

Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 27th March 2012 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs Margaret Price (Chair), Mr David Williams, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Mr Chris Jenkins, Mr George Moretta, Mr Brian Griffiths , Mr David Mantle and Mr David Filsell.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Paul Lindoewood.

2. **Declaration of interest in items of business listed below:**

EG declared an interest in 5.vii.

3. **The Minutes of the meetings held on 31st January 2011:** were approved and signed by the Chair (p.p. EG, sec. DW).

4. Clerk's Report

The Grass cutting contract is nearly up. Two tenders have been received.

Notification papers have been delivered to all Community Councillors. The Clerk will deliver completed forms to the election officials to Brecon on Friday.

Mr Roger Hockey has kindly agreed to complete the internal audit in the first week in May. This is to accommodate the new deadline for the external audit.

5. Correspondence:

i. BDO Audit briefing - the audit will be brought forward to 30th June instead of 30th September. Also, gratuities in lieu of service are no longer allowed unless paid as part of a contract. *Noted*

ii. Walls of Llangynidr - Thank you letter. *Noted*

iii. Llangynidr School - Thank you letter. *Noted*

iv. Montgomeryshire family crisis centre - request for a donation. *Noted*

v. Powys Local Development Plan - Preferred Strategy Consultation, CD ROM enclosed - 19th March to 30th April 2012. *EG, DF and GM to examine.*

vi. A465 Dualling Scheme, Section 3 Brynmawr to Tredegar - Objectors' Alternative Proposals. Comments to be made by 22nd March 2012.

Clerk to write to Christine McCarthy of Transport Orders Branch

EG, DF &
GM

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about the short notice.

- vii. Tidy Towns Funding for Community led projects 2012-13. *Clerk to write to Estate Agents handling the sale of a large field in Coed-yr-Ynys Road (Montague Harris) requesting the name and contact details of the purchaser. The Council is interested in establishing river access for canoeists and allotments and is looking for land for those purposes.*

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6. Finance

Statement of Accounts.

The bank balance was successfully reconciled to the cash book. The reserve and current accounts balance at 29th February 2012 was £17,021.69. All the cheques in the February minutes have been issued. Wayleaves of £47.87 were banked as were £388.85 for Q2 recycling. The asset register needs to be updated with the stone sign, if that is the wish of the Community Council.

a. Schedule of bills issued between February 29th and March 26th 2012.

The cheques approved in the February Minutes have been issued:

Village Hall rent for monthly meetings – cheque no 1478	£125.00
Clerk’s wages for February 2012 – cheque no 1479	£291.60
Cleaning of Car Park – cheque no 1480	£32.00

b. Payments to be approved:

Cleaning of Car Park – cheque no 1481	£32.00
Clerk’s wages for March 2012 – cheque no 1482	£291.60

7. Report from County Councillor

RH reported that the Traffic Officer is unable to meet with the Village Council until after the election. The meeting is to discuss the, at times, excessive traffic through the village and particularly, the traffic which passes over the bridge.

Glan Usk is to host 4000 children soon, as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. These children will be transported on 80 buses. A traffic management plan could be requested to enable observation of the provisions by Llangynidr Community Council. The Green Man festival is also coming up along with other large events held to be at Glan Usk.

Llangattock Green Valleys and Glan Usk are proposing to cite an

anaerobic digester at Glan Usk. Which may mean more heavy traffic to transport feed to the digester.

The 2.25% rise in Powys's Council Tax was discussed. RH pointed out that the rise is not the largest in Wales, by any means.

The new road markings in Llangynidr were generally praised. The double yellow lines over the bridge were queried. However, several councillors have seen vehicles stopped on the bridge to allow people to take photographs. So, perhaps the lines will help discourage this and should remain. Markings in front of Oaklands Nursing Home appear to have been omitted from the schedule of work. RH will raise the matter with the relevant authorities.

RH

A new site has been identified to permanently house Gypsy Travellers just outside Brecon, in Brecon Enterprise Park. It is situated very close to their old site.

