

## Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: S.Dale (Clerk).

- 1. Apologies for absence: Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs & Mr Gene Taylor
- 2. Declaration of interest in items of business listed below: None
- 3. **Signing of:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Proposed by DW and seconded by AJ. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 4. Correspondence:
  - a. Brecon Advice Centre Annual Report 16/17. Circulation.
- 5. Clerk's Report

Welsh Government - Taking Wales Forward consultation open until 30<sup>th</sup> September. Reported as wanting to make every foot path in Wales to a bridleway or a cycle track.

Rights of Way Implementation plan from BBNPA, consultation to come out shortly.

The contract cleaner has had an operation on his knee but has made a good recovery and is back to work earlier than expected. The Community Council will need to issue a couple of extra cheques to cover his work for the toilets (£86.72) and the car park (£8.75). Thanks to MP for looking after things and thank you to DM for dealing with the fly tipping.

Actions from July have been completed.

6. Finance:

<i>a</i> . Statement of Accounts for September 2017. <i>Approved</i>		
b. Cheques approved for payment in July 2017	-	
Cleaning the Car Park (July&August)	£75.00	
Clerk's wages & Stationery Allowance (Jul & Aug)	£617.94	
Cleaning Public Conveniences (Jul & Aug)	£229.00	
Fixing the public conveniences	£30.00	
Refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting	£20.00	
Sanitation – Initial Rentokil	£191.52	
T M Hardy - Electrician (no charge for his time)	£32.34	
c. Cheques to be approved for payment in September 2017		
Cleaning the Car Park (up to September 18th)	£22.50	
Clerk's wages and Stationery Allowance	£308.97	
Cleaning the public conveniences	£68.70	
Village Hall – grant	£2500.00	



British Gas (electricity)	£72.78
Viking (Office Depot International UK Ltd)	$\pounds 132.25^{1}$
Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)	$\pounds 61.00^{2}$

## 7. Report from the County Councillor

There is a new 30 mile an hour limit at Scethrog, this is because of concerns about the poor state of the road. It is a temporary measure and will be repaired as soon as possible.

Some consideration has been given to extending the yellow lines at the back of the primary school, the main aspect is the safety of the children. But the back gate from the school has not been used in a while and the houses would have nowhere to park. Mill Street is also congested but it is not an area where children are so exposed to traffic risk.

All the libraries in every area have been moved into different accommodation; staff are still employed but for less cost.

There will be a retrospective report on the children's services section but there is no final report yet.

It is coming up to budget time, the settlement from the Welsh Government is expected to be low, the lowest budget in Wales. Crickhowell School's GCSE and A level results were excellent – perhaps the best in Wales.

Recycling sites are now open for more hours.

The welsh stream in Brecon High School will continue.

There was a meeting of 3 National Parks in Brecon.

The cabinet has a vision for Powys. More jobs, especially attracting young people to stay in the county. Improved broadband. Improvement of skills in the county.

- 8. The new soft plastic recycling bin has proved very popular, the bin had to emptied earlier than expected. *Noted.*
- 9. Rights of way improvement plan from BBNP, to be discussed and action agreed. *BBNPA is to circulate the plan shortly.*
- 10. The Community Council would like to thank Mr Robert Manson for his work on the undergrowth around the telephone box on Forge Road. The area looks considerably improved.
- 11. Five Councils' Liaison Committee meeting is due. Llangattock would like to raise recycling, do Llangynidr Councillors have any agenda items to raise? *None.*
- 12. Powys wellbeing plan, vision and objectives. The survey deadline has been extended to the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Clerk to SD circulate on email.

<sup>1</sup> For approval only.

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- 13. Litter pick to be arranged. 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 10.30am in the car SD park. Clerk to advertise.
- 14. A geocashing event organiser is requesting that he be allowed to place a geocache (in a plastic box) under the hedge in the car park as part of an event. To be discussed and action agreed. To SD be permitted. Clerk to write to the organiser.
- 15. Electoral reform consultation from the Welsh Government. Turnout is a huge problem in some areas. Powys County Council has responded. PL will respond as an individual. The deadline in 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
- 16. The 2<sup>nd</sup> "L" of the village sign is not fixed properly. *DE to* examine the letter.
- 17. The surface of the car park has degraded in a particular area. SD To be discussed and action agreed. Clerk to obtain a quote from a reliable local company.
- 18. The gate near Pen-Isha-Coed has been mended, unfortunately horses can no-longer gain access to the bridal way. The gate requires a pedestrian to open it.
- 19. The telephone box by the school, it's door won't shut properly. SD To be discussed and action agreed. Clerk to write to BT.
- 20. **Reports from other meetings attended.** The Historical Society have taken on the care and maintenance of the memorial. The Remembrance Service was discussed at a meeting with MP. The service will run as in previous years. Clerk to write to remind the Historical Society not to put a ladder up against the memorial as it might not be safe to do so.

Llangynidr show was an outstanding day, the Community Council congratulate DM and the whole team, most successful!

- 21. Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors. Clerk to ask the Brecon Beacons National Parks warden and the Rights of Way Officer to meet with the Community Council at a more convenient time.
- 22. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 31st October 2017.

Signed by the Chair Dated

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