

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGYNIDR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 28th January 2014 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mrs Margaret Price(Chair), Mr David Williams, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Mr David Mantle, Mr David Filsell, Mr George Moretta, CCllr Rosemarie Harris & Mr Paul Lindoewood.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Brian Griffiths & Mr Gene Taylor.
2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** MP declared a non-pecuniary interest in item casual vacancy for Community Councillor.
3. **Minutes of the meetings**
 - a) **held on 28th November 2014:** These were approved and signed by the Deputy Chair. Proposed by DW and seconded by DM.
 - b) **Precept minutes of the 21st January 2014:** These will be presented to the meeting on February 18th 2014. A vote should have been recorded.
4. **Correspondence:** a complete listing can be found on the agenda.
 - iii. Email from Wales in bloom – questionnaire. *To be sent on to Mrs Coupland.*
 - xiv. One Voice Wales – email dated 29th November 2013. War memorials registration and funding opportunities. *SD to register the village memorial and send the funding opportunities on to Mrs J Ellis.*
 - xv. Five Councils – report on meeting held 21st November 2013. *It was noted that the ad-hoc 5 Council's meeting was held before the PCC budget had been set and was therefore held prematurely.*
 - xvii. Welsh Government, Wales Remembers Team – email requesting notification of any commemorative events planned to mark the centenary of the First World War. *A memorial service in the church was considered possibly involving the school. DW to discuss with the school.*
 - xviii. Keep Wales Tidy – publicity for “Wild Weekend for Wales” 7-9th March 2014. *A litterpick will be arranged for that weekend at the meeting of the 18th February.*
 - xxii. UMEA University, Sweden – request to complete questionnaire for Masters Thesis. To be returned for the 14th February 2014. *RH to respond.*
 - xxvi. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority – email dated 10th January 2014. Social Inclusion and Child Poverty Strategy and Action Plan Consultation. To be returned by 20th February 2014. *EG to respond.*
 - xxvii. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority – email dated 9th January 2014. Concerns a possibly dangerous tree between the footpath and the shop. *DM and EG to evaluate.*

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DM & EG

Signed by Chair.....





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xxx. Email from Crickhowell Town Council – requesting notification of “open gardens” events in June. SD to respond.

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xxxiv. Mr RW Evans and Son Ltd quote for maintenance on War Memorial. SD to acknowledge.

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xxxv. BBNPA Invitation to participate in planning training. Especially at Clarence Hall Crickhowell on the 3rd April 2014. The training is free. MP and EG to attend SD to notify BBNPA.

MP EG &

xxxvi. NHS Patients Watchdog – a survey. DF to respond – to be placed on the noticeboard for anyone to participate, go to

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www.communityhealthcouncils.org.uk.

DF

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5. Clerk’s Report.

National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has issued new standing orders. These are due to be considered at the meeting in February. Ecopies to given to EG and MP.

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Information about a scheme for new residents was described. The Community Council felt that such a practice already exists in a non-organized way.

Greenhill Construction Company has been invoiced by the Community Council.

Two residents have complained about the fence down the side of Erw Bant steps. Clerk to write to the owner of the fence.

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A resident has indicated a willingness to stand for Community Councillor in the future.

6. Finances

a) Statement of Accounts Bank Balance per cash book was £18416.51 on 31st December

b) Cheques approved for payment in November 2013.

Cleaning the Car Park (November) £70.00

Clerk’s Wages £540.00 and Stationery Allowance

£60.00 (November & December) £600.00

Village Hall Contribution (£2000+£500) £2500.00

c) Cheques to be approved for payment in January 2014.

Cleaning the Car Park (November & December) £37.50

Clerk’s Wages & Stationery Allowance £300.00

S Dale in lieu of payment for BDO audit fees £180.00

MB Property Maintenance (Grass Cutting) £655.00¹

Llangynidr Primary School photocopier support £150.00

Wallsof Llangynidr £100.00

Friends of Llangynidr School £100.00

Brecon Advice Centre £50.00

Chairperson's Allowance £100.00

Brecon Mountain Rescue £100.00

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Wales Air Ambulance	£50.00
Llangynidr Agricultural Show Society	£100.00

7. Report from the County Councillor.

The Williams Commission (council reorganisation) has reported and Powys, whilst merging with the health authority, will remain the same.

Savings of £40 million over 3 years are necessary, including a £3 million allowance for the growth in adult social care.

Post 16 transport to be paid for at the moment to support the young people.

Meals on wheels which is only provided to 5% or less of the elderly will not be delivered anymore.

Day centres are being reorganised, some will close but Maes-y-ffynnon is very good and should hopefully stay open.

Toilets are staying open for another year to allow the views of Community Councils to be considered. There is a lot of concern about leisure centres – there is no question about Brecon Leisure Centre closing. However, Leisure Centres may be reorganised into a Trust. Libraries are still being looked at.

8. Public Conveniences – Powys County Council are changing the offer to be made to Community Councils, with regards to the public conveniences. Toilets are to be maintained by Powys County Council for another year.

9. Casual Vacancy for Community Councillor – there was one application who was endorsed and elected. Proposed by GM and seconded by DW. The new Community Councillor is Mr David Evans. *Clerk to write to Mr Evans informing of his election.*

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10. Website implementation tenders – only one tender was submitted, therefore standing order 66 was suspended by resolution to allow the acceptance of the tender. Proposed by EG and seconded by DW. *Clerk to engage with the contractor.*

11. Potentially dangerous tree – *see item xxvii.*

12. Highways:

- a) A culvert is blocked on part of Dyffryn Road, RH has reported this to Highways.
- b) Back road to Crickhowell, near Dunvant barn, appears to be slipping into the canal, Highways to inspect.
- c) Large puddle by the bus stop opposite the village hall. Highways to inspect.

Signed by Chair.....





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d) Church Close is recently congested due to increased traffic from two construction sites. Concern has been expressed about the school run times, however if an obstruction blocks the road the Police may be called.

13. Treatment of anonymous letters – The CC will not read unsigned letters. For information only.

14. The steep footpath leading from Ty'r y Wen to the Usk is in a dangerous state. A site meeting between Mr Sam Ridge, Mr Efion Jones (both of BBNPA) and the Rights of Way Committee is to be arranged.

15. Rassau Circuit for Wales – Title documents are required for the developers. These have been acquired and loaned to James Anderson of Jefferys and Powell. A meeting is to be arranged by the Clerk for interested Councillors to see the other recovered documents.

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16. Reports from other meetings attended:

a) **Llangynidr County Primary School Governors Meeting.** In the process of finding a new Head for the School.

b) **Ad-hoc 5 Councils' Liaison Committee** – the consultation process Powys was using was discussed. Generally the meeting was considered to be premature.

c) **Village Hall Committee** – MP reported that the Village Hall Committee had requested a response to their suggestion that the Community Council help purchase some play ground equipment. The Community Council declined to help on this occasion SD to write to the Village Hall, RH stated that grants may be available.

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17. Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors.

- The Sarah Prydech Trust.
- Conveyance for Scout hut.
- Storage of important documents.
- Wash lanes.
- Cae Porth Sewage problem.
- Date of next litterpick and village walk.

18. Date of next meeting: 18th February 2014.

Sue Dale (Clerk) 7/2/2014