew from the discussion.

**7. Signing of the minutes;**



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of the meeting held on the 25<sup>st</sup> February 2020 were approved. Proposed by MB and seconded by EG.

**8. Correspondence: Noted**

Brecon Advice Centre sent thanks for the donation 1/3/20.

Morgans Solicitors 3/3/20 letter see item 18.

Wales Air Ambulance Charity, thank you for the donation.

Pretty Pins Leg Club, thank you for the donation.

Brecon and District DisABLED Club, thank you 2/3/20.

Clerk and Councils Direct March 20.

**9. Clerk's Report.** None

**10. Finances**

a) *The Internal Auditors Report and the Annual Governance statements were approved, the signing of the Annual Return was also approved.*

b) Cheques to be approved in February, March, April May and June 2020.

Cleaning the car park (Feb)	£37.50
Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (Feb so)	£356.19
Cleaning the public conveniences (Feb)	£114.50
One Voice Wales membership	£161.00
Wales Audit Office	£299.75
Defibrillator case for the Primary School	£402.00
Speed monitor for speed watch team	£276.48
Gates for the car park Pontrilas via S Dale	£149.22
THE SAFETY SUPPLY CO (11 Jackets via S Dale)	£23.64
Litter picking hoops (Water Irrigation via S Dale)	£44.83
Llangynidr Agricultural Society Show	£100.00
Jubilee Committee	£100.00
Brecon Advice Centre	£50.00
Brecon Mountain Rescue	£100.00
Brecon Dial-a-ride (disabled club)	£100.00
Wales Air Ambulance	£50.00
Brecon and Radnor Sports Awards	£50.00
Powys Dyslexia Support Group	£50.00
Pretty pins leg club	£50.00
Friends of Llangynidr School	£100.00
Clook (internet service) via S.Dale	£144.00
MB property maintenance via S Dale	£50.00 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Contract was for £625 not £575 as per cheque.



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Cleaning the public conveniences (Apr)	£114.50
British Gas (elect. for toilets)	£46.00
British Gas (elect. for toilets) June	£41.94
Car park cleaning (June)	£37.50
Cleaning the public conveniences (June)	£114.50
Water for the toilets (June)	£163.70
Usk Valley Tree Services	£500.00
Photocopier support for school	£150.00
SLCC membership via S Dale	£70.00 item 17
Llangynidr Coronavirus Volunteers	£500.00 item 31

### **11.County Councillors's Report**

The County Councillor thanked the retiring Chair, MP, remarking that they had worked well together over the years.

At the moment Covid 19 means that all schools returning a third of children at any one time. And in September, transport costs will be significant if social distancing requirements remain. There is a rota system for staff. Flexibility and discretion will be required of School Staff.

Care homes now have a testing regime, there have been “hot spots” of infection in Welshpool and Ystradgynlais.

Turning to finance, there are £48 million available as grants between £10000-£25,000 depending on rateable value. There is a bursary for qualifying small businesses to be dispensed by the County Council. Income has also been hit with no income from registrations, Car Parks and Leisure Centres, Council tax is also less.

People who are shielding have had regular welfare calls.

Continuing co-operation between UK Government, Welsh Government, Powys MPs, all AMs and Powys County Council.

Powys is reliant on tourism – cafes and restaurants, B & Bs, hotels and shops etc, the County has lost the big events of the year – Royal Welsh Show, Hay Festival and the Green Man

The first minister's announcement on Friday widely predicted to allow non-essential shops to open.

The worst pot holes have been tackled the remaining, smaller ones, will be done.

The first stock grid on Beaufort Road (going out of the village) has been cleaned out, hopefully solving the problem of stock getting over the grid.

The bus service – definitely will run!

If there small businesses who could apply for the Welsh Government Bursary they should make themselves known to the Councillors.

Llangynidr School there is a rota system for staff currently and the school staffing will be affected just like other schools when they all re-



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open.

Some 7 unions are involved nationally, they are negotiating with Kirsty Williams, Minister for Education.

**12.Planning Applications:** *None*

**13. Concerns about the Nant Glaisfer river bed in the village.** *MP (Vice-Chair) chaired the item as MB had declared an interest and withdrew. There are two issues, the first involves gabions placed in the waterway and the second is the large quantity of stone swept down the river in the 2 storms earlier in the year. Powys County Council looks after all the small waterways in Powys, including the Nant Glaisfer. RH offered to meet with the expert from Powys County Council and MP when it is possible.*

**14. Two households abutting the Council's riverbank have asked for permission to cut down dead trees which threatened the boundaries and property. The situation was said to be urgent and on that basis permission was given for the felling. Another tree on Council land was identified as dead and posing a risk to passers-by. This tree was felled by a contractor working for the Council and left as habitat for wildlife. The cost of this felling was £500. There was some concern that residents may be seeking to improve their view rather than protect their boundaries but the actions of the Clerk and the Chairman were approved. The Council has a duty of care which regular inspections by a qualified person should meet. Clerk to investigate and report back in July.***SD.*

