# Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm.

**Present**: Mrs Margaret Price(Chair), Mr George Moretta, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, CCllr Rosemarie Harris, Mr David Williams, Mr David Filsell, Mr David Mantel & Mr Brian Griffiths.

- 1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Gene Taylor, Mr David Evans and Mr Paul Lindoewood.
- 2. Declaration of interest in items of business listed below: None
- 3. Signing of the minutes of the council meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016. Proposed by GM and seconded by EG. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

## 4. Correspondence:

- a. Commemorative medal for schools and councils from the Royal Mint. Agreed to purchase enough medals for the children of the school and other children of the village present in June.
- b. Clerks and Councils Direct March 16. Circulation.
- c. Welsh Government Local Government Ethical Framework and amended Code of Conduct. *Circulation*.
- *d.* Welsh Government Statutory Guidance for the well-being of future generations (Wales) Act 2015. *Circulation*.
- e. The Planning Inspectorate introduction of a new class of development called Developments of National Significance. This class of development will be encouraged to consult Community Councils early in the development process. Circulation.
- f. Police and Crime Commissioner February 16 Circulation.
- g. British Gas Bill for the electricity in the public conveniences £80.90. Retained by Clerk for financial records.
- h. Powys County Council Commons Registration, Notice of application to amend the register of rights of common. *Agreed to take no action and put letter on circulation*.
- *i.* Powys County Council, Powys Commissioning and Contracts Unit, Services for Older People. Strategy Document and questionnaire. To be returned by 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016. *Circulation*.
- *j.* Čaerphilly Count Borough Council extension of time for responses and additional information. *Circulation*.
- k. Natural Resources Wales Bulletin March 2016. Circulation.
- *l.* Play for Wales Spring 2016. *Circulation*.
- m. Friends of Crickhowell Newsletter March/April 2016. *Circulation.*
- *n*. Draft lease in respect of the Public Conveniences. *1 year agreed*.
- o. Walk for life, Sunday 24th April. Circulation.
- p. Kidney Wales Foundation literature. Circulation.

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*q.* Jefferies and Powell Solicitors, Mr John Anderson - 18<sup>th</sup> March, letter outlining the current status of the Circuit of Wales transaction. *Agreed to take no action and put letter on circulation.* 

## 5. Clerk's Report.

## Late Correspondence – for information only:

Emails from a resident – concern over the item about traffic congestion in Coed-yr-Ynys Road. See item 17.

Rates demand for the Car Park £729.00.

Rates demand for the Public Conveniences £432.54 this may be offset by a grant from Powys County Council.

Defibrillator training went ahead. Nine people were trained. There is a possibility for further training if there are enough the volunteers.

Transferring the accounts on to GNUCASH free accountancy software is complete.

Land registry work will not be completed this financial year due to the absence of the persondy field deeds – they are with Mr Anderson of Jefferies Powell.

The Vale of Grwney Community Council asked for support from Llangynidr Community Council about the dangerous car parking in Crickhowell. Since than VoGCC have discovered that a letter would be pointless, so they will let us know if we can be of any assistance in the future.

## 6. Finances.

- a) The balance per Cash Book was £23,916.58 on the 31st March 2016.
- b) Cheques approved for payment in February 2016.
  Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau (Defibrillator) £100.00
  Cleaning the Car Park (Feb) £37.50
  Clerk's wages & Stationery Allowance (Feb) £306.21
  Cleaning Public Conveniences (Feb) £114.50
  Village Hall & Recreation Ground Charity £185.00
  Newland Rennie Estate agents (land valuations) £300.00
- c) Cheques to be approved for payment in March 2016.
  Cleaning the Car Park (Mar)
  Clerk's wages & Stationery Allowance (Mar)
  Cleaning Public Conveniences (Mar)
  E114.50
  British Gas(Electricity for the public conveniences)
  £80.90
  Zurich Municipal Insurance (S.Dale)
  £309.27

## 7. Report from the County Councillor.

The back road is due to re-open at the beginning of April. £63000

is being spent by Powys County Council, on highways safety works at Garnlydan Junction. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority is handing back responsibility for footpaths to Powys County Council, this will take several months. The Rights of Way responsibility is vast. In Powys County Council 100's of staff have left on voluntary redundancy terms. Some of Trefil quarry is being worked for the Circuit of Wales. 8. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority has sent the Council a report on Social Inclusion with a request for consultation which closes on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016. This consultation was too short for the Community Council to respond – at least 2 months are required. Clerk to SD write to BBNPA. 9. Dealing with cheques having short payment terms and review of the clerk's powers. It was agreed that the Clerk would be able to write cheques, with the usual 2 signatories, for authorization at the next meeting. BACS payments are to be looked into. An account with a grocer is to be sought. This would enable supplies for the public SD conveniences to be purchased without cash being exchanged. 10. Proposed visit to MP Christopher Davies at the House of Commons. Dates to be confirmed. 11. Review of allotments. Item adjourned. 12.Grass cutting tender. Only 1 tender was received - MB Property SD Maintenance was awarded the contract. 13.Briars tender. Only 1 tender was received - MB Property Maintenance SD was awarded the contract. 14.Long-term lease for the public conveniences has been sent by Powys County Council. Does the Community Council wish to take another year long rent or a longer term lease? It was resolved to extend the SD lease by 1 year. 15. The Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) is a clerk's qualification enabling the Community Council to keep up to date. It costs £250 and there is a 50% bursary available for councils income SD below £40,000 per annum. Agreed. 16.Set date of Annual Parish Meeting. Agreed 19th May 2016. 17. Traffic management on Coed-yr-Ynys Road. Correspondence on the item has been received. Two residents feel that traffic management would be unnecessary and that congestion is mainly due to temporary building works. Powys County Council Highways Department are responsible for traffic, they have asked Llangynidr Community Council to gather the views of residents. Please contact the Clerk at SD <u>sedale@btinternet.com</u> if you wish to make your views known. 18. Refurbishment of the Public Conveniences. Resolved to hold a

Signed by Chair.....

meeting to discuss the extent of the refurbishment.

- **19.Dealing with noise in the community environment.** Powys County Council Environmental Pollution Department would advise residents.
- **20. Set date for litterpick.** Resolved, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 10.30am in the Car Park, refreshment to be provided.
- 21.Reports from other meetings attended. School Governors' meeting The school is running well. Llangynidr Beacon Committee The Commoner's Association is to be consulted. Crickhowell Health Focus Group discussed Day Centre Services, car prking at the Brecon War Memorial Hospital and the War Memorial Health Centre in Crickhowell. There is a Social Worker and Minor Injuries Unit at Ystradgynlais. Practice Nurese and Pharmacists are to be trained in prescribing.
- **22. Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors.** Code of Conduct.
- 23. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 26th April 2016.

Sue Dale – Clerk 6. Apr. 2016

