

Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 31st January 2012 at 7.30pm.

Action

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Chris Jenkins, Mr Robert Davies, Mr Brian Griffiths.
2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:**
None.
3. **The Minutes of the meetings held on 11th November 11 and 21st January 2012:** were approved and signed by the Chair (p.p. GM, sec. DM).
4. **Clerks Report:** The steps in Erw Bant were cleared, cleaned and treated. The residents are very pleased with the work.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - i. Powys County Council - One point of contact facility for Community Councils, *noted*.
 - ii. Powys County Council - Proposed temporary road closure - Llangynidr Bridge, most of Forge Road and approach road from the A40. *A resident has requested traffic lights or a priority system, council felt that traffic lights were unlikely to be given permission due to the historic nature of the bridge and a priority system seems unlikely to improve the situation.*
 - iii. Powys County Council - Lighting of Beacons for the Jubilee. A beacon has been requested for 10-10.30pm on Monday 4th June 2012. Registration form can be found online. *The proposed site Pen-lan or lookout tump belongs to the Duke of Beaufort, DM to lead.*
 - iv. Dyfed Powys Police - conclusion of audit March 2011. *Noted.*
 - v. Powys County Council - Welsh in Education Strategic Plan. PCC wish to hear views on the details of their plan, these are held online. *RH outlined the proposals for the meeting.*
 - vi. Welsh Government - Local Development Byelaws. *See internet consultations link*
<http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mgIssueHistoryHome>

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- vii. Brecon Beacons National Park – Liaison meeting and Charter update. EG and MP agreed to attend this meeting Brecon Castle Hotel on 24th March at 10am. Clerk to advise BBNPA
- viii. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report. See website www.remunerationpanelwales.org.uk
- ix. Email from Crickhowell Town Council – Meeting on Tuesday 31st January at The Dragon Hotel at 7pm re : Jubilee. *Noted.*
- x. Email - Graham Powell retiring as Clerk to Llangattock Community Council. *Noted.*
- xi. Email – Powys Local Development Plan candidate sites now available. RH informed the meeting that these sites excluded those within the BBNP. Website details <http://www-origin.powys.gov.uk>

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6. Finance

a. **Statement of Accounts.**

The bank balance was successfully reconciled to the cash book at the end of December. The balance in the cash book was £17261.09. The cheques approved in the November Minutes have been issued. The first quarter recycling money was paid into the bank on 5th December. It was £457.30. Bank interest of £1.99 was received at the end of December.

b. **Schedule of bills paid between 29th November 2011 and 24th January 2012 (Financial Reg. 6.4)**

BDO external auditors cheque no 1463	£162.00
Clearing of steps in Erw Bant cheque no 1464	£20.00
Cleaning of car park cheque no 1465	£32.00
HMRC PAYE cheque no 1466	£175.40

c. **Approved:** Payment of the following cheques:

Clerk's fees for months of December and January	£467.86
Cleaning of car park for January	£32.00
Brecon Advice Centre	£50.00
Walls of Llangynidr	£100.00
Friends of Llangynidr Primary School	£100.00
Welsh air Ambulance	£50.00
Brecon Mountain Rescue	£100.00
Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau in aid of defibrillator	£100.00
Llangynidr Primary School (photocopier)	£150.00
Margaret Price (chairman's allowance)	£100.00
George Moretta (refund gift to refuse collectors)	£10.00

7. Report from County Councillor

RH reported on the new recycling scheme being run in the village and rolling out across Powys. With landfill costs being so high and penalty charges even higher the importance of reducing landfill for budgetary and environmental reasons is very clear.

The effects of the new scheme on established recycling centres (such as the one in the village car park) appear minimal. Difficulties for rural and elderly residents may be addressed by discussing issues with the bin collectors who have been found to be very helpful.

There are different contracts being run for different recycled products and figures will become available in time. Rural areas will be transferred to the new scheme soon.

The Police precept has been increased by 5%.

School modernisation moves forward.

The first planning application for a wind farm in Powys is due to come up for consideration in March 2012.

GM commented on the refuse collection and praised the collectors. GM queried the collection of bins in Mardy Lane.

8. Highways:

a. Hedge cutting. Hedge cutting is only allowed between September and March. Can a single low swathe be taken down Cyffredin Lane, EG had noticed that the usual cut of the verges has not been taken. RH to report back.

b. Llangynidr bridge update. *See point 5ii above.*

9. Village Maintenance:

a. Car park pot holes. GM & NW met with Mr Logan (of Lewis and Logan) to assess the immediate need for resurfacing. An area of around 130m² in 5 locations needs resurfacing. Mr Logan's has provided a quotation. NW advised that 3 written quotations would be required and that reasons for selection would have to be given. GM enquired about the possibility that the county council may be able to help with power spraying and chipping. RH to report back. This item to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

b. Review of car park cleaning. It was agreed that the standard of cleaning was high.

c. Consideration of request for dog waste bin in or near car park. The meeting agreed that disposal of dog waste is the responsibility of the owner and not the council. The pizza outlet, for example, uses the car park and tidies up after customers.

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10. Report from the Rights of Way Committee:

DM reported a new gate has been installed into the rectory field in Cyffredin Lane. The gate at Pen-Isha Coed is padlocked shut, too tight to allow access. GM suggested a metal strut could be fixed to allow access and yet allow the gate to remain locked.

11. Reports from other meetings attended:

GM attended a walk-through of Llangynidr County Primary School. Every effort is being made to accommodate the new, larger role. Security at the school was discussed, concluding that this issue is also the responsibility of the wider community. RH noted that no new buildings would be considered until the current examination of school provision is complete.

MP reported on the Jubilee committee. A promises auction is to take place in the Coach and Horses on 9th March 2012. Also Paul Williams had acquired a DVD of the coronation to be played at the celebrations. DM attended a meeting at the Village Hall concerned with Health and Safety. It is proposed that a new light be fitted at the front door. The gas tank is to be replaced with tougher, smaller bottles.

Tennis courts were discussed, basically they are doing well. But, a new lock is required for the courts. John Games is sorting this out.

12. Items from Councillors next agenda:

Car park pot holes.

13. Date of next meeting: 28th February 2012.

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Clerk