

Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 29th September 2015 at 7.30pm.

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

- 1. Apologies for absence: DM, DE and GT.
- 2. Declaration of interest in items of business listed below: None.
- 3. The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2015: were approved and signed by the Chair. Proposed by PL and seconded by GM.
 - a. Correspondence:
 - b. Wicksteed playground equipment flyer. Circulation.
 - c. Letter from a resident concerning vegetation at the entrance to Erw Bant. *Circulation RH will examine the entrance to Erw Bant.*
 - d. Welsh Government promoting the Local Government Bill to be published in draft form for consultation in Autumn 2015. *Circulation.*
 - e. BDO external auditors Audit Report. Retained by Clerk.
 - f. Police and Crime Commissioner 10 minute survey. *Circulation*.
 - g. Play Wales Mental health and well being information sheet. *Circulation*.
 - h. One Voice Wales information on a course for understanding VAT. *Circulation.*
 - i. BBNPA Geopark survey no deadline. *Circulation*.
 - j. Powys County Council Licence agreement for the public conveniences in Llangynidr. *Circulation*.
 - k. Play Wales publication list. *Circulation*.
 - 1. Play Wales Celebrating play in Wales. *Circulation*.
 - m. Powys County Council Information about humanitarian assistance and community resilience conference, Thursday 15th October 2015 in Carmarthen. *Circulation*.
 - n. One Voice Wales consultation on Planning Policy Wales Chapter 10 and Technical Advice Note 4, running until 26th November 2015. *Circulation*.
 - o. The Clerk September 2015. Circulation.
 - p. NatWest Financial Services Compensation Scheme, will cover small local authorities from January 2016 (up to £75000). *Circulation*.
 - q. Society of Local Council Clerks Notice of Annual General Meeting, Friday 16th October 2015. *Circulation*.
 - r. Clerks and Councils Direct September 2015. Circulation.
 - s. Vale of Grwney Community Council invitation to attend a

Signed by Chair.....

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meeting with NatWest about the closure of their branch in Crickhowell. *Circulation*.

- t. NatWest letter concerning the closure of their branch in Crickhowell. *Circulation*.
- u. One Voice Wales BBC charter review consultation to begin in September. *Circulation*.
- v. PAVO Report on the resilience of third sector organisations. *Circulation*.
- w. Broxap 2 advertisements for street furniture. *Circulation*.
- x. Friends of Crickhowell Library invitation to participate in discussions about the long term future of the library service in our area. *Circulation*.
- y. Natural Resources Wales information about the 2016 Natural Resources Wales Competitive Grant. *Circulation and email to RH*.
- z. Commissioner for Older People in Wales letter outlining her activities. *Circulation*.
- aa.Welsh Audit Office seminar on the future of parks and their positive impact on wellbeing, October 2015. *Circulation.*
- ab. NatWest letter detailing changes to the business accounts. *Circulation.*
- ac.One Voice Wales Nine motions being put forward at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 3rd October 2015. *Circulation*.
- ad. Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens Newsletter. *Circulation*.
- ae.PAVO briefing sheet. Circulation.
- af. Email from PCSO Stephen Legg concerning the Bridge meeting in Llangynidr. *Circulation.*
- ag. DYNAMIC Newspaper articles about the Circuit of Wales. *Circulation*.

4. Clerk's Report

Late Correspondence for information only:

Welsh Audit Office – notice of the 2015-16 audit's focus on budget setting and monitoring and the engagement of the internal audit, Grant Thornton are the new auditors. *Circulation*.

One Voice Wales – Notice of a meeting of the Brecon and Radnorshire Area Committee at 7pm on Friday 9th October at the Howey Village Hall, Howey ,Powys LD1 5PT. *Unable to attend. Circulation.*

Play Wales – impact report. *Circulation*.

Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens -Funding opportunities. *Circulation*.

Friends of Crickhowell Library email – call for involvement from

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the Community Council. Circulation.

One Voice Wales – Invitation from the Minister for Public Services to attend the Public Services Board Conference on 26th November at the Millenium Stadium Cardiff. *Circulation*.

Play Wales Spirit Events 2015, 13th October, Cardiff. Circulation. One Voice Wales – Local Government Finance Training

Wednesday 14th October. Circulation.

Play Wales – Hospital Play issue. *Circulation*.

Five Councils' Liaison Committee – email about a meeting with NatWest about the closure of the Crickhowell branch (not about the decision, which has been made). *Circulation*.

Five Councils' Liaison Committee – email concerning Maes-y-Fynnon. *Circulation*.

Actions for July & August have been completed.

The Audit Completion Notice has been displayed for 14 days.

6. Finances

- a) Statement of Accounts the cash book and bank accounts were reconciled at £25,646.04 on the 31st August 2015.
- b) Cheques approved for payment in July 2015. £75.00 Cleaning the Car Park (July & August) Clerk's Wages & Stationery Allowance (July & August) £612.42

Mr Dave Hutton – cleaning of the public conveniences. (July & August) £229.00

Manchester Safety Services Ltd – litter pick signs.

£262.62

Clerk for supplies for the public conveniences.

£16.32

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Burial Ground Trust £200.00 c) Cheques to be approved for payment in September 2015: Cleaning the Car Park (Sept) £37.50 Clerk's Wages & Stationery Allowance (Sept) £306.21 Cleaner's wages (Sept) £114.50 Clerk for supplies for the public conveniences. £11.82 **Report from the County Councillor –** Cuts are being discussed at the moment, at Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, the Health Board and Powys County Council. Budgets are to be announced in November. Cuts being considered are 3 weekly rubbish collections (recycling would still be collected every week). There is a threat to the grants that come to the Community Council and the village hall. It is important to support village halls for all the groups that use them.

Threats to the bus service – it is the population local to the back road who uses the bus service.

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Libraries are also under threat as is street lighting.	
Welsh language provision, after the new school is identified.	
RH will pursue the request for a dropped kerb in Cae Porth.	RH
Refugee relief – money, in particular, is requested due to	16
difficulties in transport of other goods. RH is collecting on beha	IT RH
of the community.	
New Governors for the primary school have been appointed.	
8. Date for the last litter pick of the year was set as 3 rd	SD
October 2015. Clerk to arrange publicity.	
9. Evening entertainment on behalf of the Llangynid	
Agricultural Show, opera and flower art with a harvest buffet of	
Saturday the 10 th October in the Village Hall. Some tickets still	
available.	<i>c</i> .
10. Welsh Government – Request for views on the dra	itt
statutory guidance for the wellbeing of future generations	
(Wales) Act. Consultation to end 16 th November 2015. No actio	n
to be taken.	
11. Five Council's Liaison Committee Meeting on	
Tuesday 3 rd November at 7pm in Llangynidr Village Hall. Cler	
to request agenda items, arrange hall and liaise with RH about t	he SD
speaker.	
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