



## CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGYNIDR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Mrs Margaret Price (Chair), Mr George Moretta, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Mr David Mantle, Mr Paul Lindoewood, Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Mr Brian Griffiths, Mr Gene Taylor & Mr David Williams.

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr David Evans and Mr David Filsell.
2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** None
3. **Signing of:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Proposed by GT and seconded by DW. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
4. **Correspondence:**
  - a. The Good Councillor's Guide – a new edition. *Circulation.*
  - b. SLCC renewal notice. *Circulation.*
  - c. Go safe news. *Circulation.*
  - d. Rates bill for the public conveniences, refunded. *Circulation.*
  - e. Powys County Council – letter about the election. *Circulation.*
5. **Clerks Report**

Letter from a resident who has seen the payphone apparatus being removed from a kiosk.

A free appointment with a pensions adviser – the Clerk is not qualified for a pension and needn't enrol for one unless she Clerk specifically requests one.

Actions from March have been completed except for the repeat letter to Powys County Council about the telephone kiosks in the village.

6. **Finance:**
  - a. Statement of Accounts for March 2017. *Approved*
  - b. Cheques to be approved for payment in March 2017

Cleaning the Car Park (Mar)	£37.50
Clerk's wages & Stationery Allowance (Mar)	£308.97
Cleaning Public Conveniences (Mar)	£114.50
Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity	£175.00
Llangattock Community Council (finance training)	£26.04
Zurich Insurance	£382.22 <sup>1</sup>
Bwlch, Crickhowell and District YFC	£100.00 <sup>2</sup>
Evan Price (hedge laying contractor)	£1250.00 <sup>3</sup>
  - c. Cheques approved for payment in April 2017.

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Cleaning the Car Park (Feb)	£37.50
Clerk’s wages & Stationery Allowance (Feb)	£308.97
Cleaning Public Conveniences (Feb)	£114.50
SLCC Membership	£78.00
Brecon and District disABLEd Club an appeal	£100.00

**7. Report from the County Councillor**

*Toilets have been the most numerous devolved service for Powys, and the process has been pretty successful. The Community Council has said that there must be toilets in the village and they need to be maintained. Some communities have set up trusts to apply for grants. It might be worth applying to Waitrose for one of their community funding initiatives. Llanfynach raise funding via a slot in the wall. Crickhowell High School has a car park donation box which is worth investigating. Clerk to find out where it was acquired.*

*Congratulations to RH for being elected unopposed for another 5 year term. RH responded by saying “we’ve been a good team and thank you for returning me unopposed.”* SD

*The Highways Manager has been to see the problem roadside in Forge Road. It is not a Highways responsibility. Ponding and puddles down down Cyfreddin Lane and Castle Road are caused by lack of drainage and the fields being higher than the road. The puddle by the bus stop is more of a problem, the Community Council should take photographs of the puddle when it is at it's worst, Clerk to action.*

*The Dyffryn Road is also not easily solved – soil and stones on the road – it is looked at and worked on sometimes.* SD

*£100,000 is to be spent on the back road between Llangynidr and Llangattock over the next few months.*

*RH will look into the matter of the Church path (see item 15).*

*The purple sacks used by Powys County Council to collect household rubbish are difficult to find, they cannot be found in the library or in CriC. They can only be found in the office, householders need to be able to buy large quantities. RH will look in to.* RH

*The new cattle grid on Beaufort Road is too shallow to stop the sheep from walking across. The Highways Manager was very helpful. RH will liaise.* RH

*RH will also see what is happening with the proposed electronic device to indicate traffic on the bridge. The sign showing that there is a blind spot is progress.* RH

**8. The Village Hall Committee requests that their agent be able to access the public conveniences' water supply for a morning to clean the tennis courts. The Village Hall Committee is to pay for**



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*the water used. Clerk to action.*

9. **Advertise the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting on the 25th May.** Clerk to advertise on the noticeboard and the Sycamore tree on Groesffordd. Clerk to invite the speakers. SD
10. **Plastic film recycling from Cae Post is a possibility for the village. To be discussed and action agreed.** The Community Council resolved to ask Cae Post for a 2-3-month trial. The concern is that the new bin may encourage fly-tipping. It is planned to put a sign on the new bin - "If full please take your rubbish home". Llangynidr may need 2 bins. Clerk to arrange. SD
11. **A further refurbishment of the electrics in the public toilets may help to reduce the electricity bills and save electricity by putting the lights on to sensors.** More money could be saved by putting the electricity on a timer. Clerk to ask the opinion of Mr Hardy the Electrician who fitted the flush control on the men's urinal. SD
12. **Brecon Beacon Nation Park Authority – Mr Eifion Jones, Public Rights of Way Officer. Request to consider a permanent diversion at Llanerch-y-beudy, Dyffryn Crawnnon.** The Community Council resolved to support this initiative and ask if there is something can be done to repair the bridleway. SD
13. **A notice of co-option has been given to the Clerk and placed on the noticeboard. To be discussed and action agreed.** The council resolved to consider co-option.
14. **Ideas for fundraising for the upkeep of the toilets to be discussed and action agreed.** It was resolved to ask the caretaker's view of how to raise funds, see also item 7. SD
15. **A letter from the Parish Church Committee shows that they have been advised that the public footpath in the churchyard is the responsibility of the Community Council. To be discussed and action agreed.** It was resolved to assert that the footpath is not a right of way, and not the responsibility of the Community Council, it is not on the definitive map. However, the Clerk will appeal to Brecon Beacons National Park and Powys County Council to help the Parish Church Committee. SD
16. **Reports from other meetings attended. The School Governors meeting was attended by DW. He reported that all is well. The Branch Meeting of One Voice Wales was attended by EG.** There was a discussion about devolution of services. Particularly the idea that residents should be consulted over the acquisition of such services, especially if they involve an increase in the precept. It is assumed that residents could attend meetings or stand for election themselves if they disagree with council actions.



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The date of the annual meeting is **MONDAY** 15th May 2017.

Signed by the Chair:

Dated: