



CYMUNED CYNGOR LLANGYNIDR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 25th June 2019 at 7.30pm.**

Public participation.

PCSO Billy Dunne reviewed the community's policing issues for the council. The biggest problem currently is quad bike theft, 38 since January. Another theft in the early hours of Saturday morning saw the arrest of people from the Merthyr area. PCSO Dunne emphasised the need for owners of such valuable equipment to lock away their belongings and consider CCTV. Currently, the final destination of the quad bikes is unknown.

Other issues, young person behaviour, fly-tipping and off-roading. The last of which is giving some concern. The rural crime squad has asked for more co-operation between Dyfed-Powys and Blaina-Gwent Police.

3 Police Constables will be stationed at Crickhowell in the Autumn, making the policing available to the area more flexible but Lee and Billy will give continuity.

Present: Mrs Margaret Price (Chair), Mr David Mantle, Mr David Filsell, Mr David Williams, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Mr Alan James, Mr Gene Taylor and County Councillor Rosemarie Harris.

In attendance: S.Dale (Clerk) and PCSO Billy Dunne.

1. **Absence:** Mr George Moretta and Mr Paul Lindoewood.
2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** MP declared an interest in item 11.
3. **Signing of the minutes:**
Of the meeting held on the 28th May 2019 were approved.
Proposed by AL and seconded by GT.
4. **Correspondence to be circulated:**
 - a. One Voice Wales – assurance that Community Councils are statutory consultees. NALC legal topic note 59 is referred to. *Noted and circulated.*
 - b. A resident has written to the community council to see if there has been a response to our query about a Sardis Chapel planning permission. *None received.*
5. **Clerk's Report**

The footpath blocked by fallen trees has been closed for 6 months by Brecon Beacon National Park. The Warden responded to the emergency very quickly.

Cwmdu and District Community Council have written to Powys County Council to point out the difficulties with the bridge and to ask when we can expect to see the new information lights. (see item 7).

The changes have been made to the website and are better than planned, the website is much easier to use.

A councillor has reported that a website suggests that camper



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vans park overnight in Llangynidr Village Car Park and get free water from the public conveniences.

The contractor reports that the drain behind the toilets is collecting wet wipes and will block eventually, suggest putting it on the agenda for July. Other maintenance for the toilets is the guttering at the front, also for agenda in July. Donations from the toilets amounted to £36.47 + 3 old £1 coins which we may be able to change.

6. Finance:

a. Statement of Accounts and Bank reconciliation for May 2019 and annual return 2018-19 minor corrections.

Approved.

b. Cheques to be approved in June 2019. *Approved.*

Cleaning the car park (Jun)	£37.50
Cleaning the public conveniences (Jun)	£114.50
Clerks wages and stationery allowance(Jun so)	£333.21
Chairperson's Allowance 2018-2019	£150.00
British Gas (electricity for the public toilets)	£61.29
Hedge trimming in the car park (2018)	£186.00
Viking (Office international, toilet supplies)	£21.92
Enviroshred (document disposal)	£36.00
Purple and Green Ltd (website designers)	£129.60
Newland Rennie Surveyors (land valuation)	£300.00
Young persons award	£50.00 ¹
Dwr Cymru (services for the public toilets)	£218.99 ₂

c. Cheques approved in May 2019.

Cleaning the car park(May)	£37.50
Cleaning the public conveniences (May)	£114.50
Clerks wages and stationery allowance(May so)	£333.21
Llangynidr 1st Scout Troop appeal	£100.00
Reimbursement for refreshments at Parish Meeting	£21.97
Drain unblocking for the public toilets	£110.00
Photocopier support for school	£150.00

7. Report from the County Councillor.

The new light to assist the flow of traffic on the bridge has been installed. The County Councillor hopes that it will be successful. Traffic through the village has increased generally.

Work at the top chapel has taken hearses and wedding cars off the road. The new kitchen and meeting room are tidy. There is a new Minister for the top Chapel.

There is a problem with a Fir hedge in the top village which RH will RH address.

1 Adjourned to June meeting

2 Approval only



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the manager of a local care home has been awarded a Medal of the British Empire.

The next years budget is now being looked at for Powys County Council, further savings are being considered. There is an Ystyn inspection starting on Monday 1st of July. Elsewhere house building is being held up by bankruptcies, Brexit may have had a role in this.

The MP has been recalled with a vote of 10,005 electors. He has been re-selected by his Party. The By-election which will be run by Powys County Council (PCC), may become tied up with the Royal Welsh Show (the week from 22nd July). Freedom of Information Requests are being submitted to PCC. There is a lot of pressure on the budget, some funding for the recall will come from the UK government but not 100% of costs.

8. Planning Applications : None
9. Consideration of an application for the casual vacancy on the council. *Approved.*
10. Tree management needs to be addressed, particularly the trees along the riverbank which have yet to be assessed. To be discussed and action agreed. *Clerk to ask former Councillor to consider completing the work for the Council.* SD
11. To select a quote for taking down the tree in the car park, it is growing into the drains and causing blockages. *A quote for £100 which included treatment of the stump was accepted, it will take place after August when the tree has stopped growing for the season.* SD
12. Banking for the Community Council is changing and it is time consider digital banking. To be discussed and action agreed. *Approved.*
13. Report on the clerk's performance and pay from the Human Resources Committee. *Adjourned to next meeting*
14. The Clerk would like to attend an OVW conference which features a talk on the next steps for Town and Community Councils on 10/7/2019 for £50. To be discussed and action agreed. *Approved.* SD
15. Parking along Church Close is very difficult at the moment for residents and a resident has complained to the Community Council. The contractor has been informed. They report that they will continue to monitor the situation. To be discussed and action agreed. *RH will address.* SD
16. A resident has complained about Erw Bant steps, they are quite RH



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- over grown now. *Clerk volunteered to clean the steps.*
17. The recreation ground has been valued. The surveyor suggests that the Community Council consults a solicitor. To be discussed and action agreed. *It was resolved to approach the Architect of the village hall to invite him to attend the July meeting.* RH
18. Clerk's report on the registration of the land owned by the Community Council. To be discussed and action agreed. *Resolved to negotiate with another party to see if a mutually agreeable outcome can be reached.* SD& MP
19. A young persons award has been applied for, to be discussed and action agreed (adjourned from May). *Resolved to make the award subject to parental approval.* SD
20. Crickhowell Town Council want to host a 5 councils' meeting in the week commencing 8th July. Are there any agenda items to put forward? *None – Clerk to inform Crickhowell TC.*
21. Reports from meetings attended. *DF reported a meeting of the Crickhowell Health Focus Group, which will now meets quarterly. He called for issues with GP services to be raised with him.*
22. Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors. *The LDP consultation needs to be addressed before the end of July, it was agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting on the 3rd July, subject to room availability. The sharp right hand turn near the village end of the Beaufort Road is very slippery after rain. RH will make enquiries.* SD RH
- Date of next full meeting: 30th July 2019. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm**

Signed by the Chairman.....

Dated.....