

Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting

Held on Tuesday 8th January 2019, 7.00pm at Llangors Youth & Community Centre

Present

Cllr Mr C Preece (Chair), Cllr Mr A Evans, Cllr Mr D James, Cllr Mr S Bailey, Cllr Mr R East, Cllr Mr R Doylend, Cllr Mr M Scruby, Cllr Ven. A Jevons, Cllr Mrs L Griffin, County Cllr Ms E Durrant & 2 children, Judith Phillips (Clerk), Mr L. Duffy, Mr D. Jones (Members of the Public)

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mr M James

2. Minutes of the Last Bi Monthly Meeting 13/11/18 & PAD meeting 5/1/19

The minutes were read and signed as a true and accurate record. For 13/11/18 minutes proposed by Cllr East and seconded by Cllr James. PAD minutes 5/1/19 proposed by Cllr Scruby and seconded by Cllr Jevons.

3. Matters Arising from above minutes

Page 1 Webpage – meeting still to be arranged with Ryan Thomas (Action Cllr Preece)
Llangors Churchyard Boundary & Tree Stump – a quote was still awaited for works to retain the bank by the River Cwy and the tree stump still had not been dealt with. (Action Cllr Evans & Cllr Preece)

LT Highway Safety concerns – PCSO Jackson is now dealing with the matter and was to speak with the resident who had concerns. Another resident had spoken to the Clerk about the same concerns. Clerk to monitor (Action Clerk)

Wilmott Dixon Legacy- the proposed letter of thanks had still not been sent as not all works at Llangors Y&C Centre had been completed. Once notified of completion of the boundary fence the letter to be sent. (Action Clerk)

4. Llangors Primary School Governor Report – Cllr Doylend

Cllr Doylend confirmed that there had not been a meeting of the Governing Body so had nothing new to report.

Regarding the VIP Opening Ceremony at the new school a letter had been sent to the Chair of Governors and PCC Director of Education as agreed at the last meeting.

An email from Kate Weston in response had confirmed that she had followed the advice of PCC and that the matter was now closed. PCC Director of Education had responded confirming that PCC was confident all procedures had been followed correctly, any complaints raised about the school had been dealt with in accordance with the WG complaints policy and with support from PCC officers with outcomes confidential to investigating officers. The responses were read and noted.

Cllr Doylend confirmed that the complaints policy followed had been interpreted with a very strict line. Governors had not been informed of the detail of complaints because of this policy. He would be expressing his concern about the adopted policy at the next governors meeting.

5. Community use of Llangors Playing Field update - Cllr Preece

County Cllr Durrant had proposed a date to reconvene the LCC/Governors liaison group to work through the Play Wales toolkit “Use of school grounds for playing out of teaching hours” with the aim to form an agreement for discussion by all councillors. A response from Governors was still awaited. (Action County Cllr Durrant & Cllr Preece)

6. PCC Play Sufficiency Assessment in Powys consultation

There was a large document/toolkit to go through to complete the assessment for play in the Community. It was agreed for the Chair and Clerk to complete it on behalf of the CC. It was suggested that the Chair of Llangors Y&C Centre may wish to assist with Llangors section as that committee had recently carried out a play assessment questionnaire in Llangors and the data could be included. (Action Clerk & Cllr Preece). It was noted that there was an online survey for under 25's to complete a notice for this had been put in noticeboards. County Cllr Durrant to advertise on Facebook.

7. Bi Monthly Planning Report

Llangors Community Council supported

BBNPA 18/16954/FUL 19/12/18

"Construction of new single storey toilet / shower block and installation of five camping pods" at Llangorse Multi Activity Centre, The Gilfach, Llangorse

Applications granted by BBNPA/PCC

BBNPA 18/16558/ FUL 22/11/18

"Proposed single-storey extension to rear and infill section to front elevation. Insertion of one rooflight and two sunpipes to rear elevation." at The Homestead, Pennorth

BBNPA 18/16625/ FUL 22/11/18

"Change of use of stables used in conjunction with language school to include use as a function room, with alterations to north-east elevation including ramp (retrospective)" at Stables at Trebinshwn, Llangasty Talyllyn

BBNPA 18/16079/FUL 6/12/18

"Proposed replacement public conveniences" at Public Convenience, Llangorse Common, Llangorse

Applications refused by BBNPA/PCC

PCC 18/0578/FUL 28/11/18

"Erection of an agricultural building" at Land at Llanywern

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports
3. Planning Aid Wales events
4. OVW email re SUDS Implementation 7 Jan 2019 - noted
5. PCC LDP 2011- 2026: Supplementary Planning Guidance Public Consultation 14/1/19 to 24/2/19 advance notice email - noted
6. PCC Planning Service - Publishing 3rd Party Correspondence on web page will no longer take place – noted.

