

**Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 7.30pm.**

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Chris Jenkins.
2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** none.
3. **The Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 11:** were approved, subject to a correction. Item 8 the meeting was in 'Rassau'. (p.p. PL, sec. GM )
4. **Clerks Report:** all actions from the last meeting have been completed.
5. **Correspondence:**
  - i. Dyfed Powys Police - changes to Police Inspectors, from 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011 Inspector Andy Reed is responsible for policing in our area.
  - ii. Dyfed Powys Police - Policing Priorities - Clerk to write to Police with comment that not enough time was given between sending out the letter and the date of the consultation meeting. The policing priorities form was completed and will be sent to Dyfed Powys Police.
  - iii. Mid Wales Housing are looking to recruit new Members to join its Board - *noted*.
  - iv. How fair is Powys? A meeting is due to be held in Brecon Theatre on 7<sup>th</sup> December - all welcome to attend.
  - v. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority - breach of Authorities data protection policy - *noted*.
  - vi. Hon Mrs Shan Legge Bourke - Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations lighting of Beacons - Clerk to see if Scouts would be interested in this. DM may be able to help with speaking to the landowner and Commoners.
  - vii. Powys County Council Elections 2012 - the elections will take place on Thursday 3 May. An uncontested community election will cost approximately £300. A contested election could cost around £1200. This needs to be allowed for in the budget.
  - viii. Courtesy letter from B J Griffiths regarding building works at Brookside Cottage - *noted*.

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6. **Finance**

a. **Statement of Accounts:** The cheques approved in the October 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 October was £18,730.65. The rent for Persondy Field, for £120, has been received and banked. The Cleaning Contract and Persondy Field Rental Agreement have both been signed.

b. **Review Annual Insurance:** confirmation received from Zurich Insurance that the Fidelity Guarantee has been increased from £10,000 to £25,000. Agreed to accept quote from Zurich of £225 for annual insurance, which covers Public Liability, Products Liability and Pollution, Employers' Liability and Official's Indemnity. This was approved on lowest quote.

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

Clerks salary for month of November	£233.93
Cleaning contract	£32.00
MB Property Maintenance	£575.00
Zurich Municipal	£225.00

7. **Report from County Councillor:** deferred.

8. **Highways:** Six complaints received about the 'turkey signs'. Clerk to speak to RH. The pot holes on the bridge are getting bad again. The verges on Cyffredyn Lane need to be cut. The problems with large lorries using the Heads of the Valleys road are getting worse. A sign needs to be put up to discourage them. NW to speak to RH about all these issues. PL is meeting Brent Campbell and he will raise the issue of heavy lorries using the mountain road with him. On the other side of the bridge it is difficult to see the posts, one of which has been flattened. PL asked if a light could be put there. This was thought unlikely, it is also out of our area.

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9. **Village Maintenance :**

a. Complaint received about weeds on steps in Erw Bant - The steps are not maintained by anyone. The Community Council put the hand rail on these steps many years ago. Clerk to ask cleaning contractor to tidy up area and invoice Council.

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- b. Pot hole in car park – MP reported that Welsh Water think that it may be due to seepage off the field. They suggested that it is dug down, filled with hard core and tarmacked. BG agreed to take a look at it. The Council needs to start putting money aside for the re-tarmac of the car park. Clerk to investigate quotes.
- c. Pot hole problems in Groesfford – DW reported that the hole in the centre of the road needs resurfacing. Clerk to report.

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**10. Village Projects:**

- a. Queen’s Diamond Jubilee and 200<sup>th</sup> Canal Celebrations – Council agreed to budget for a maximum of £750 for bone china Jubilee mugs for the Primary School and the few Village children that attend the Welsh Language School. The Primary School are happy to support the Celebrations. The History Society are putting together a special display in the Village Hall. The Church is planning a special service and will be ringing its bells in February, along with 90 other churches along the canal, to mark the start of the celebrations. A photography competition is being held. On the 4<sup>th</sup> June there are plans to hold an afternoon tea for all the children, with bouncy castles, climbing walls etc., in the playing fields. There will be a 1950’s fancy dress disco in the evening.
- b. BG has fixed the seat in the car park. Thanks were given for this.
- c. Seat in bus shelter –The costs for sturdy wooden seating were considered too high. There is also a risk of vandalism. MP and BG will look at this again.

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**11. Report from Rights of Way Committee:** DM has met with Sam Ridge, the area warden and there are no problems at the moment.

**12. Reports from other meetings attended:** MP attended a Crickhowell Market Hall meeting; they are still looking at ways of curing the condensation problems on the stairs. GM attended an extra ordinary Primary School meeting and gave a report. The school will be closed tomorrow due to the public workers strike.



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13. **Items from Councillors for next Agenda:** progress with new bin arrangements.

14. **Date of next meeting:** 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012 Precept meeting.

Nicky Williams  
Clerk

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