



CYMUNED CYNGOR LLANGYNIDR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall  
on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm.**

**Public participation.** Karen Tarbox and Jeremy Baker of Monmouthshire Housing Association (MHA) spoke to the Community Council about their development at Castle Road. The first 5 units will be completed in May 2019 with brochures going out in January. Phase 2 will be ready in July/August next year. There will be a low cost unit which Powys County Council are keen to purchase for a local sale. There are 5 types of houses which MHA wish to name in sympathy with the locale. On the issue of flooding raised at the last meeting, MHA are not yet ready to respond. Updates on the development are available from Mr Jeremy Baker (MHA).

**Present:** Mrs Margaret Price (Chair), Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Mr David Filsell, Mr David Williams, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Mr Gene Taylor, Mr David Evans, Mr Alan James and Mr Paul Lindoewood.

**In attendance:** S.Dale (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr George Moretta.
2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 8a – the circuit of Wales.
3. **Signing of the minutes** of the meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved. Proposed by DW and seconded by DF.
4. **Correspondence:**
  - a. Email from Cllr John Morris – Objection to lay-by time restrictions in Crickhowell.
5. **Clerk's Report**

*CADW inspected Persondy Field, which contains the remains of a medieval village. The officer was very pleased with the excellent state of the field (thanks are due to the licensee). However the compost area in the field will have to be removed.*

*The Clerk contacted CADW to ask if they could help protect the wash lanes. CADW have suggested a conservation area but there may be other options to explore.*
6. **Finance:**
  - a. Statement of Accounts and Bank reconciliation for September 2018. *Approved. Permission to cancel 4 old cheques was granted by Council.*
  - b. Cheques to be approved in October 2018.

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| Cleaning the Car Park                       | £37.50  |
| Clerk's wages and stationary allowance (so) | £333.21 |
| Cleaning the public conveniences            | £114.50 |
  - c. Cheques paid in September 2018.

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| Cleaning the Car Park (Sept contractor 1) | £6.25 |
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| Cleaning the Car Park (Sept contractor 2)               | £31.25   |
| Cleaning of the Public Conveniences (Sept contractor 1) | £19.08   |
| Cleaning of the Public Conveniences (Sept contractor 2) | £95.42   |
| Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (Sept)           | £333.21  |
| Supplies for the toilets                                | £37.06   |
| Paint for the telephone kiosks(via S Dale)              | £60.10   |
| Clerks Wages and stationery allowance (August)          | £333.21  |
| Llangynidr Recreation Ground & Village Hall Charity     | £2500.00 |
| Usk Valley Tree Services (for approval only)            | £1300.00 |

- d. External audit report for 2017-18. *There was a qualified audit report this year. This was due to a lack of evidence that the notice for electors was placed correctly and for the appropriate length of time.*

*The high level of reserves was also raised as it is 1.76 times the annual precept for 2017/18. Council may wish to consider reducing this in the coming year.*

## **7. Report from the County Councillor.**

*The County Councillor has had reports of High School children being picked up by parents from the public toilet lay by in Llangynidr. This means that they have to cross the traffic on Cwm Cwannon road. The bus contractor has been asked to drop off in the car park instead.*

*Highways are to look at the parking situation behind the school (on Duffryn Road).*

*Highways and Housing are to look at the parking situation in Groesffordd and Cae Porth.*

*Highways will look at the pot holes in Groesffordd.*

*The owner of the Green man festival is to be invited to talk to the Community Council.*

*It is budget time, again Powys has received the lowest settlement in Wales (along with 5 others). This has led to discussions about a possible 8% rise in Council Tax.*

*Significant investments have been made in children's and adults' social care.*

*Inventive approaches are being sought in the delivery of minority A' level subjects.*

*Service buses are to be retained – it is recognised that they are very important to those who use them.*

*Some built assets will be sold, but not the 140 tenanted farms.*

*Children's services have come a long way but there is still a way to*



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*go. Inspection takes place this week.*

