

Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 26th July 2011 at 7.30pm.

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Brian Griffiths and Mr Chris Jenkins.
2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** none.
3. **The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 11:** were approved and signed by the Chair (p.p.GM, sec. DW)
4. **Clerks Report:** The next Five Councils meeting is tomorrow evening at 7.30pm in the Cric Conference room.
New dog stickers have been put on the dog waste bins along the canal. BBNPA have appointed Alison Crawshaw to co-ordinate the canal 2012 celebrations.
The car parking problem has been reported. A litter pick has been carried out along the river, there was hardly any litter found.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - i. Ombudsman Annual Report 2010/11 – *circulation*.
 - ii. Dyfed-Powys Police – Inspection of Audit of Accounts 2011 – *circulation*.
 - iii. Shelter Cymru – Accounts 2010 – *circulation*.
 - iv. Brecon Advice Centre – Accounts 2010/11 – *Precept*.
 - v. Powys Funding Opportunities - £5.2m available for ‘Sustainable Tourism’, ‘A Resilient Powys’ and ‘The Farm Diversification Scheme.’ – *Circulation*.
 - vi. Abergavenny CAB – Annual Report 2010/11 – *circulation*.
 - vii. Powys Teaching Health Board – Vision for Bronllys Hospital Site (*emailed 5th July 11*) – *circulation*.
 - viii. BBNPA – Consultation on Local List Criteria (deadline 14th October 11) (*emailed 6th July 11*) – *circulation*.
 - ix. IPC Secretariat – has not accepted a change to the application at Brig y Cwm at Merthyr Tydfil – *noted*.
6. **Finance**
 - a. **Financial Statement:** The bank balance has been reconciled to the cash book. The balance in the bank at the end of June was £18,509.51. All cheques approved in the June Minutes have been issued. The interest rate on the reserve account is very low. Other options are being investigated. The Post Office are offering a higher interest account through the Irish Bank. Quarter 4 recycling income of £396.17 has been received.

b. **Approved:** Payment of the following cheques:

Clerks salary for month of July	£233.93
Cleaning of car park for July	£32.00
Donation to Burial Ground 2011/12	£900.00

c. **2010/11 Accounts:** BDO have advised a change in the requirements for reporting fixed assets. The accounts have had to be restated to show the original purchase cost, or where it was a gift – a nominal £1, of all the assets in both 2010 and 2011. The pockets of land owned by Llangynidr Community Council are held in perpetuity. The restated total is now £8757.

7. **Report from County Councillor:** RH reported that a pilot of recycling more waste had been very successful in Ystradgynlais. Bins had been issued for plastic, paper and food. The remaining rubbish is then collected fortnightly. This will be rolled out to other areas in Powys. PCC is in the process of a massive job evaluation and all pay and grading structures are being reviewed.

A permanent site for gypsies is being looked at near Brecon. PCC has been given 2 months by the Welsh Assembly Government to find a permanent site.

8. **Highways:** The pot holes in the car park have been filled. Clerk to write and thank Alan Logan.

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9. **Village Maintenance:**

- i. Update on ground work in front of Bryn Glas – neighbours have agreed to pay £150 towards the costs of the work. Council to pay the remainder of the bill which will now be £50 more than anticipated due to the vast amount of briars and brambles that had to be removed.
- ii. Cleaning of car park – accepted resignation of contractor. Clerk to do poster for new contractor.
- iii. Dead branches in trees – Castle Road and Frood Lane – RH will talk to Trevor Thomas
- iv. Village sign – Council did not agree that the ground needs levelling in front of sign.
- v. Progress on allotments – discuss in September.
- vi. Agreed: Mountain Litter Pick to be held on 6th August at 10.30am. Clerk to do posters

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10. **Village Improvements** : Bench in bus stop – following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk bring quotes to the next meeting for a simple sturdy bench.
11. **Queen and Canal Celebrations 2012** – Clerk has contacted a few village organisations and put up posters. Initial meeting with Alison Crawshaw needs to be arranged.
12. **Report from Rights of Way Committee**: nothing to report.
13. **Reports from other meetings attended**: DW attended a village hall meeting. The final cost of resurfacing the tennis courts was £18,641. Room will be made in the hedge on Cyffredin Lane to allow the Oil tanker to pull in.
14. **Items from Councillors for next Agenda**: allotments. Meet with Graham Eels.
15. **Date of next meeting**: 27th September 2011.

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