

# Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm.

#### Public participation.

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

In attendance: S.Dale (Clerk).

- 1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr George Moretta and Mr David Evans.
- 2. Declaration of interest in items of business listed below: None
- 3. Signing of the minutes:

Of the meeting of the finance committee on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Proposed by GT and seconded by DW. Of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved. Proposed by GT and seconded by AJ.

#### 4. Correspondence to be circulated:

- a. Letter from a resident declining the appointment of internal auditor.
- b. Email (18/3/2019) confirming the date of a meeting between the Police and Crime Commissioner and Town/Community Councillors from the Crickhowell area as Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in The Bear 2-4pm. Clerk to inform organizers, MP and DW will attend.
- c. Remittance Advice from Powys County Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019. £396.06 for recycling. This sum is likely to decrease with the change in green waste recycling policy.

#### 5. Clerk's Report

Late correspondence – for information only:
Local Democracy and boundary commission for Wales has issued a final recommendation report. Llangattock and Llangynidr are to be joined for the purposes of county council elections and will be represented by one councillor not two as present. Put on circulation and on the agenda for April.

Referred to a former councillor about the cistern lids – he is happy that risk is minimised by cisterns being inside the maintenance cupboard, no further action to be taken.

Planning Aid Wales – Planning your places training undertaken by the Clerk. Good training about Place Plans.

They are a key way for communities to safeguard their built environment. Community involvement is needed from the start, and the help of officers from the Brecon Beacons National Park.

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Planning Training on influencing planning decisions will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> April in the village hall 6.30pm to 9pm.

The completed standing orders are now published on the website.

#### 6. Finance:

a. Statement of Accounts and Bank reconciliation for February 2019. Approved with some details to be added.

b.	Cheques to be approved in March 2019. Approved.	
	Office Depot International (Viking) toilet supplies	£38.71
	Cleaning the car park (Mar)	£37.50
	Cleaning the public conveniences (Mar)	£114.50
	Clerks wages and stationery allowance(Mar so)	£333.21
	Wales Audit Office (external audit bill)	£225.75 $_{2}$
	Grass cutting (MB Property Services Ltd)	£575.00 $_{2}$
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	Cleaning the car park (Feb)	£37.50
	Cleaning the public conveniences (Feb)	£114.50
	Clerks wages and stationery allowance(Feb so)	£333.21
	Llangynidr Jubilee Heritage & Celebration Trust	$£80.00^{1}$
	Llangynidr Jubilee Heritage & Celebration Trust	£100.00
	Brecon Advice Centre	£ $50.00^{2}$
	Friends of Llangynidr School	£ $100.00_2$
	Wales Air Ambulance	$\pounds 50.00_{2}$
	Brecon Mountain Rescue Team	£100.00 $_{2}$
	Llangynidr Agricultural Society Show	£ $100.00_2$
	Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau (Defibrillator)	£100.00 $_{2}$
	British Gas (electricity for the toilets – new tariff)	£30.96 $_{2}$
	British Gas (electricity for the toilets – old tariff)	£72.33 $_{2}$
	Llangynidr Village Hall & Recreation Ground	
	Charity	£145.00

### 7. Report from the County Councillor.

The Boundaries Commission report does not recognise the ties between Bwlch, Cwm Du and Disrtict and Llangynidr. Long term it makes better sense to join Bwlch to Llangynidr rather than Llangattock.

The budget was passed at the second attempt with £19M of cuts, but most services have been kept going. The increase in Council tax is 9.5% or £2.30 per week for a Band D property.

RH attended a Downing Street St David's day reception – a very

<sup>1</sup> Cheque re-issued due to name change.

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An MP may be recalled, requiring significant administrative arrangements.

The Circuit of Wales has received a boost with Blaenau Gwent County Council buying an option to purchase the land as part of the Cardiff City Deal.

