

**Crickhowell Town Council**  
**Report of Five Council Liaison Meeting**  
**@7:30pm, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

**Present:-**

Crickhowell Town Council - Cllr I Kovaleva (Chair), M Britton & C Hall (clerks), Cllr I Jessop, Cllr A D'Anna, Cllr A Jeremiah, Cllr P Williams, Cllr V P Games.

Llangattock CC – Cllr J Dobbs, Cllr R Jones, Cllr J Charlton.

Llangynidr CC – Cllr M Price, Cllr E Gibbs.

Vale of Grwyney CC – M James (clerk).

Bwlch, Cwmdu, Tretower District CC – Cllr K West, B Doak (clerk).

IK opened the meeting and welcomed PCSO 8058 Billy Dunne and his colleague to the meeting.

**1. Update from Billy Dunne PCSO 8058**

– he introduced PC 1162 Cheryl Rudge who joined the Crickhowell Neighbourhood Policing Team on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017. PC Rudge provided a background to her career and new post.

- increased police presence can be provided now PC Rudge is in post.

- will be increasing community speed watch, have lots of volunteers already (only Llangynidr has no volunteers) and use of 3 hand-held devices. Have already issued warning letters to drivers who exceed speed limits.

- discussion about part time 20 mph speed limit which is being introduced by Welsh Assembly Government outside primary school from 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017.

- wants to set up 20 neighbourhood watch schemes across the area and is looking for volunteers to act as coordinators for their area.

- encourages use of Dyfed Powys Community Messaging system of alerts from your local police officers and local authority partners. A leaflet was provided to explain. You can join for free at [www.dcpm.co.uk](http://www.dcpm.co.uk) or download their smartphone app.

- asks for local communities to identify priorities for the policing of their area. Cllr Games expressed concern about free-runners in Beaufort Street car park and damage to bins. PCSO responded that funding into new CCTV was being explored.

The PCSO & PC then left the meeting.

**2. Collective response to Powys CC reduction in doorstep recycling**

- concerns were expressed about Powys CC's reduction in kerbside collections, the rules being difficult to understand and more waste going to landfill as a result.

- discussion about the unnecessary packaging/waste at source and how this could be reduced.

- agreed that all five councils would write to Powys CC to express their concerns and to write to the bigger supermarkets in the area (e.g. Waitrose Abergavenny, Tesco Ebbw Vale) to enquire what they are going to do to reduce waste, e.g. plastic free products aisle, and/or provide recycling facilities at their stores so that waste could be returned for recycling. It was agreed that copies of these letters would also be sent to the local AM and MP.

**3. Collective response for removal of parking restrictions in Crickhowell lay-bys**

- a request from Glangrwyney that approach should be made to the new Welsh Government Minister to reconsider parking restrictions. There was a short discussion however as the requesting Councillor was not in attendance it was agreed that this would be deferred until the next meeting.

#### **4. Town Councils appointing representatives for Five Council Liaison meetings**

- a request from Glangrwyney that representatives could be appointed from each council to sit on the Five Council meetings. There was a general discussion about the lack of decision-making powers for the Five Councils collectively and how collaboration between councils could be best achieved and acted upon, e.g. to set up a new committee with reporting back arrangements to ensure decisions were made in line with the Five Council's collective agreement. It was agreed this would be reviewed in future and depending upon the future direction of Welsh Government and Boundary Commission.

#### **5. Facilitating Councillor access to other Town Council meetings/chambers**

- a request from Glangrwyney that each council could learn from each other by seeing how each other operates as everyone has different arrangements. The Five Council agreed that, being public meetings, councillors and clerks from each other's councils were always welcome to attend for observation purposes, subject to the necessary pre-arrangements.

#### **6. Youth Council**

- Cllr Jones initiated a discussion about having Youth Council representatives for each council (2 members aged 11-18). It was agreed that this was a good idea and that the High School Youth Council be invited to discuss this with each respective council.

#### **7. Appoint representative for Market Hall Trust**

- new appointment needed due to ill-health of existing member having to step down. Cllr D'Anna volunteered for the role.

**Meeting closed at 8:45pm.**