

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGYNIDR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 15th May
2012 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mrs Margaret Price, Mr David Williams, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Mr Gene Taylor, Mr Chris Jenkins, Mr George Moretta and Mr David Mantle.

1. To elect a Chairman of the Community Council – Mrs Margaret Price was elected.

2. To receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office – the clerk accepted the declaration.

3. To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Council – Mr George Moretta was elected.

4. To appoint representatives to the following outside bodies:

a. Llangynidr Village Hall. Mr David Williams was appointed Trustee and MP appointed Deputy.

b. Primary School. Mr Paul Lindoewood and Mr George Moretta were appointed.

c. Burial Ground. Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs and Mr David Mantle were appointed.

d. Walls of Llangynidr. Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Mr David Mantle and Cllr Rosemarie Harris were appointed.

e. Focus on Health. Mr David Filsell was appointed.

5. To appoint committees:

a. Finance. Mr George Moretta, Mr David Filsell and Mr Gene Taylor were appointed.

b. Planning. Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs, Mr George Moretta and Mr David Filsell were appointed.

c. Rights of Way. Mr David Mantle, Mrs Margaret Price and Mr David Williams were appointed.

6. Apologies for absence.

Mr David Filsell and Mr Brian Griffiths.

7. Declaration of Interest in items listed below. None.

8. Signing of the minutes held on 24th April 2012. EG's initials were recorded incorrectly on two occasions.

9. Clerk's Report .

The Car Park treatment invitation has not produced any tenders yet, there are still about two weeks to go to the deadline.

All the actions on the Clerk have been completed except the Welsh Government Research Questionnaire. The questionnaire concerned planning in the National Park. It required familiarity with the planning process.

The "Working with your council" portfolio arrived from the Society of Local Clerks. The Clerk's formal training can begin.

One Voice Wales has a member's area which is available to all our Councilmembers. The username is "Llangynidr" and the password was given.

10. Correspondence:

- i. Letter from a resident, dated 24th April 2012. *Reply discussed Clerk to respond.*
- ii. Membership of One Voice Wales, welcome. *Noted.*
- iii. One Voice Wales invitation to join in the Big Lunch dated 26th April 2012. *Circulation.*
- iv. Email from Alan Morgan (Clerk to Llangattock) about the possibility of sharing a part-time maintenance person dated 26th April 2012. *Clerk to email declining the idea.*
- v. Commission on Welsh Devolution are holding public events (including one on the 8th May in Brecon) in the area about the financial accountability of the National Assembly for Wales. Email dated 25th April 2012, website:

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<http://commissionondevolutioninwales.independent.gov.uk/vents/> . *Circulation.*

- vi. Brecon Beacons National Park Authority invitation to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee. Dated 20th April 2012. *Email to EG.*
- vii. Media Recycling Banks at Community Recycling Centres. A new bank for CDs, DVDs, videos and cassettes. Dated 2nd May 2012. *Warmly received and put on circulation.*
- viii. Fforest Fawr Geopark News. Spring 2012. *Circulation.*
- ix. Society of Local Council Clerks Welcome pack. Dated 1st May 2012. *Circulation.*
- x. Action for Tourism, Spring 2012. *Circulation.*
- xi. Clerks and Councils Direct, May 2012. *Circulation.*

11. Finance

a. Financial Statement.

The bank balance was successfully reconciled to the cash book. The reserve and current accounts balance at 30th April 2012 was £18,638.36 . All the cheques in the April minutes have been issued. The cheque from the Proper Pizza Company for £150.00 was banked. The precept was banked on the 30th April, the amount was £3316.00. The internal audit was completed by Mr Roger Hockey who suggested two improvements to the financial processes; that the Clerk's payslip be signed by the Chairman and that the cheque number is recorded on the accompanying voucher.

b. Financial Regulations Approval.

The Financial Regulations were approved.

c. Risk Assessment and Management.

The Risk Assessment and Management were approved with some clarifications: The Sycamore tree near the Red Lion is to be monitored periodically and safety work carried out as required: The stone sign at the entrance to the village is to be inspected annually for integrity and remedial work carried out as required.

d. Annual Return Approval.

The annual return was approved.

e. Schedule of bills issued in April 2012.

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The cheques approved in the April Minutes have been paid:

Clerk's wages for April 2012 - cheque no 1482	£291.60
Cleaning of Car Park for April	
- cheque no 1481	£32.00
Society of Local Community Clerks - cheque no 1485	£206.50
Young Resident's Award - cheque no 1486	£50.00
Brecon and Radnor Newspaper - cheque no 1487	£101.28
One Voice Wales - cheque no 1488	£58.50

f. Payments to be approved:

Jubilee Mugs, Stupid Tuesday Ltd. - cheque no 1489	£450.72
Car Park Maintenance - cheque no 1490	£32.00
Clerk's wage and stationery allowance - cheque no 1491	£291.60
HMRC PAYE for January 2012 - cheque no 1492	£58.60

12. Report from County Councillor

RH reported on the situation of the County Council after the election. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the County Council both lost their seats, there are 19 new Councillors. The distribution of seats is: Powys Independents 26; Shires Independents; Liberals 9; Labour 7 and Conservatives 11. There is no overall majority in Powys and the situation is not yet resolved - although it seems most likely that the Independents will govern in a coalition.

13. Highways:

a. Outside the Village Hall Bus Stop (car park side). The drain is slow and rain water accumulates in a large puddle. RH will ask the Highways Officer to look at the drain.

RH

b. Loose stones on Forge Road. On the left-hand side of the road as you go up the hill. RH will ask the Highways Officer to look at the loose stones with a view to warning the owner of the danger they represent.

RH

14. Village Maintenance:

a. Date of Next Litter Pick. Saturday 9th of June, the first Saturday after World Environment Day was chosen.

15. Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday 30th May. The agenda is taking shape; Young Resident Report; RH to talk about her new role in

the County Council; EG to talk about LEAP activities; Audience questions and Refreshments.

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16. Report from the Rights of Way Committee.

New bridal gates at Cyffredyn Lane to Nant y Ail. Overall, problems tend to be solved early, and there are no problems at the moment.

17. Reports from other meetings attended:

Village Hall Committee. The AGM was held recently. The Village Hall is in the black and has bought new chairs (after 24 years) and tables. A grant is being applied for to renew the front doors. New insulation for the fire doors is being sought. The Village Hall Noticeboard was mentioned as it is in a sad state of disrepair.

Jubilee Meeting. A tremendous amount of work has been done; the beacon is going well. There will be 4000 of them with the last one to be lit by the Queen. The beacon will be sited on Llan Fawr. The insurance was £144. The Cub group and Scout Troop will attend and the Brecon and Radnor Express Newspaper will be contacted. A little teddy has been bought for each toddler at playgroup.

Llangynidr Primary School. Transfer of Cwmdu pupils to Llangynidr is currently being managed. As is the huge increase in Nursery/Reception aged children. There is to be an election for new School Governors. Planning permission for the new demountable is to be sought.

Crickhowell High School . The School was presented with a platinum award for recycling recently, possibly the first in Wales to do so.

18. Items from Councillors for the next agenda: Allotments

14. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26th June 2012

Sue Dale
Clerk

Signed by Chair.....