



**Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 27th September 2016 at 7.30pm.**

Dyfed-Powys Police came to discuss priorities for policing for the next 3 months. The chairman of Crickhowell District Archive presented their new book and asked for a donation. See attachment A.

Present: Mrs Margaret Price(Chair), Mr George Moretta, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Mr David Filsell, Mr David Mantle, Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Mr Paul Lindoewood & Mr David Williams.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Brian Griffiths & Mr Gene Taylor.
2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** None
3. **Signing of the minutes of the council meeting held on the 26th July 2016.** Proposed by DE and seconded by DM. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a. British Gas (electricity for the public conveniences) £100.08. *Circulation.*
 - b. British gas letter advertising better rates for customers. *Circulation.*
 - c. The Clerk magazine September 2016. *Circulation.*
 - d. Boundary Commission for Wales – letter requesting representations about the proposed parliamentary boundary changes by 5th December 2016. *Circulation. SD to draft a response.*
 - e. Grant Thornton External Audit Report – unqualified. *Circulation.*
 - f. Powys County Council remittance advice for recycling £418.82. *Circulation.*
 - g. Clerks and Councils Direct, September 2016. *Circulation.*
 - h. Powys County Council – Letter publicizing consultation reports about the Builth Wells and Llandrindod High Schools and Brecon and Gwernyfed High School. *Circulation.*
 - i. NatWest Bank – lowering of interest rates to 0.05%. *Circulation.*
 - j. NatWest Bank – request for information about the nature of the business the community council transacts. *Circulation.*
 - k. Powys County Council – letter reporting no news regarding the Circuit of Wales de-registration. *Circulation.*
 - l. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority – Weekly planning applications register (none in Llangynidr). *Circulation.*
 - m. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority – Planning decisions report (none in Llangynidr). *Circulation.*
 - n. British Gas – promotional material concerning fixed price plans for electricity supply. *Circulation.*

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- o. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority – Weekly planning applications register. *Circulation.*
- p. Report on the consultation meeting between Powys County Council and communities local to the Old Turnpike Depot in Llangattock. *Circulation.*
- q. Email from PC Micheal regarding the break-in at the public conveniences in Llangynidr. *Circulation.*
- r. Email from Society of Local Council Clerks Branch Secretary with some information about the elections in 2017. *Circulation.*
- s. Powys County Council – request for participation in consultation about day time activities for the elderly. RH, DW and DF to draft a response, SD to assist.
- t. Powys Citizens Advice – Annual Review 2015/16. *Circulation.*
- u. Brecon Beacons National Parks Authority – Weekly list of Planning Applications. *Circulation.*
- v. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority – Weekly list of planning applications. *Circulation.*
- w. Eluned Morgan AM – request for participation in Community and Economic Development Survey. *Request the AM visit the annual parish meeting in May.*
- x. The Pensions Regulator – instructions for the forthcoming staging date (1st October 2017). *SD to see that the regulations are adhered to.*
- y. Invoice from the Clean Machine Direct Ltd for supplies for the public conveniences £76.14. *Circulation.*

5. Clerk's Report

Late Correspondence – for information only:

Email from a resident concerning the removal of the telephone kiosk from Dyffryn Cwannon 21/9/2016.

Email and follow-up from a resident complaining about night-time disturbances in the car park 22/9/16.

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Brecon Beacons National Park Authority weekly register of planning applications 23/9/16.

Quote from the B&R for the code of conduct advert. 26/9/16. £60.77 each council.

Powys Local Development plan consultation from Monday 10th October to Monday 21st November, on the **further focussed changes**. Information can be found on the Powys website. 26/9/2016.

Community Asset Transfer Questionnaire from welsh government.

DW,DF,SD
& RH

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Email from a member of the public asking about traffic lights on the bridge.

Following the break-in at the public conveniences, surplus toilet rolls are now being stored at the clerk's house.

The Clerk has attended the first part of the CiLCA course (2 / 8 / 2016) with the second of 4 parts on the 29th September.

The Independent Remuneration Panel requires that councillors write stating their intentions not to claim any allowances or reimbursements from the Community Council. You can always change your mind at a later date.

The invitation to tender for the paving work at the back of the public conveniences was advertised with no tenders produced.

