

**Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 26th February 2013 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mrs Margaret Price(Chair), Mr David Williams, Cllr. Rosemarie Harris, Mr David Mantle, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Mr George Moretta, Mr Brian Griffiths, Mr David Filsell.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Mr Gene Taylor, Mr Chris Jenkins & Mr Paul Lindoewood
- 2. Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** None
- 3. The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2013:** were approved and signed by the Chair. Proposed by GM and seconded by EG.

4. Correspondence:

- i. Powys County Council – Llangynidr Bridge closure short term notice for week beginning 25th February 2013. *Noted. Comments were made about canoeists accessing the river either side of the bridge on the Bwlch side and associated traffic problems, to go on agenda for March.*
- ii. One Voice Wales – notice of training course “Strong Roots” on the 7th March in Bishop Bevan Hall, 6.30 – 9pm, £30. *Noted.*
- iii. Bill for meeting rooms £180 from Llangynidr Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity. *Noted.*
- iv. Wales Air Ambulance appeal and newsletter winter 2012/13. *Noted.*
- v. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority – Tourism in action Conference 6th March 2013 9.30-1pm (possibly later) , Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon. *Noted.*
- vi. One Voice Wales – copy of a letter sent to the Police Commissioner, Mr Christopher Salmon regarding consultation periods. *Circulation.*
- vii. One Voice Wales – Big Lunch Community Awards, deadline for nominations is 22nd February 2013. *Circulation.*
- viii. Gwilym Rippon via SLCC – a useful link to Welsh Government publications:
<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/localgovernment/communitytowncouncils/publications/?lang=en>. *Circulate.*
- ix. PC Andy Pole – letter and phone call indicating he will go ahead reinstating the Farmwatch scheme and at the Parish meeting in May, electors can be asked their views directly. *Noted.*

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- x. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority – two training courses; Good business sense – transport from a visitor’s perspective, Wednesday 22nd February 2013 10pm to 1pm The Angel Hotel Abergavenny;
Good business sense – saving energy without compromising service, Wednesday 6th March 2013 2-4pm at Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon. *Noted.*
- xi. Canal Rural Alliance meeting Llangynidr 6th February 2013 – ideas from the workshop. *Circulate.*
- xii. Kidney Wales Foundation – appeal for support. *Circulate.*
- xiii. Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations – invitation to two play summits. The first ,10am Friday the 8th March 2013 in Llandrindod Wells and the second, 10am Friday 15th March 2013 in Newtown. *Circulate to Mrs D Hansford and Mrs M Davies.*
- xiv. Email from Owen Miles, Chairman of the Governors for Llangynidr Primary School – Community Governor term has expired. *Noted and clerk to put on the agenda for March.*
- xv. Dyfed-Powys Police – invitation to participate in consultation about the precept and police and crime plan, deadline 8th February 2013. *Noted.*
- xvi. Play Wales – Newsletter about United Nations commitment to children’s right to play. *Circulate.*
- xvii. Weston Power Distribution – Wayleaves £49.07. *Noted.*
- ixx. Powys County Council – Rates for the Car Park £678 for the year, paid monthly. *Noted.*
- xx. Keep Wales Tidy -Tidy Tea Break fundraiser, 1st March 2013. *Noted.*
- xxi. One Voice Wales – news of £500 grant from the welsh government to Town and Community Councils to develop their websites, yet to be finalised. *Noted.*
- xxii. Spinal Injuries Association – appeal for support. *Circulate.*

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5. Clerk’s Report

Information only correspondence arriving after the agenda was formed:

- i. Application for planning permission to Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council; proposed development of land north of Rassau Industrial Estate dated 20th February 2013. Responses by 13th March 2013. *To be discussed at an extraordinary planning meeting on the 5th March 2013.*
- ii. Tourism in Action Conference 2013. Theatr Bycheiniong, Brecon, 10am-1pm Wdenesday 6th March 2013. *Noted.*

