



CYMUNED CYNGOR LLANGYNIDR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 31st July 2018 at 7.30pm.**

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

In attendance: S.Dale (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr David Evans, Mr Gene Taylor, Mr David Mantle and Mr Paul Lindoewood.
2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** None
3. **Signing of:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June 2018. Proposed by DW and seconded by GM.
The minutes of the Human Resources meeting held on the 26th June 2018. The word “acceptably” was changed to “a good standard”.
Proposed by MP and seconded by GM.
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a. Brecon Advice Centre – annual report. *Circulation.*
 - b. Letter to Brecon Beacons National Park Authority concerning changes in the way plans are presented for consultees from Crickhowell Town Council. *Circulation.*
 - c. Email from Clook the internet service provider flagging up the amount to storage we are using – 80% of maximum. *To be put on agenda in September.*
5. **Clerk's Report**

Late Correspondence:

A contact from the website by the NHS emergency rescue team (south east coast) wanting to practice in the river above the bridge. *Clerk to arrange a meeting to decide if the applicant should be allowed access.*

A contact from the website by a resident about the path by Pentwyn farm leading to the leet. The path was found to be obstructed. *The path is not a right of way and the landowner has closed it.*

A letter from the proprietor of the shop about the trees at the rear of the premises. *Clerk to arrange an inspection.*

Thank you to the local garage they made a donation to buy refreshments for the litter pickers. The next litter pick is September 1st, 10.30am in the car park.

Actions from the meeting of the 26th June have been completed. MP completed one.

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6. **Finance:**
 - a. Statement of Accounts and Bank reconciliation for July



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2018. *Approved with amendment.*

b. Cheques to be approved in July 2018.

Cleaning the Car Park (July & Aug)	£75.00
Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (July)	£333.21
Cleaning the public conveniences (July&Aug)	£229.00
Sanitation for the toilets	£191.52
Clerks Wages and Stationery Allowance (August)	£333.21
Llangattock Community Council	£55.31
Microshade VSM Ltd (Information management)	£120.00

c. Cheques paid in June 2018.

Cleaning the Car Park (June)	£37.50
Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (June)	£308.97
Cleaning the public conveniences (June)	£114.50
British Gas (electric for the toilets)	£97.19

7. Report from the County Councillor.

Work on the new signals for the Bridge continues with Powys County Council and CADW.

Clerk to seek information on the likely costs of patching the car park.

Monmouthshire Housing Association (MHA) will use the established planning permission to build homes for sale on the Glan yr Afon/ Castell Clos site. MHA are seeking a name for the development. The County Councillor has asked them for a donation towards the work on the car park. In addition to this, the County Councillor is working to have the MHA build one more house, an affordable home using capital held by Brecon Beacons National Park Authority. SD

Recent grants for the the garden show and the School have come from Powys County Council with the guidance of the County Councillor. SD

The Community Council appreciates the activities of the County Councillor, who, despite her extra duties as Leader, puts effort into retaining the bus service and many other projects for the village. Car park hedges were cut last year and it is hoped will be this year in time for the Show and the Tour of Britain. The show bunting will stay up for the Tour of Britain. SD

8. Planning Applications: None

9. What is the status of the various wash lanes in Llangynidr?

The wash lanes have a right of access down to the river Glaisfer. There 5 or 6, but some have been washed away or taken away or otherwise blocked. Council resolved for the Clerk to write an article about the wash lanes in Llangynidr for "Contact"- explaining their significance. AJ agreed to proof read the article.

10. New councillor training took place recently by Llangattock



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- Community Council. A place was reserved early by the clerk but could not be taken up. The cost of the place is £55.31 does council approve the expense? *Approved.*
11. The contractor looking after the public toilets and the car park may be unable to continue for a while. The community council should advertise the temporary vacancies. *Approved on a month by month basis.*
12. Donations - does the community council have a policy or a tradition? *Clerk to draught a policy based on the written piece by PL. This draft policy to be considered at the September meeting.* SD
13. New Standing Orders have been issued for approval. Adjourned from July meeting. *Resolved to add the new data protection sections to the existing standing orders.* SD
14. The end stone on the Llangynidr stone sign has become detached. To approve the necessary repair work. Adjourned from July meeting. *The end stone is too narrow to be stable, it and a few of the adjacent stones, should be replaced with a wider piece of dressed stone. A resident has volunteered to fix the end piece.* SD
15. The second 'L' in the stone sign is not well fixed. To discuss obtaining a replacement letter or perhaps finding a way to secure the existing one. Adjourned from July meeting. *DE has found a very strong resin to try and fix the letter.* DE
16. Update on mountain grazing rights, The rights still belong to the Community Council. There are current applications to vary rights which the Commons Registration Authority will review if the Circuit of Wales project goes ahead.
17. There has been some damage reported on the Beaufort Road. Highways have responded with hazard warnings and will repair it as soon as possible. *Clerk to thank Highways for their prompt attention.* SD
18. Reports from meetings attended.
School Governors meeting – recent issues with cleaning appear to have been resolved.
5 Councils' Liaison Meeting – several issues were discussed:
Local green energy provision fostered by Llangattock Green Valleys.
Brecon Beacons National Park Authority provision for consultee plans. The plans are difficult to read when printed out.
One Voice Wales (OVW) AGM and meeting on the 13th July.
There was a discussion on the problems of speeding in various communities and concern was expressed that Powys did not provide light-up signs such as they have in Gilwern - these were thought to cost £4-5000. The aim is to set up a special OVW meeting with representatives from the WG (trunk roads) and Powys (highways) and the Police Commissioner. Councils were asked to send in



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questions to be put to them at this meeting.

Then there was an item about The Audit of Accounts- Areas of Thematic Testing for 2017-18; The Auditors will be looking for:

- i) Copy of the trial balance from Councils with a turnover of £200,000 plus.(not relevant to us)*
- ii) Evidence of action on any recommendations made by the auditors on previous accounts i.e minutes.*
- iii) Evidence that reserves were on hand to cover 3 to 12 months of estimated revenue expenditure (not including earmarked sums).*

We were asked to feed back on point iii) to the next OVW meeting.

Thirdly, the Welsh Government is promoting the development of charters between county councils and town/community councils. It was suggested at the meeting that a national template should be developed to avoid duplication of effort.

19. Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors.

Data protection.

20. Date of next meeting: 31th July 2018.

Signed by the Chair

Dated