

**Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012  
at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Mrs Margaret Price (Chair), Mr George Moretta, Mr David Williams, Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Mr David Filsell, Mr Gene Taylor, Mr David Mantle and Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Mr Chris Jenkins and Mr Brian Griffiths.

**2. Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:** None

**3. The Minutes of the meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012:** were approved and signed by the Chair. Proposer: GM, Sec: GT.

**4. Clerk's Report**

More posters against fly-tipping have been put up in the Car Park.

June actions have been completed.

I attended 2 seminars on Council roles and responsibilities as part of my training course.

**5. Correspondence:**

- i. Ombudsman – Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Report 2011/12. *Circulation.*
- ii. Powys County Council -Training courses on the members' code of conduct, undated. Request responses by 6<sup>th</sup> July 2012. . *Circulation.*
- iii. Brecon Advice Centre – Annual Report and Accounts dated 26<sup>th</sup> June. *Circulation.*
- iv. All Wales Centre for Governor Training and Research. Questionnaire on Additional Community Governors response required 23<sup>rd</sup> July. *Sent back in time for extended deadline.*
- v. Powys Domestic Abuse Forum, information about the White Ribbon Event at Brecon Cathedral 3.30pm 18<sup>th</sup> November. *Circulation.*
- vi. Appointment of Town/Community Councillor to the Powys County Council Standards Community Sub-committee. Ballot paper to be returned 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2012. *SD to return.*

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- vii. Countryside Council for Wales – Funding Newsletter June – July 2012. *Circulation.*
- viii. Invoice for emergency repair to the Stone Sign from David Hutton £20.00.
- ix. Powys County Council – Home to School Transport Consultation Document. Response required by 28<sup>th</sup> July 2012, extended to after the meeting. *Request more time to respond.* SD
- x. Walkers are Welcome in Crickhowell Group. Request for resolution of support, offer of representative to speak at meeting. *Vale of Grwyney have invited to 5 Council's meeting in November.*
- xi. Clerks and Councils Direct July 2012 Issue 82. *Circulation.*
- xii. Forwarded from One Voice Wales, from Scoutswales. Letter publicizing a study into the impact of scouting and request for support. *Circulation.*
- xiii. Forwarded from One Voice Wales, from Keep Wales Tidy a voucher grant scheme dated 4<sup>th</sup> July. *Clerk to send on the Church.* SD
- xiv. Forwarded from One Voice Wales, from Mr David Gardiner. A letter inviting nominations for Birthday 2013 honours. *Circulation & noted.*
- xv. Powys Environmental Partnership Information. A note describing the Small Grant Scheme, closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012. *Clerk to send on to Church.* SD
- xvi. Coleg Gwent, Informal learning in Usk. One day Welsh language course on 31<sup>st</sup> July. *Past.*
- xvii. Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens, July Newsletter. *Circulation.*
- xviii. Powys County Council Tourism Section, a Sense of Place Grant notice. *MP to pass on to LASS.* MP
- xix. Powys County Council, Ian Mills of Local And Environmental Services. Letter detailing the County Councils' response to the complaints of two gentlemen concerning traffic on the bridge. The County Council has responded that "no further works will take place at this location". Mr Mills requests the views of the Councillors. *Clerk to respond with letter of support for views and decision from the Community Council.* SD

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- xx. The Green Valleys, Spring and Summer 2012 Newsletters.  
*Circulation.*
- xxi. The Valleys – the official visitor guide, dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012.  
*Circulation.*
- xxii. Report from Inspector Wadrup on the A465 dualling scheme. Mr Wadrup has decided against Alternative 1, a junction directly between the A465 and Llangynidr - Beaufort Road. *Circulation.*
- xiii. Trip to Todmorden by the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens, dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012. *Circulation.*
- xiv. Events organised by the Powys Regeneration Partnership, dated 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012. *Circulation.*
- xxv. Chartership documents and covering letter from onevoicewales, dated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012. *Circulation.*

**6. Finance**

**a. Statement of Accounts**

The actual figures for expenditure and income have been compared with the budget for April, May and June 2012. Expenditure for both subscriptions and training have exceeded budget. Expenditure on VAT also exceeded a nil budget. Some £10,980.80 has yet to be spent of the total budget of £12,977.92. The figure for recycling is for one quarter only, £446.91 was banked in June. Vat refund of £27.00 and Wayleaves of £8.82 were also banked in June.

The bank account was successfully reconciled to the cash book at £17,471.97.

**b. Schedule of bills issued between 1<sup>st</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012.**

The cheques approved in the June Minutes have been issued:

Car Park Maintenance – cheque no 1493	£32.00
Clerk’s wage and stationery allowance – cheque no 1494	£291.60

**c. Payments to be approved:**

Clerk’s wages for July & August 2012	£583.20
Cleaning of Car Park for July and August	£64.00
Emergency repair to stone sign	£20.00
Refreshments at the Annual Parish Meeting	£21.00

## 7. Report from County Councillor

The Heads of the Valleys Development Company gave a presentation to County Councillors at County Hall, Llandrindod Wells. They intend to open a motorcross and go-karting facility on an 800 acre site in Rassau in 2015. The Centre of Motorsport Excellence is to include an hotel, an academy and a research facility. The aim is to be better than Silverstone. Planning permission is being sought on the 24<sup>th</sup> September from Blaenau Gwent. The development company suggest that between 3,000 and 6,000 jobs will be created, some 750,000 people will visit per annum, there will be 30 acres of solar panels and £300 million of investment from private investors and pension funds.

## 8. Village Maintenance

**a. Car Park** - Complaint from a resident is now closed following a meeting between the Council and the resident.

- A quote for the Car Park remedial work has been obtained, another is awaited. Suspension of formal tender process would be needed if Council decided to proceed. An extra meeting of the Council may be convened before September. Clerk to arrange if another quote is obtained.

**b. Stone sign** - underwent some emergency repairs this action was endorsed by the Council, no further work is required at the moment.

**c. Litter picking** - Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September was chosen for a river litter pick and /or a mountain litter pick depending on the weather and the number of volunteers available.

## 9. Highways

**a. Uneven pavement in Twyn Pandy** - RH offered to inspect the pavement.

**b. Poor quality road surface in Church Close** - RH to inspect the road.

**c. Church Close** - Traffic issues involving school traffic. The Primary School should deal with this.

## 10. Churchyard

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Mr Sam Ridge is a Warden for the Brecon Beacons National Park, he has visited the Churchyard recently and came to the Council meeting to discuss the matter. He will get in touch with the Parish Church Committee to arrange a meeting between them and Helen Roderick of the Brecon Beacons National Park.

**11. Document Circulation**

This is very slow. It was decided to circulate electronic documents to those who have email facility which should reduce the time taken to review the correspondence. It was also decided that the clerk should ask PL for any old correspondence he has.

**12. Reports from other meetings attended:**

**Jubilee Committee Meeting** - The committee have decided that they would like to buy new equipment, perhaps a climbing frame, for the playground by the Village Hall.

**Village Hall Committee** - the main door of the Village Hall is to be replaced at a cost of £700.00. Also the floor between the doors needs remedial work. The hand-driers will be held back for the moment.

**School Governors** - A second portable classroom is to be installed, and access improvements made over the summer.

**13. Items from Councillors for the next agenda:**

River path downstream of the bridge.

**14. Date of next meeting:** 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Sue Dale  
Clerk

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Signed by Chair.....