

Draft Minutes of Llangors Community Council Bi Monthly Meeting

Held on Tuesday 13th November 2018, 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, County Cllr Ms E Durrant, Judith Phillips (Clerk), Mr Lawrence Duffy (Member of the Public)

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Ven. A Jevons, Cllr Mr M James, Cllr Mr M Scruby, Cllr Mrs L Griffin.

2. Minutes of the Last Bi Monthly Meeting 11/9/18 & PAD meeting 25/9/18, 9/10/18 27/10/18

There was one amendment to the minutes on page 4 item 14. The defibrillator event at the Sailing Club had been recorded twice in error. The words "Defibrillator at Llangors Sailing Club – Cllr Evans had attended the unveiling of the item and had received a warm welcome at the enjoyable event" was crossed out leaving the matter reported correctly under the correct heading below. The minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record. For 11/9/18 minutes proposed by Cllr East and seconded by Cllr Doylend. PAD minutes 25/9/18 proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr East, minutes 9/10/18 proposed by Cllr Bailey and seconded by Cllr East, and minutes 27/10/18 proposed by Cllr Preece and seconded by Cllr Evans.

3. Matters Arising from above minutes

Page 1 Webpage – meeting still to be arranged with Ryan Thomas (Action Cllr Preece)

Clustering meeting – Talgarth TC had replied indicating the proposal was on hold for the foreseeable future due to capacity issues there.

Home to School Transport – PCC Cabinet had approved the proposals, but will be reviewing the post 16 transport policy in Spring 2019. PCC had confirmed to County Cllr Durrant that the Llangors Primary school bus would continue to transport children living in Llanfihangel Talyllyn even though they were under the two-mile rule within the policy, due to the nature of the road between the villages.

Fires on Mynydd Llangors – The Fire Officer had responded confirming that no conclusion had been reached as to the actual cause of the fires and that the Fire Service were seeking to engage with the local community about the matter, perhaps by placing an article in the Grapevine newsletter.

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 – it was reported that although the PCSO had spoken with the resident who had raised concerns it had become apparent that the matter had not been resolved. The Clerk had contacted the PCSO and was awaiting him to again contact the resident. Clerk to monitor (Action Clerk)

Llangors Sailing Club – the residents who had previously not been made welcome at the Sailing Club had received an apology.

Wilmott Dixon Legacy- the proposed letter of thanks had not yet been sent as the Clerk had been notified that 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 had attended the recent meeting of the governing body. At the end of the meeting the Chair had declared all matters confidential. It appeared that no justification of that decision had been given, however as a result there was nothing to report. This was noted with surprise and dismay.

Cllr Preece had received a letter from Kate Weston in response to a letter the CC had sent to PCC about the VIP opening ceremony at the school in May. This was discussed. The letter appeared to imply that investigations had resulted in recommendations being made, however it did not indicate that any of the recommendations had actually been implemented by the governing body. This had not reassured Councillors that their concerns and those of residents, previously raised with the CC, had been resolved.

It was agreed to respond seeking further clarification and also to write back to PCC Director of Education, who the CC originally wrote to, to seek clarification that PCC were happy with the procedure and outcomes as suggested in the letter. Clerk to update Councillors absent from the meeting and also seek their approval for letters to be sent. (Action Clerk)

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

The LCC/Governors liaison group met on 18/10/18, however only Kate Weston had attended on behalf of the school governing body. She concluded that the governing body had not discussed the matter since the CC public meeting in May and that there was no change to their position. This being that only supervised access would be allowed. It was agreed that both parties would meet to work through the Play Wales toolkit "Use of school grounds for playing out of teaching hours" with the aim to form an agreement.

This matter was discussed at some length. It was agreed to arrange the meeting and draw up an agreement to be brought back to the CC for discussion. Updating the public on the current situation was considered, however it was agreed to draw the document up first so that there was something constructive to discuss. It was hoped that a meeting could take place and a document for discussion ready for the next CC meeting in January.

Cllr Preece to arrange the meeting with the Governing Body. County Cllr Durrant to attend. (Action Cllr Preece)

6. Glebe Community Field update

Following issues with dog fouling a leaflet about the matter had been produced and delivered in Llanfihangel Talyllyn village. There had been some positive response that the letter had been actioned. The CC has a lease on the Glebe Community Field until the end of March 2021 and it was suggested that consideration should be given as to when renegotiating the lease should begin in order to ensure its future.

