

Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 24th April 2012 at 7.30pm.

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

1. Apologies for absence: Mr Chris Jenkins, Mr David Mantle, Mr Brian Griffiths and Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs.

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

3. The Minutes of the meetings held on 27th March 2012: were approved and signed by the Chair (p.p. GM, sec. DF).

4. Clerk's Report

The Grass Cutting contract was retendered including the care of 3 flower beds in the Car Park.

Notification of the unopposed election of the Community Council was received.

The Car Park treatment tender was published in the B&R, unfortunately costing about £80 (plus VAT).

5. Correspondence:

- i. BDO Audit briefing - the audit will be brought forward to 30th June *Clerk will circulate this document in June*
- ii. Independent Review Panel for Wales: Review of Payments to Community and Town Councillors. Response required by Friday 20th April *Response completed*
- iii. One voice wales 2012-13. 50% reduction in joining fees
- iv. Boundary Commission for Wales Newsletter - parliamentary constituencies' consultation open until 4th April *Noted*
- v. Commercial use of Community Recycling sites. *Concern that there will be no room left for resident's garden waste. RH will take the message back to Powys County Council - that the bins should be emptied more often*
- vi. Letter from Society of Local Council Clerks, about a course and a conference. *Noted*
- vii. Plantscape Brochure 2012-13 *Noted*
- viii. Fields in trust letter dated 21st March 2012 *Noted*

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Signed by Chair.....

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- ix. Invitation to the Chairman to attend Powys Diamonds in the Park, Glanusk. Dated 2nd April 2012 *The event is open to the public*
- x. Invitation to a Focused Workshop with Town and Community Councils, response required by 1st May *EG and MP to attend* SD
- xi. The National Assembly for Wales Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee report on Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill. The report is available on <http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-business-fourth-assemblylaid-docs.htm?act=dis&id=232389&ds=3/2012>.
noted
- xii. Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens, April Bulletin *Noted*
- xiii. Welsh Government Research – Delivery of Planning Services in Statutory Designated Landscapes Response required by 4th May 2012 *Clerk to respond* SD
- xiv. Letter dated 5th April 2012 from Montague Harris and Co. They will send a copy of our letter on to the new owners of the field on Coed-yr-Ynys Road *Noted*
- xv. Play in Powys Newsletter Spring 2012 *Noted*
- xvi. Annual bill for Car Park Rates, £678 paid in 10 monthly instalments *Noted*
- xvii. Letter from C.M. Rhydderch-Preece outlining the current situation of the Churchyard. Mrs Rhydderch-Preece welcomes the support of the Community Council *Noted*
- xviii. 09/03378/FUL planning application withdrawal *Noted*
- xix. Letter from Transport Orders Branch, Welsh Government dated 11th April 2012 *Noted*
- xx. Letter from Llangors Community Council about the Powys LDP Preferred Strategy dated 12th April 2012. *Noted*
- xxi. Email from resident registering interest in allotments. *See item 11*
- xxii. Letter from GBZ_ZM Icashelpline (GBZ_ZM.Icashelpline@email.zurich.com) promoting the Annual Local Council Advisory Service (LCAS) Seminars *Noted*
- xiii. Five Councils Liaison Meeting 15th March Letter to BBNPA. Attached to email. Refers to item x of correspondence *Noted*
- xxiv. Email from Gill Coles about a Review of Community Health Councils. Response required by 1st June 2012. *DF to examine* DF
- xxv. Anonymous letter sent to Chairman *Anonymous letters are ignored*
- xvi. Letter and £150 cheque from The Proper Pizza Co. Ltd. *Gratefully received and acknowledged* SD

- vii. Glasdon catalogue for Local Councils *Noted*
- viii. Result of Uncontested Election Notices, together with Declarations of Acceptance, Survey for Candidates and Councillors to be distributed at the Annual Meeting on the 15th May *Noted*

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6. Finance

a. Statement of Accounts.

