

# Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 22<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm.

**Public participation.** A member of the public spoke about his planning application. **Present**: Mrs Margaret Price (Chair), Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Mr David Filsell, Mr David Williams, Mr David Evans, Mr David Mantle, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Mr Alan James and Mr Paul Lindoewood.

**In attendance:** S.Dale (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence: Mr George Moretta and Mr Gene Taylor.
- 2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs declared an interest in item 8 Plot 26 at Glanyrafon and took no part in the discussion.
- 3. **Signing of the minutes** of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were approved. Proposed by DE and seconded by DW.

## 4. Correspondence:

- a. Clerk and Councils Direct
- b. Email from a resident commenting on the Forge Road telephone kiosk and bridge alert lights.
- c. One Voice Wales Bulletin
- *d.* Crickhowell Civic Society email query to the Police and Crime Commissioner
- e. Supplementary Planning Guidance consultation

## 5. Clerk's Report

*Late correspondence – for information only:* 

- *a.* Circuit Wales something from Wales online see printout in correspondence.
- *b.* Fit tight lids to cisterns after risk analysis of toilets ask a former councillor for advice.
- *c.* Camera at car park see print out in correspondence.
- d. Cost of fortnightly green waste collection, is not available. Powys County Council were keen to point out the advantages of the new policy for residents, ie that they would not have to take their green waste to the community bins ...
- e. "Steps" at Forge Road have been dealt with by Powys County Council.

#### 6. Finance:

- a. Statement of Accounts and Bank reconciliation for December 2018 and January 2019. *Approved*.
- b. Cheques to be approved in January 2019.
  Cleaning the car park (Jan)
  Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (Dec so)
  £37.50



	Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (Jan so)	£333.21
С.	Cleaning the public conveniences (Jan)	£114.50
	Cleaning the public conveniences (Contractor 2 Nov)	
	_	£61.07 <sub>1</sub>
	Cleaning the car park (Contractor 2 Nov)	£20.00 $_{1}$
	Cleaning the public conveniences (Contractor 1 Nov)	
	_	£53.43 $_{1}$
	Cleaning the car park (Contractor 1 Nov)	£17.50 $_{1}$
	Metrorod (blockage at the toilets)	£228.00 $_{1}$
	Supplies for the toilets	£36.561
	Electricity for the toilets	£52.42 $_{1}$
	Cheques to be approved in November 2018.	
	Cleaning the Car Park (Nov)	£37.50 $^{1}$
	Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (Nov so)	£333.21
	Cleaning the public conveniences (Nov)	£114.50 $^{2}$
	Burial Ground Trust Donation	£200.00 $^{3}$
	Zurich Municipal (Insurance)	£391.69 <sub>3</sub>
	Supplies for the refurbishment of the school telephone	
	kiosk	£50.39
	Llangynidr History Society (commemoration event)£100.003	
	Clook Internet Service Provider Disk space (S Dale	
	RBL Poppy Appeal Wreath and ribbon	£19.25 <sub>3</sub>
	Transfer payment for £1300 tree surgery	£23.00 $_{3}$
	Auditor's fee donation (to be decided at item 21)	£80.00
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### 7. Report from the County Councillor.

There may be the possibility of further planning applications on the Glanyrafon site in Llangynidr. The County Councillor is hoping to be able to persaud a local landowner that allotments could be accommodated on his land. The Local Development Plan for Brecon Beacons National Park (BBNP) is being reviewed at the moment. Candidate sites have been sought, apparently there are none in Llangynidr. Concerns, recently expressed, about flooding and sewerage problems, prompted the County Councillor to suggest that a smal watercourses expert at PCC could look at the Nant Y Ail. Council tax increase will be around 8-10% equating to about £2.40/week on a band D property. Many cuts have been made, but most services have been kept. Dyfed-Powys Police have published an increase of 11%.

Powys County Council are hoping to be able to use property sales income for revenue expenditure.