**15.The kiosks in the village have been retained for telephone use. However, some residents would like to adopt them as defibrillator housing and/or a mini library. The interested residents have been consulted. All the responses were supportive. Does the Community Council wish continue with the process and buy the kiosk next to the School (01874 730 378) for £1? Approved, with the Forge Road kiosk being considered later but the volunteer caretaker should be consulted. Enquiries should be made with Walnut Tree Stores about the possibility of them hosting a defibrillator.***SD*

**16.Website Compliance Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 (WCAG 2.1) require that Community Council websites are accessible to people with disabilities by September 2020. In addition to this the security of the website is not as it should be due to software issues. Options to be considered are to have our website made compliant and secure or to commission a new website with the accessibility and security built-in. See written brief. PL confirmed that there were many issues around accessibility, however he may not be in a position to assist the work. Owen Miles was thanked for supplying the brief. The Clerk is to obtain costs and running costs etc from contractors for a new website.**



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- 17. The clerk has paid for membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks as it is useful. She now asks for a £70 contribution (half of full membership of £140) and will ask another CC for the same. *Approved.***
- 18. The Community Council has had a land dispute with a neighbour. The neighbour has made certain assurances, it is for the Council to close the matter if it chooses. *Council intends to take no further action in this matter and notes the landowners commitment to SSSI and the footpath. Clerk to write to the neighbour to inform them of the outcome but circulate to the Councillors first. SD***
- 19. The maintenance contract for the public toilets has been advertised, one tender to be selected. *One tender was selected, the existing contractor.***
- 20. The new flower bed tender has been advertised, one tender to be selected. *A tender was forthcoming but it did not clearly state the sum required. Clerk to seek to agree terms. SD***
- 21. The maintenance contract for the car park has been advertised, one tender to be selected. *One tender was selected, the existing contractor.***
- 22. To review and approve the asset register, the risk analysis and the reserves document. *Adjourn to next meeting.***
- 23. Two speeding issues have been raised by a local businessman; the number accidents along the Beaufort Road which may only be helped by an average speed check zone, and the second concerning the speed of traffic along Cwm Crawn Road the solution to which may be a speed camera. To be discussed and action agreed. *Powys County Council looked at the road and found no causes of the accidents. There is a concern over drivers' speed which could be addressed with a camera, a limit or a sign. RH will ask Highways. Clerk to speak to the resident who raised the item and explain that there are usually regular speed checks along Cwm Crawn Road but not during lockdown. SD***
- 24. At present there are almost 40 Llangynidr residents who will be submitting forms to the BBNP about the disputed path at Pen Twyn. Council are asked to consider supporting this action to retain the path for present and future generations. *MP registered an interest and withdrew from the discussion after commenting that the issue divides landowners from residents. Support for the item as a facility for the village was indicated however the preferred course was to adjourn the item to allow time for GT and DM to talk to the landowners. No time will be lost as there is no rights of way work due to the lockdown. Previous landowners may also be traced. SD***
- 25. The School wants to apply for lottery funding – covered outdoor**



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**accommodation is needed because of new social distancing requirements. The planned outdoor accommodation may appeal to the community council, and likely other local organisations, as an alternative venue to hold meetings. The Community Council have been asked to provide the School with a letter of support. Are there any plans for the new accommodation? Councillors wanted to know if the School had considered the Hall and other facilities, such as marquees and meeting rooms. Before Council can lend it's support it needs to be clear that all other possibilities have been explored by the School.**

- 26. The County Councillor requested that the Community Council consider projects that could be grant funded from Powys County Council. Small capital grants may be available later this year. MB, MP, RH and the Secretary to the Village Hall Committee will meet to discuss options for the playground equipment.**
- 27. Meeting dates 2020-21 for approval. Are fixed to the last Tuesday in every month, except August and December when there is no meeting.**
- 28. A Councillor has not attended meetings for some months but has completed council duties around the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020. It is possible that further absences will occur for health reasons, will council accept them as reason to miss meetings? Approved**
- 29. The registration of the recreation ground and hall are outstanding. A local solicitor has estimated that the cost of registration and creating a lease for the property would be £1000-2000. Clerk to ask the Village Hall Committee to help with costs. The Clerk is to engage the Solicitor to register the Hall and Recreation Ground and lease the assets to the Village Hall Committee. SD**
- 30. Students have asked to use the Usk riverbank for filming. They have sent a copy of their insurance policy. Council require further details, such as the institution the students belong to and the purpose of the filming. Clerk to enquire. SD**
- 31. Reports from meetings attended: None**
- 32. Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors: None**

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Signed by the Chair**

**Dated**