The public conveniences need a 10 minute plumbing job to connect the new sensor to the water supply. There may also be some remedial work on the drains of the toilets.

Actions from July have been completed.

6. Finance:

a) The cash book balance was £26,972.01 on the 31st August 2016. and Budget Report (Attachment B) for the year to September 2016.

b) Cheques approved for payment in July 2016.

Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (July & August)	£612.42
Cleaning the Car Park (July & August)	£75.00
Cleaning the Public Conveniences (July & August)	£229.00
Refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting	£20.50
Sanitation Services	£191.52

c) Cheques to be approved for payment in September 2016.

Village hall contribution	£2500.00
Cleaning the car park (September)	£37.50
Cleaning the public conveniences (September)	£114.50
Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (September)	£306.21
Supplies for the public conveniences	£76.14
British Gas (Electricity for the public conveniences)	£100.08
Burial ground donation	£200.00

7. Report from the County Councillor.

One of the council houses in the village has had subsidence. Powys County Council is to complete the remedial work required and let the property again.

All streetlights are to be converted to LED, this is a capital investment that will result in savings for the county council.



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Trees by the bridge are to be cut back, see item 11.

The Greenman Festival resulted in fewer complaints this year. They had a more structured approach: the park and ride scheme at Cwrt-y-Gollen.

The Ball held for the 40th Anniversary of the Primary School was very successful.

8. Consideration of the new Financial Regulations, either to submit them to the finance committee or to consider them in parts in full council. *It was resolved to have the finance committee examine the changes and make recommendations to the community council.*

SD &
Finance
Committee

9. Clerk's Pay was agreed at £308.97 (including £30 stationery allowance). This is as suggested by National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks.

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10. There is a statutory requirement on community councils to publicize their adoption of the amended code of conduct (April 26th 2016) by advertising in a newspaper and letters of acceptance from councillors. The advertising is likely to cost upwards of £100. The clerk suggests that the community council share the cost with other councils. *Agreed.*

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11. Email from a resident about the overgrown trees blocking the view of the traffic on the bridge. *RH has arranged.*

12. A call and several emails from residents concerning the 42 days notice (from 8/9/2016) put on the phone box in the Dyffryn. This phone box is an emergency contact and communication point in an area of limited mobile phone coverage. It is also a reference point for the Army and Mountain Rescue. It is an important part of the architectural heritage of the area. Objections need to be raised with BT at btp.authorisation.team@bt.com. It was resolved to send a letter to BT to object to the removal of any of the 3 kiosks in the village, but with an emphasis on the kiosk in the Dyffryn.

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13. Call from a resident concerning the stones placed on the verge by Glan-yr-Afon. The stones restrict drivers from using the verge to get by large vehicles delivering in the area. *Noted.*

14. There has been a break-in at the public conveniences, supplies were taken and damage was done to the door. *It was resolved to take the advice of the police – to report the incident on 101 and record the dates and times of the incident.*

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15. There have been several complaints from residents about parking in Cae Porth. *RH is to ask PCC about such parking, residents could call the police if parking is causing an obstruction.*

RH

16. The village hall committee are requesting a contribution of £2000 from the community council for cleaning and maintaining the tennis courts. *To be discussed and action agreed at the Precept meeting in January 2017.*

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17. Crickhowell and District Archive are publishing a book



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- about the the war dead of the area. They have asked for help with funding the publication. *Agreed.*
18. The gate and post in the car park has been damaged and may need replacing. *The post and gate appear to be okay at the moment no action agreed.*
19. The hazel and laurel bushes in the left hand side of Erw Bant's are overgrown again. *Clerk to arrange.*
20. The volunteer electrician has fitted the sensor in the gentlemen's toilets. It now needs plumbing in. *Clerk to ask BG.*
21. **Reports from other meeting attended:** *DF reported on a meeting of Crickhowell Health Focus Group – the parking at the Brecon War Memorial Hospital was discussed. DW reported on a meeting of the School Governors, the School is running well. The Burial Ground Trust had a meeting, EG reported that finances are okay and the burial ground itself looks very nice.*
22. **Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors:**
Financial Regulations.
23. **Date of next meeting:** 25th October 2016.

Susan Dale

Sue Dale (Clerk)

19. Oct. 2016

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