8. Highway Matters

There remained a long list of outstanding highway matters including a recent broken drain cover in Llangors and the safety barrier by the brook on Ty Newydd road remaining insecure. Heol Ddu junction safety improvement scheme had be completed, although the CC had raised concern about the position of BT poles and the need for them to be realigned with the hedge. County Cllr Durrant had investigated a footway scheme between Llanfihangel Talyllyn and Llangors, but it appeared that a number of factors

would prevent this from materialising. A green path available around the lake only part of the year due to flooding does exist and it was felt unlikely that improvements to that for all round use would be made.

County Cllr Durrant is meeting with PCC highway officer to carry out a parking review in Llangors and Llanfihangel Talylyn soon. It was agreed that Cllr Evans would attend the Llangors meeting and Cllr Doylend will attend the Llanfihangel meeting. (Action Cllrs Evans & Doylend)

The highway traffic calming chicane scheme in Llangors is due to be constructed and it was agreed for PCC to leaflet drop the neighbouring properties and hold a drop-in session to see the plans in Llangors Hall, to coincide with a weekly coffee morning. County Cllr Durrant to follow up with Clerk to support as required. (Action Clerk)

9. Grass Cutting Contracts 2019

Quotes from the existing contractor had been received and circulated, with the costs being the same as last year. These were agreed as Councillors were pleased with the work carried out. Clerk to draw up contracts and agree (Action Clerk)

10. Financial Matters; a) Bi monthly finance report, b) Budget 2019-20 and set precept

a) The finance report had been circulated and was approved, as attached to these minutes. It was noted the NJC pay scales applicable to the Clerk had been reviewed nationally, now new SCP20 and the relevant pay increase from April 2019 was agreed. A letter from the Pensions Regulator had indicated a national increase in contributions to pensions was applicable from April 2019, however the Clerk salary level does not qualify for a pension.

b) Budget – a draft budget had been distributed to members for consideration. This was explained and discussed. The production of Village Plans was considered with County Cllr Durrant confirming that no Community Councils had embarked on this process yet and BBNPA officers were working with Town Councils on the matter at the current time. There also appeared to be no plans for the PCC local housing needs survey to be updated so the budget did not reflect costs for these matters. It was unanimously agreed that Councillors do not wish to be paid expenses for the duties they carry out, as instructed by the IRPW, and that no budget was to be set for such costs.

There are a number of ongoing projects in the community some of which it had been agreed that the CC would support financially and along with increasing employment costs and general expenses it was agreed to increase the precept from £12500 to £14000. Clerk to request precept (Action Clerk). The three-year plan and value of reserves was discussed. Reserves are reasonably high at the present time, as some funds are held potentially for a Llangors playpark project, however the lease on the land has still not been agreed so it is unclear when the funds will be requested. This will affect the value of reserves over a three-year period by reducing the amount held at some stage. General year on year costs are likely to remain in the region as they are now, unless Powys County Council decide to pass on any local services. If the latter is the case the precept will be raised again as required at the time of setting.

County Cllr Durrant and children left the meeting 7.56pm

11. Village Shop in Llangors – Cllr Griffin

Cllr Griffin had attended meetings regarding the potential for a Village Shop in Llangors. There had been a good response to a questionnaire distributed within the community with much support for the project. The committee will now meet with the Plunkett

Foundation, visit other similar community run shops and seek to fund raise to carry out a feasibility study.

12. General Correspondence Received

Powys County Council

1. Arwain updates
2. Green Garden Waste Collections Survey

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. Meeting agenda for various committees
2. Christmas Greetings
3. 'Waterfall Country' Public Consultation – parking issues
4. Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan – noted

Welsh Government

1. Business Advice updates
2. Consultation notifications & rural news updates
3. Natural Resources Wales Bulletins
4. Community and Town Council Update – noted
5. Section 137 Discretionary Expenditure Limit for 2019-20

Other

1. DPP crime and awareness updates
2. OVW updates inc. Brecon and Radnor Road Safety Meeting 11th January Talgarth – nobody able to attend
3. PAVO updates
4. Play Wales updates
5. Wales and Powys CHC & PTHB meetings/updates
6. Resident email to Kirsty Williams re Broadband
7. Emails re complaint & resolution re dog mess following Brecon Hunt meet in Llanfihangel Talyllyn – noted
8. MWFRA updates
9. Llandrindod TC - Proposed relocation of Ariel Lift Platform (ALP) from Llandrindod Wells Fire Station.
10. Llandyssil TC - The proposed recycling development at Abermule
11. Email re donation of Crocus bulbs agreed for planting on Llangors Triangle.
12. Resident email re condition of footpath north of Llanfihangel Talyllyn. It was agreed to support the request and write to PCC ROW officer (Action Clerk). County Cllr Durrant confirmed she was to follow up the matter with PCC and the resident.

13. Reports from Councillors

Cllr East had received a request for a noticeboard to be erected Bwlch end of Llangors village. It was suggested maybe near the LCC seat close to Pen y Brenin. It was agreed to write to PAR Homes, developers of land nearby, to see if they would consider paying for one. (Action Clerk)

14. Confirm date and venue of the next bi monthly meeting 12/3/19.

It was agreed this would be at Pennorth Chapel Meeting Room. (Action Clerk)

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.29pm.