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- iii. Brecon Beacons National Park – Planning Services Consultee Survey. Responses by 15th March 2013. *EG to lead.* EG
- iv. Powys County Council – remittance advice for grant £1730.00. *SD to write to thank the Grants Department.* SD
- v. Course in Community Governance run by SLCC, £3000, Councillors and Clerks may be eligible. *Circulate.*
- vi. OneVoice Wales – Welsh National Mining Memorial a request for support. *Circulate.*
- vii. Dyfed-Powys Police – Notice of public surgeries for Mr Christopher Salmon, Police and Crime Commissioner to meet with and talk to the public. Appointments may be made by calling 01267 226 440. *Circulate.*
- viii. Nicky Williams – Crickhowell and District Community Partnership Update. A major grant application was rejected but other avenues for funding are being explored. *Circulate.*
- ix. Nicky Williams– Canal 200 bench. Suggesting Lock number 67, Little Lock for the citing of a new bench. Also information about a Montgomery Triathlon to be held Saturday 11th May 2013. *Circulate and ask NW and Powys County Council if bench could be cited on Forge Road just above the canal.* SD
- x. Wales Government – in response to a freedom of information request. The Community Council responded to the Powys Local Growth Zone consultation in May last year. They now need our views on the publication of our response. A reply is required by the 4th March. *Clerk to look into.* SD
- xi. Outline Planning Application: 19, Erw Bant A new dwelling reconsultation. 12/08260/OUT. Comments by 6th March. *To be discussed at an extraordinary planning meeting to be held on the 5th March.*

Actions from January meeting have been completed.

6. Finance

a. Schedule of bills issued in January:

Cleaning the Car Park (January)	£32.00
Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (January)	£291.60
Llangynidr Primary School, photocopier support	£150.00
Friends of Llangynidr Primary School	£100.00
Brecon Advice Centre	£50.00
Chairperson's Allowance	£100.00

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Brecon Mountain Rescue	£100.00
Wales Air Ambulance	£50.00
Llangynidr Agricultural Show Society	£100.00

b. Payments to be approved for February:

Cleaning the Car Park (February)	£32.00
Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (February)	£291.60

7. Report from County Councillor - The public toilets are now permanently open and are being cleaned by a cleaner under contract with Powys County Council. The cleaning in the gents could be better and the guttering is hanging off.

In the green lane by Pen-yr-ale Lane there is an Ash tree which is causing concern to residents. A recent quote for tiding it up was £600. The Clerk is to check to see if the Community Council has taken responsibility for the triangle of land in the lane.

Powys County Council did not agree a budget, the 2.75% increase in the Council Tax is now in doubt. The 75% cuts in some areas may now be 25%. Cuts seem likely in 6th form school transport, some school closures in montgomeryshire , the bowling green in Crickhowell, a 4% cut to payroll, management restructuring saving ³/₄ £million. There are enormous pressures on the County Council at the moment.

8. Village Maintenance :

a. Public Toilets - These are to remain open.

b. Litterpick - to take place in the village in Saturday 16th March 2013. Meeting in the village Car Park at 10.30am.

c. Bench on Coed-yr-Ynys Road - Mr Brian Griffith kindly offered to fix the bench.

9. Clerks Appraisal- to take place during March. For information only.

10. Allotments- A representative of Powys County Council's property department will visit Llangynidr at the end of March.

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11. Highways - Crickhowell to Llangynidr Road, close to Llangynidr has been widened by traffic driving off the tarmac making an uneven and dangerous driving surface. Mr Brian Price (a PCC highways manager) has already filled the worst affected area with tarmac. The problem is now listed with PCC Highways and awaits funding.

12. David Taylor Garages Ltd. - to be thanked for their public spirited offer of 4x4 transport for District Nurses during the recent severe weather.

13. Reports from other meetings attended - Government Inspection at Gilwern. EG and GM attended for Llangynidr , supporting the Category 4c planning designation for our village.

- **Village Hall Committee.** There has been a big improvement in the standard of decoration in the Hall.

The serving of food from the kitchen is fine but preparation of food is no longer feasible.

13. Items from Councillors for the next agenda: Cyffredin Lane pot holes; election of the Community Council Governor to Llangynidr County Primary School; traffic problems caused by canoeists parking their vans near the bridge; paper reduction and treatment of correspondence at council meetings.

14. Date of next meeting: 26th March 2013.

Sue Dale
Clerk

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