



CYMUNED CYNGOR LLANGYNIDR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 7.30pm.**

Public participation. Mr Eifion Jones, Rights of Way Officer for the Brecon Beacon National Park Authority (BBNPA) thanked the Community Council for inviting him to speak – a resident had complained about the closure of a local path at Pen Twyn. The Officer said he had been unable to convey to the resident that the path was not a registered public right of way. He went on to explain that should the Community Council support the resident in defining the path as a right of way and the case went to appeal, BBNPA would be likely to pay the costs. However, these cases can become emotional and divisive. Mr Jones has spoken with the resident and advised her to approach the Ramblers for support in the matter. (see item 17)

Present: Mrs Margaret Price (Chair), Mr David Williams, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Mr Alan James, Mr Mark Brian, Mr George Moretta, Mr David Filsell and County Councillor Rosemarie Harris.

In attendance: Rights of Way Officer for Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Mr E.Jones and S.Dale (Clerk).

1. **Absent:** Mr David Mantle, Mr Paul Lindoewood and Mr Gene Taylor.
2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** None
3. **Signing of the minutes:**
 - a. the meeting held on the 30th July 2019. Proposer: DW, Seconder: MB
 - b. the human resources committee meeting held on 30th July 2019. Proposer: MP, Seconder: GM
 - c. the extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 13th August 2019. Proposer: EG, Seconder: AJ
 - d. the extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 27th August 2019. Proposer: MB, Seconder: DW
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a. Clerks and Council's Direct. *Circulation*
 - b. Land Registry return of the 3 parcels of land deeds, registration having been completed. *Circulation*
 - c. Police and Crime Commissioner's July Newsletter and Annual Report 2018-19. *Circulation*
 - d. Brecon Advice Centre, annual report and accounts. *Circulation*
5. **Clerk's Report.**

*£40.54 has been donated to the public conveniences.
19 hours spent on the Riverbank work up to 30th August 2019.
There has been a letter from a resident for the Place Plan Team.
Another resident has copied the Community Council into a letter to her MP about a traffic incident on Forge Road.*



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Audit for 2018-19 has been returned with a qualified opinion. A discussion with Natural Resources Wales about the Community Council's responsibilities towards the riverbank as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and as a Special Area of Conservation.

There has been concern over an adventure challenge Saturday 28th September, this has resulted in a change of route for the adventure challenge, although it will still be going through Llangynidr.

Last Sunday broken glass was found in a section of the car park and on the slide in the playground. It has been cleared away by several volunteers but the community needs to be watchful as there are still some very small pieces of broken glass in the area around the recycling bins.

Powys County Council has written asking for greater communication and co-operation with Town and Community Councils. Spring and Autumn meetings are being considered and possibly webinars. To go on the agenda for October. SD

6. Finance:

a. Statement of accounts, bank reconciliation and budget for September 19. *Approved*

b. Cheques to be approved in September 2019. *Approved*

Mr K Morgan(locksmith) for archive cupboard	£50.00
Cleaning the car park (Sept)	£37.50
Cleaning the public conveniences (Sept)	£114.50
Reimbursement for cleaning the car park (Aug)	£37.50
Reimbursement for cleaning the p.c.s	£114.50
Office International (Viking toilet supplies)	£54.55
Tree removal and stump treatment	£100.00
Car park hedge cutting (not rear)	£100.00
Clerks wages and SA(August so)	£333.21
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c. Cheques approved in July 2019.

Reimbursement for consultation day goods	£75.17
Cleaning the car park (July)	£37.50
Cleaning the public conveniences (July)	£114.50
Rentokil Initial UK Ltd (hygiene)	£191.52
Clerks wages and stationery allowance(July so)	£333.21

7. Report from the County Councillor.

The Adventure Challenge run by "rat race" on Saturday 28th September, including a section in Llangynidr. Powys County Council has been informed of the event and the organiser's plan to marshal participants over the Llangynidr Bridge.

Concerns have been raised over the "den" in the recreation ground, particularly the amount of old scrap in the vicinity. A



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resident has offered to remove the scrap (but not the old grass roller which may be needed).

Brexit preparations by Powys County Council and Welsh Government include a resettlement scheme for EU Nationals (who are not yet registered), the County Councillor asks that those who are not yet registered, register before December 2020.

Bus times are to be put on the agenda for the next meeting, RH will look into them in the meantime.

8. Planning Application:
 - a. 19/17783/FUL – Ty Canol, single storey extension to rear replacing a conservatory. *No Objections.*
9. Clerk's Stationery Allowance (£30/month) no longer covers the printing expenses. To be discussed and action agreed. *£45.00 per month was agreed. SD*
10. Clerk's performance (2018-19) and pay were discussed by the human resources committee. Pay is recommended at NALC pay scales for SCP 19 (£10.37/hour). *Agreed. SD*
11. The guttering on the toilets needs maintenance, the hedge needs cutting back from the parking sign and other sundry items coming to approximately £200. *Agreed – Clerk to advertise. SD*
12. There have been reports of the Glaisfer being choked with green waste. To be discussed and action agreed. *The Community Council has been told of green waste and other pollutants being evident in the Glaisfer. Clerk to inform Natural Resources Wales and ask "Contact" for help to identify who is doing this. SD*
13. A camera and sign for the car park have been requested, to be discussed and action agreed. *A camera would have been helpful in identifying who left bottles outside of the glass recycling banks and who broke them. It seems that a hostelry outside the village has been using the bottle banks, whilst the recycling is good the business should be using other means. Clerk to ask the local PCSO for advice about cameras. RH may be able to source a sign saying "Cars parked at owner's risk". Clerk to source quotes for a Parking sign. RH, SD.*
14. A licence is required to have a gate on council land by the Walnut Tree Stores. To be discussed and action agreed. *Clerk to ask a solicitor about how to proceed. SD*
15. Nomination of a representative to go to the One Voice Wales AGM and Conference at Pontrhydfendigaid (SY25 6BB) on Saturday the 5th October for £100. *Clerk to check with PL and if he does not want to go, to check with the 5 Councils' Liaison Committee. SD*



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16. Request for permission to run training courses for the emergency services from the riverbank on the south side of the Usk and upstream of the bridge. The training provider has provided a copy of their insurance document. *Clerk to ask for activity and to stress the sensitive nature of the site but permission was granted. SD*
17. The former path at Twyn Pandy may be considered for rights of way status due to it's local use. The Community Council has invited the Rights of Way Officer to discuss the matter. *See public participation also. The Community Council resolved to remain neutral in the matter.*
18. Council should suggest some dates for the meeting with the village hall committee about settling the ownership of the recreation ground and the hall. *Possible dates were identified: Wednesday 16th October, Wednesday 23rd October and Wednesday 30th October. These are to be offered to the Village Hall Committee. SD*
19. Update on the progress to establish the true ownership of the disputed land on the Usk riverbank. *Clerk to seek other evidence. Resolved to discuss the issue and agree action at October's meeting. SD*
20. The tennis club are applying for a grant from the Community Council. To be discussed and action agreed. *£150. Agreed. SD*
21. **Reports from meetings attended.** *DW attended a meeting of the school governors. The school is doing well. A query was raised about class sizes, and if they had stopped children from being accepted. DW said he would investigate and report to the community council.*
MB attended a Powys County Council/ Public Service Board event for Community Councils.
22. Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors. *Bus times, Usk riverbank dispute, greater communication and co-operation with Powys County Council, update on admission to Llangynidr Primary School.*
23. **Date of next meeting: 29th October 2019**
There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm

Signed by the Chairman.....

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