No new schools are being planned for the Crickhowell area.

<sup>1</sup> Split between contractor1 (17.50) and contractor 2 (£20.00).

<sup>2</sup> Split between contractor 1 (£53.43) and contractor 2 (£61.07).

<sup>3</sup> For approval only



- 8. Planning Applications: 19/16999/FUL Plot 26 Glanyrafon EG declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. No objections.
  18/16984/FUL Llanerch-y-Beudy, Dyffryn Crawnon No objections the application, if approved, would be an improvement.
- 9. **Tree management progress report.** Budget provision may be needed to address any tree problems identified on the riverbank.
- 10. Persondy grazing licence to be discussed and assigned. No tenders were forthcoming, item adjourned to February.
- 11. Data Protection Policy and consideration of the selection of material for destruction. It was agreed that no planning application papers should be kept, apart from a few of the more controversial cases. The policy approval to be adjourned to February.
- 12.Independent Remuneration Panel stipulations for 2019-2020 require that Councillors declare their intention NOT to claim allowances if that be the case. This is done in a letter to the clerk. To be discussed and action agreed. Councillors present chose not to claim their allowance entitlement.
- 13. Crickhowell Resource and Information Centre are running a Walking Festival in March, they are asking if they can use the village Car Park on the 10/11 and 15<sup>th</sup> of March. To be discussed and action agreed. Resolved: To allow the walkers use of the car park provided thay make a donation to the Community Council, which thay can do via the toilet donation arrangement. Clerk to inform the organisers.
- 14. The Llangattock Litterpickers are now picking litter off Cwm Crawnon Road on a regular basis. They suggest that the Community Council establish a Twitter account to enable good communications. To be discussed and action agreed.
  - Resolved: Litter pickers are welcome, but as no-one is familiar with this type of social media, the Community Council will have to decline.
- 15. A grants policy is to be discussed and approved. *Adjourned to February.*
- 16. Following an enquiry from a councillor about planning aid training in "Responses to planning applications" a training event in the village hall is being considered for 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019. To be discussed and action agreed. Resolved: Clerk to go ahead with the training, checking that the LDP revisions are included.
- 17. The Community Council has been asked to discuss

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Community Supported Agriculture as it could be applied to the village. The idea does not compete with allotments, which have been a long time goal of the community council, but allows varying commitment to the project, potentially increasing the pool of participants. Land is sought for the project. Item adjourned to February. Clerk to circulate the full correspondence.

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18. A salary rise for clerks has been awarded. It is £10.37/hour up from £10.107/hour, this equates to £311.10/month up from £303.21. To be discussed and action agreed. *Approved* 

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- 19. The road surface in Cyffredyn Lane is deteriorating. To be discussed and action agreed. Quite a lot of work has been done on this lane recently. RH to liase with Highways.
- 20. Brecon Beacons National Park have requested that the Community Council discuss the status of former footpath at Pen Twyn. The Rights of Way Officer at Brecon Beacons National Park wrote to the Community Council to ask if there was any interest in applying for the path to be a right of way. Resolved: No wish to pursue right of way status, the Community Council would be happy with a permissive path there. Clerk to write to Officer.

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- 21. **Reports from meetings attended:** Village Hall Committee had a meeting about the expanding football club. They would like to have floodlit football on Thursday nights and this is being considered. EG attended a One Voice Wales meeting on traffic safety. The question of a 20mph limit on Cwm Crawnon Road was raised by EG. It was declared that 20mph limits were usually reserved for School areas. Vehicle activates signs were discussed, the mobile ones were thought to be best. The advice was to press for a mobile sign. The Chair thanked EG for her attendance.
- 22. **Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors:** Clerk to write to the Village Hall Committee to request a meeting on the date of their choice. The WI wish to plant 15 trees in the recreation ground and have in mind specific locations.

Date of next meeting: 26th February 2019

Signed by the Chair

**Dated**