7. Bi Monthly Planning Report

Llangors Community Council supported:

BBNPA 18/16558/ FUL 12/9/18

"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 18/16588/FUL 10/9/18

"Timber orangery to rear to replace existing conservatory" at Penstar, Llangors

BBNPA 18/16625/ FUL 25/9/18

“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 Tallylyn

BBNPA 18/16079/FUL 19/10/18

“Proposed replacement public conveniences” at Public Convenience, Llangorse Common, Llangorse

Llangors Community Council commented with highway policy concerns: -

PCC 18/0578/FUL 20/9/18

“Erection of an agricultural building” at Land at Llanywern

Applications granted by BBNPA

BBNPA 18/16588/FUL 29/10/18

“Timber orangery to rear to replace existing conservatory” at Penstar, Llangors

Planning Correspondence: -

1. BBNPA Weekly planning lists
2. PCC Planning decision reports
3. Planning Aid Wales events
4. BBNPA LDP Call for Candidate sites until 7/1/19 - noted
5. PCC New webpage planning system

8. Update on all Highway Matters

There remained a long list of outstanding highway matters which County Cllr Durrant had discussed with PCC. Resurfacing of the highway in Llangors Village is now likely to be done before the end of March 2019 with some of the plainings from the job being taken to Llangors Lake car park for the potholes. The C96 outside the new school resurfacing had been completed. Safety improvements at Heol Ddu junction is to be completed soon. Apart from these matters, due to budget constraints, many other maintenance requests are on hold. There is a new depth requirement before a pothole is classed as deep enough to require attention and the jetpack machine is being taken out of use until next Spring. The number of gully emptiers are being reduced from 7 to 4 and it appeared likely there will be no road sweepers in PCC ownership shortly. This situation was noted with understanding and concern.

Speeding in Pennorth – the speed counter results had been received from PCC, with some speeds on all roads over 30mph, however as the speed limit is 60mph no one had been recorded as speeding. County Cllr Durrant confirmed nothing further would be done with the data collected as there was a moratorium on road traffic orders.

Lawrence Duffy and County Cllr Durrant left the meeting at 8.38pm

9. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Consultation Report

A lengthy discussion took place about the mandatory elements of this consultation which if implemented would have major budget implications. Councillors present do not wish to be paid for their work and felt it was not correct to budget monies, with potential to have to raise the precept, only for the money to sit under a budget heading and not be available for any other matter. Further discussion to take place when the budget is set in January.

10. Financial Matters; a) Bi monthly finance report, b) External Audit Report c) Budget 2019-20 items for inclusion

a) The finance report had been circulated and was approved. A grant application for Llanywern Church was agreed at £100, Discover Llangors & Bwlch group for the Grapevine agreed at £150 and a late application from Llangorse Common Community Toilets group for £500 towards their rebuild project.

b) The external audit report had been returned from Grant Thornton which was noted and approved.

c) Following an application for grant funding from Llangors Youth & Community Centre, it was discussed and agreed that the next budget should include an annual sum towards the provision of recreation area/s in Llangors to reflect the same funding and provision at Llanfihangel Talylyn. It was concluded that the lease for the CAT land project in Llangors was not yet ready and it was agreed that when the paperwork is formalised that a grant from reserves could be considered for the initial set up. Cllrs Preece and East declared an interest in this matter.

Grass cutting contracts - It was agreed to request a quote from the current contractors for the next season (Action Clerk)

11. Annual Review of Clerk Employment

It was noted that the Clerk workload continues to increase due to a number of changes in regulations and budget cuts at higher levels of government. It was expected to go over budget on staff salary this financial year and it was agreed that next year's budget will need to be set accordingly. (Action Clerk)

**12. General Correspondence Received
Powys County Council**

1. Update re Child Burial Fees – noted
2. Arwain updates
3. C96 Road closure for resurfacing
4. DPP Police and Crime Panel info
5. Powys Better Businesses networking event
6. Powys War Memorials project officer info
7. Powys Public Spaces Protection order consultation - noted
8. Notification of Planning SPG documents approved
9. Expressions of interest for Healthy, Active Outdoors Project – noted
10. Free childcare in GHS school catchment area

County Cllr Durrant

1. Broadband update – noted that no progress is being made.
2. Brexit Question time for young people
3. Home to School transport Llangors Primary school
4. BBNPA funding available for Community projects
5. Heart of Wales Property Services information
6. Mid Wales Hospital Development Brief public meeting

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

1. Meeting agenda for various committees

Welsh Government

1. Business Advice updates & Job vacancies
2. Consultation notifications & rural news updates
3. Assets and Services Toolkit link
4. Town and Community Council Review Panel final report
5. Natural Resources Wales Bulletins

Other

1. DPP crime and awareness updates
2. OVW updates
3. PAVO updates
4. Play Wales updates
5. Wales and Powys CHC & PTHB meetings/updates/new 111 number
6. Bronllys Wellbeing Park updates
7. DLB Group Grapevine and Minutes
8. Resident report re footpath 18 Llangors - noted
9. Resident email comments re Broadband - noted
10. Clerks & Councils direct booklet
11. Keep Britain Tidy Dark Nights dog mess campaign
12. Zurich Topic update re Trees and Cemeteries & Data Breach - noted
13. Machynlleth T.C. play equipment for sale
14. MWFRA updates
15. Powys Samaritans property purchase proposal
16. Welsh Hearts Defib info request
17. Royal Mail – scam email poster – put in noticeboards
18. Llangors School invite to an Evening of Wartime Memories 7/11/18
19. Brecon Town Council - financial support for Visit Brecon Service – agreed not to support
20. Llangors Youth & Community Centre updates re CAT land etc. - noted

13. Reports from Councillors

Nothing to report.

14. Confirm date and venue of the next bi monthly meeting 8/1/19.

It was agreed this would be at Llangors Youth & Community Centre. (Action Clerk)

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.38pm.