*The bridge lights – an alert system – have been passed by CADW and Brecon Beacons National Park. The cost of the lights is £12000 plus installation.*

*Some schools manage on their budget, some not so well. Small schools are vulnerable but may be able to make savings by reducing their leadership budget.*

*The County Councillor has received a letter from Crickhowell Town Council which may be actionable, it is in the hands of a solicitor for response.*

### 8. Planning Applications:

**a. C/2018/0272 PROPOSAL:** Circuit of Wales motorsport facility (comprising: high performance circuit; motocross circuit; karting circuit; four-wheel drive circuit; riding academy; innovation centre; hotels; retail showrooms; ancillary retail; industrial and business uses; driver training area; solar park; camping; parking; landscaping and associated uses)

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT: Land To North Of Rassau Industrial Estate, Rassau, Ebbw Vale, NP23 5SD**

The above S.73 planning application for development at land to North of Rassau Industrial Estate, Ebbw Vale, NP23 5SD was received on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

*EG declared a personal and prejudicial interest – she is an executive member of the Brecon Beacons Park Society which is against the development. She left the meeting while this item was discussed.*

SD

*No objections to the development.*

**b. 18/16545/CON Variation of condition 4 in pursuant to planning permission 16/13595/FUL - Retrospective application for the refurbishment of the existing barn etc. Llwyn Y Rheos, Llangynidr.**

SD

*No objection.*

### 9. Trees on the Community Council's land are not currently formally monitored, recent events (tree management, a letter from the WI and a letter from the insurers) indicate that a risk analysis and action plan would be advisable.

Clerk to provide a map of the Community Council's land to DE.

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Clerk to identify any TPOs or SSSI's on the land.

SD

Clerk to identify other tree management plans that might be useful.

SD

### 10. More disk space has been acquired for the Council's website at



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- a cost of about £30 per year. This in response to a second warning about disk space. *The disk space has gone from 500MB to 2 Giga bytes. Approved.*
11. The Remembrance Service is being held at 10.45am on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Memorial where the wreath will be laid. Also there is a community commemoration at the Village Hall that evening and the Beacon will be lit on the Tump. *20 large plastic poppies have been acquired for the lampposts in the village.*
12. Data Protection progress. *The Information and Data Protection Policy will be amended and circulated for comment and approval next time.* SD
13. The 5 Councils' Liaison Committee are scheduled to meeting in November, Llangynidr Community Council are hosting the event. Discuss date and agenda items and agree actions. *The date for the meeting is Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, suggested agenda items include Llangynidr Bridge and Green Man issues (invite Police Sargent also). Date, time and venue and suggested agenda items to be circulated to the other Councils.* SD  
*Usual arrangements for refreshments to be made.* SD  
*Clerk to remind everyone closer to the time.* SD, MP  
SD
14. A draft donation policy has been circulated, to be discussed and action agreed. *Adjourned, Councillors want a policy with more direction. Clerk to circulate an alternative.* SD
15. The Independent Remuneration Panel has reported on 2017-18, it will be circulated SD
16. Who is responsible for clearing overhanging vegetation obscuring road signs or footpaths? *A councillor has reported 2 examples. The conifers near the Beaufort on Duffryn Road and the willow by the top of Forge Road. Clerk to write to the landowners to ask if they could see to the overhanging trees.* SD
17. Landfill Disposal Tax is being introduced to Wales. With it is a new fund to help communities within a 5 mile radius of a waste disposal facility. Crickhowell and District Civic Society have suggested a collaboration to gain access to this funding and await volunteers to come forward from each council. *No volunteers were forth coming. Clerk to respond.* SD
18. Insurance renewal, quotes to be compared and one selected. *Zurich were approved. Clerk to make the arrangements for renewal.* SD
19. The car park should be inspected annually, like the stone sign, to be discussed and action agreed. *Approved, a committee to be arranged later.* SD
20. Reports from meetings attended: None SD



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

22. **Date of next meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

**Signed by the Chair**

**Dated**