

# Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm.

**Present**: Mrs Margaret Price (Chair), Mr George Moretta, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Mr David Filsell, Mr David Mantle, Mr Gene Tayor (8.03pm), Mr Paul Lindoewood, Cllr Rosemarie Harris (8.10pm), Mr Brian Griffiths & Mr David Williams. **In attendance:** S.Dale (Clerk).

- 1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr David Evans.
- 2. Declaration of interest in items of business listed below: None

# 3. Signing of:

- a. The minutes of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016.Proposed by GM and seconded by EG. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
- b. The minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016.Proposed by GM and seconded by EG. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
- c. The minutes of the precept meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Proposed by DM and seconded by DF. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

# 4. Correspondence:

- a. Payroll support to Community Councils a proposal to offer payroll service to community councils. *Clerk to ask for details of this service.*
- b. Survey from Welsh Government about services the Community Council are and may be considering taking on. Closing date 30/3/2017. *Circulation and to go on the agenda for next month clerk to draft a response*.
- C. Rights of way improvement plan. Past date of return, clerk to write and request longer response time.

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- d. Mid Wales and West Fire and rescue service consultation. *Circulation*.
- e. Mid Wales and West Fire and rescue service stakeholder confirmation. *Circulation.*
- f. Clerks and Councils direct. Circulation

# 5. ClerksReport

Late Correspondence – for information only:

Letter from a resident concerning the threatened removal of the telephone kiosks in Llangynidr. He is particularly concerned that the consultation process has not been managed properly by Powys County Council Planning Authority as no communication has been entered into with any of those that have voiced their objections. *Circulation* 

Street naming and numbering guidance notes. *Circulation* Place plans – from concept to reality. Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> 2017, Newport 12-4pm. *Circulation* 

Meeting organized by Mr Chris Davies MP about the further



focussed changes to the Local Development Plan. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm in Newbridge on Wye Community Centre, LD1 6LU. *Circulation* 

£2747.00 precept has been paid into the current account on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Interest of 13p has been paid into the reserve account on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

### 6. Finance:

- a. Statement of Accounts for January 2017. Approved
- b. Cheques to be approved for payment in November 2016. Cleaning the Car Park (November & December) £75.00 Cleaning the public conveniences (Nov & Dec) £229.00 Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (Nov& Dec) £617.94 Brecon and Radnor Express – advert £50.64 British Legion Poppy Appeal - wreath £17.00 £575.00 MB Property Maintenance, grass cutting S Dale – Internal Auditor's gift and card £40.98 B.Griffiths – for paving work at the toilets £900.00 c. Cheques to be approved for payment in January 2016. Cleaning the Car Park (Jan) £37.50 Clerk's wages & Stationery Allowance (Jan) £308.97 Cleaning Public Conveniences (Jan) £114.50 Llangynidr Primary School photocopier support £150.00 $^{1}$ Friends of Llangynidr School £100.00 **Brecon Advice Centre** £50.00 Chairperson's Allowance £150.00 Brecon Mountain Rescue £100.00 Wales Air Ambulance £50.00 Llangynidr Agricultural Show Society £100.00 Klook internet service providers domain £8.39 Klook internet service provider – shared hosting £60.00 Wales Audit Office – external audit £209.25

# 7. Report from the County Councillor.

No report.

- 8. Review of the way that the community council deals with planning applications. The clerk has mishandled a request for clarification from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority. This has led to a call for greater clarity in the planning comments given to the clerk.
- 9. Setting a date for the Annual Parish Meeting. 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2017, to be circulated to "Contact" and published in the village.
- 10. More unpleasant incidents on the bridge. The Community

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<sup>1</sup> Photocopier support included in error and not included.



Council are still observing incidents and still waiting for the new traffic control equipment to be installed.

11. A pot hole has appeared in the car park, to be discussed and action agreed. Clerk to arrange for the pot hole to be fixed, thanks to the generosity of DM.

12. Speedwatch, an initiative of the Police. Not enough people have volunteered yet to form a team.

13. Illegally grazed ponies on Llangynidr Mountain. Clerk to write to Powys County Council Trading Standards. The problems are; safety-horses move out on to the road at night and cannot be easily seen by drivers, welfare of the horses particularly not getting fed, the support of farmers on the mountain and the poor impression it gives of the recognised graziers. RH to carry forward.

14. Another bad fly-tipping incident to be discussed and action agreed. There was a shocking mess after Christmas, some addresses were found and will be receiving a letter from Powys County Council.

15. There has been an offer of a pay roll service from Powys County Council. To be discussed and action agreed. SD Clerk to request costs from Powys County Council.

16. The broken steps on Forge Road below the Service Station. To be discussed and action agreed. The steps are a trip hazard at the moment, but an improvement needs to be carefully considered.

17. Two hedges have given rise to complaint recently – the hedge on Castle Road has pushed pedestrians into the roadway, secondly the hedge on the Bwlch side of the bridge by the wooden door. The Castle road hedge has been trimmed. The hedge on the Bwlch side of the bridge is not accessible to a hedge-trimmer machine, but will be dealt with shortlu.

18. Near Pwll Court the dead tree has been dealt with. For information only.

19. The hedging in the car park has gone well – the hedge looks great. Many thanks go to the hedging team. The area of the car park near the footpath and the recycling bins is mossy, DM DM to look at.

20. Railings by the side of the Bus Shelter may need some maintenance. To be discussed and action agreed. DE to look

21. The clerk requests new computer software (Microsoft Open Office) which is better than the freeware currently used. Llanfrynach will fund half the £120.00 required. *Approved*.

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22. Set date for the next litter pick. To be discussed and action agreed. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 10.30am in the Car Park. Clerk to publicise.

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23. The telephone kiosks in Llangynidr are under threat of removal from BT. There has been no consultation process with either Powys Council Council or Brecon Beacons National Park. To be discussed and action agreed. Clerk to re-assert the strong objection, on safety grounds, that in an area of poor mobile phone coverage there is no substitute for a land line. In an emergency, whether it be on the river, canal or miles from the nearest village, the security of a landline is essential.

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- 24. Reports from other meetings attended. Village Hall Committee met and discussed the new playground equipment. There is to be a concert, Risca Male Voice Choir, all are welcome.
  - School Governor meeting all is well, DW is the new ecogovernor. The school wants bigger bins for food waste. RH to enquire.
- 25. Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors. Small captial projects for Highways, the pavement on Forge Road.
- 26. Date of next meeting: 28th February 2017.

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