- 8. Planning Applications: 19/17162/FUL, no objections. 9. A grant application has been received from Llangynidr SD Football Club. To be discussed and action agreed. Approved 10. Dog fouling is a problem for the village and Tidy Towns Wales has suggested a series of notices in the affected area. SD To be discussed and action agreed. Clerk to action. 11. Some of the Community Council's deeds are lodged with a Solicitors' office in Abergavenny. An instruction to the Clerk is needed to retrieve them and a certified copy of each. To be discussed and action agreed. Councillors wish to look at the SD deeds at the April meeting. The instruction was approved. 12. Flooding on Cyffredin Lane has been persistent during the recent weather. To be discussed and action agreed. RH RH,EG & suggested a site meeting with a Highways officer and DM and EG. DM 13. The website needs a re-organisation to make it easier to navigate the minutes and agenda pages. To also incorporate a page for standing documents. Clerk to ask the original web designer for a quote to do the work. SD
- 14. Call to participate in the development of a skateboard park in Crickhowell for the younger people of the area. Please inform the Clerk if interested. Councillors are free to participate.
- 15. Terms of reference for the standing committees, Human Resources, Planning, Finance and the additional delegation for planning, have been written. To be discussed and action agreed. Approved to be put on the web site.
- 16. The grass cutting contract has been advertised. To be discussed and action agreed. Only one tender was received, this was approved. Clerk to action.
- 17. A candidate for internal auditor is needed. To be discussed and action agreed. A local accountant may be willing to help, Clerk to enquire.
- 18. Llangynidr Village Hall Committee and Llangynidr Football Club will have held a meeting to discuss matters of mutual interest. The Community Council may wish to support their efforts by discussing the outcome. RH chaired a meeting on Monday 25th March 2019 and a resolution was found. The Village

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Hall and the Football Club have agreed a 5 year deal for use of the facilities at the Hall. The Community Council was happy to be involved in the successful outcome as it owns the field, the car park and makes a substantial contribution annually to the Village Hall.

19. Membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks is due for renewal if the Community Council agrees (£122.00). Approved.

20. Reports from meetings attended.

MP attended the Village Hall meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Games retired from the Chair. *Clerk to write to the out going* SD *Chair to thank him for his great contribution to the village over many years.* 

The School Governors met recently, DW reported that the school is running well and has 135 children.

GT met with two local landowners, they would like to re-open the former path by Pentwyn but are reluctant due to the unpleasantness they have suffered. Landowners are not obliged to open permissive paths and are within their rights to close them.

New LDP meeting run by Brecon Beacon National Park Authority (BBNPA) was attended by EG. The BBNPA decided to replace the current LDP because of a failure to maintain a 5 year land supply.

The preferred strategy for the new LDP will by put out for an 8 week consultation period in May-June. Then the LDP itself will be prepared 2019-2020. The current LDP remains in force until the new one can be adopted in May 2022. Details are on the BBNPA website.

Candidate sites will be called for in May-June. EG commented that it seems unlikely that Llangynidr will retain it's no development classification. The best way to influence the outcome is by producing a place plan. If this is to be embarked upon, a meeting with the BBNPA Officer is to be planned for April and after that a village meeting should be considered to gauge residents' support for a place plan. A useful idea in the current LDP is environmental capacity, Llangynidr with it's bridge and narrow roads has little envirnmental capacity for new houses.

EG also attended the 5 Council's meeing on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The LDP process was raised by Crickhowell Town Council. They have a place plan and reported the benefits of early community involvement. Policing was was also on the agenda, a warning letter about scams has been circulated and will be put on the noticeboard. Councillors are urged to talk to

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vulnerable people. Broadband was also on the agenda, it is now very difficult to improve provision further.

Llangynidr Bridge was raised by Cwm Du and District. It seems the lights are likely to be installed. Green waste has been referred to at item 4.c. Retrospective planning is an issue for some of the 5 councils' they are now in touch with Welsh Government about the lack of penalties. Powys County Council has declined the offer to house nuclear waste.

## 21. Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors: *None*

Date of next meeting: 30th April 2019

Signed by the Chair

**Dated**