The bank balance was successfully reconciled to the cash book. The reserve and current accounts balance at 31st March 2012 was £15,851.80. All the cheques in the March minutes have been issued. Interest of £1.85 was banked.

b. Financial Risk Management Assessment.

This was distributed to the Councilmembers for consideration at the May 15th meeting as part of the preparation for external audit. The definition of the phrase “open spaces” was queried by the Chairman. It was suggested that a copy of the asset register be brought to the next meeting. It was also suggested that the Clerk ask Mr Anthony Beerenbrock if he could inspect the Sycamore standing outside the Red Lion annually and let the council know if any work is required.

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c. Financial Regulations Review.

The Financial Regulations were distributed to Councilmembers for consideration at the May 15th meeting. The document needs reviewing every 2 years as part of the preparation for external audit.

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d. Annual Report.

Copies of pages 2 and 3 of the Annual Return were distributed to Councilmembers. This too is in preparation for the external audit. The Community Council will consider pages 2 and 3 of the Annual Return, before submission to the external auditor, at the May 15th meeting.

e. Schedule of bills issued between March 27th and April 23rd 2012.

The cheques approved in the March Minutes have been issued:

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

f. Payments approved:

Cleaning of Car Park in April – cheque no 1483	£32.00
Clerk’s wages for March 2012 – cheque no 1484	£291.60
Society of Local Community Clerks (Training and membership) - cheque no 1485	£206.50
Young Resident’s Award – cheque no 1486	£50.00
Brecon and Radnor Express for publicizing Invitation to Tender – cheque no 1487	£101.28
One Voice Wales, membership – cheque no 1488 ⁱ	£58.50

7. Report from County Councillor

The Queen’s visit has needed a Traffic Management Plan to cope with the extra traffic. An estimated 80 coaches carrying 4000 school children must be accommodated. Speed restrictions will be in place on the approach roads.

After the election there is the possibility of 24 new street lights in Llangynidr. These are to be solar powered. RH suggested a walk for the Community Council around Llangynidr to see which areas could benefit most from the new lights.

The election count is taking place in The Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells. The result will be known by the evening of Friday 6th May.

8. Highways

Mr Gareth Davies has requested permission to trim back the Silver Birches opposite the village stone sign. Clerk to let Mr Davies know that permission is granted.

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9. Village Maintenance

a. Village Car Park – invitation to tender for treating the Car Park has been advertized. The deadline for tenders is 6.p.m 30th May 2012.

b. Grass cutting – the retendered contract is awarded to MB Property Maintenance.

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c. Litter picking events, Saturday 5th May 2012, 10.30am meet in the Car Park for a mountain litterpick. Due to traffic concerns, no-one under 18 years old please. Clerk to advertize.

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d. £150 cheque from the Proper Pizza Co. Ltd. See item 5.xxvii.

10. Election – Focus Newsletter.

MP will write to the Brecon and Radnor Express, about the contents of the Focus Newsletter dated April 2012.

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11. Allotments.

Several letters have been received about allotments. These have been put on circulation.

12. Jubilee Celebrations - Mugs for the children of Llangynidr School.

The Jubilee mugs have been chosen and are to be ordered this month. Llangynidr children attending welsh-medium primary school or other primary schools are also to be presented with Jubilee mugs. The cost of the mugs is £375.60 plus VAT , that is £450.72.

13. Chartership.

To be discussed at the May 15th meeting.

14. Reports from other meetings attended:

Jubilee Celebrations Committee. There is a lot of work to get through before the Jubilee. The Committee are hoping to have a Beacon fire, providing the weather conditions are not too dry.

Mugs are to be presented to primary school children on Friday 1st June.

13. Items from Councillors for the next agenda:

Charter membership -EG to talk to Council

Parish Meeting 30th May 2012

14. Date of next meeting: 15th May 2012.

Sue Dale
Clerk

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ⁱ This payment was approved in the 27th March 2012 minutes item 12.