8. Highways:

a. Hedge cutting. The low swathe along Cyffredin Lane has been cut by hand.

9. Village Maintenance:

a. Village Car Park. The invitation to tender for the work has been drafted. Clerk to place an advertisement for about £45 in the B&R express or the Abergavenny Chronicle.

b. Proposed mural. It was agreed that the Council would not accept the proposed mural.

c. New bench in the Bus Stop, greatly appreciated, particularly by the elderly.

d. Proposal to accept Llangynidr Sign as a Community Council Asset. Agreed.

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10. A465 Dualling Scheme -proposed junction with Llangynidr

Road. DM, RH and GM went to the Public Local Enquiry being held in Ebbw Vale, Gwent. GM's presentation is summarized below:

The purpose of attending this hearing is to reflect the view of the majority of the Community Council in objecting to the alternative proposal to introduce a major junction from the new dual A465 on to the B4560.

The reasons for objecting are:

The extra volume of heavy traffic and the consequent increase in road accidents that would occur.

Increase in the volume of heavy traffic from the introduction of Sat.Nav.s is bad enough.

Accident black spots , more litter, hazards to walkers and animals which can only grow with more traffic. This area already requires much attention to protect it - the Local Authority and volunteer groups having to collect discarded rubbish.

Some local users would find such a junction useful but at a heavy cost in both construction and the environment.

RH and DM felt that they had had a good hearing from the Public Local Enquiry & echoed the points made in GM's speech adding that: The reinstatement of the original right hand turn on to, what would be the old A465, would make trips to Tredegar or beyond easier.

The periodic congestion caused by large events at Glan Usk could only be exacerbated by new traffic coming from the A465.

MP thanked GM, RH & DM for their efforts.

It was noted that 10-15 years ago the Public Local Enquiry would not have been known about in the village. So it is good that the Community Council can make a difference to Llangynidr.

The Clerk is to write to Christine McCarthy of Transport Order Branch about the short notice given.

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11. Date for Five Councils' Liaison Meeting to be held in

Llangynidr. The date chosen was Thursday 21st June 2012, Clerk to write to each Council Clerk to invite them and their Councillors to the meeting. EG suggested that One Voice Wales could be an agenda item for the Five Councils Liaison meeting.

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12. Reports from other meetings attended:

Five Councils Liaison Tretower, Thursday 15th March 2012. This meeting in Tretower covered:

The development of state of the art community sports facilities at Crickhowell High School, they are looking for interested people who could help in the project. Completion is anticipated to be in 18-24months.

BBNPA enforcement procedures. The difficulty here being that the complainant may not have access to all the information asked for on the form. The view of the Five Councils' was that a solution may be to indicate on the form which pieces of information are essential.

Crickhowell Bridge. Repairs are to be completed by the end of April

2012.

BBNPA Public Access Service – removal or redaction of any third party representation or objection from the public access service. The Five Councils’ felt that it would be better to put the information back except for the personal information.

Development at Cwrt-y-Gollen – Crickhowell Estates are holding meetings with BBNPA to discuss a smaller development of about 50 dwellings.

BBNPA meeting on Saturday 24th March at the Brecon Castle Hotel.

It was a well-attended workshop, planning is the biggest issue for the BBNP. Planning training for community councillors is an important part of that. Charter and One Voice Wales memberships are involved. Councillors agreed to membership of One Voice Wales, but it was suggested that Charter membership be looked at as an agenda item next time.

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Village Hall Committee.

DW reported on the contents of the meeting. The Main door needs maintenance. Lighting generally is expensive and is being re-examined. The Committee room and corridor need redecoration. Hand dryers are to be purchased at a cost of between £40-£70. The pantomime made a profit of £1172.15.

Local Development Plan for the BBNPA held on 22nd March 2012.

The Examination Inspector and the Authority held a conversation in public, there is as yet no timetable. EG attended for Llangynidr Community Council.

13. Items from Councillors for the next agenda:

Charter membership

14. Date of next meeting: 24th April 2012.

Sue Dale
Clerk

Signed by Chair.....