

**Minutes of the Meeting  
of LLANGAMMARCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Held at 7.30PM ON Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024  
at the Alexandra Hall with remote access through Zoom Pro**

*Zoom access was opened at 7.15pm*

**Present:** Cllr Kay Coldrick (Chair to be ratified as Council Chairman), Cllr Jon Hather, Cllr Nicola Jones, Cllr Mairwen Price, Cllr Butterfield-Elsey.

**In Attendance**

Sue Lilly (Clerk), County Cllr Peter James MBE, one resident

**3062** Cllr Coldrick was nominated to continue as Chairman this was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Hather, and unanimously agreed.

**3063. Receiving the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The Clerk received the signed declaration of Acceptance of Office from Cllr Coldrick.

**3064. Apologies**

Cllr Woods, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Vugts

**3065 Declarations of Interest**

None

**3066 Minutes of the Meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May**

The Minutes for the 1<sup>st</sup> May Annual Meeting will be verified at the next Annual Meeting. The Minutes for the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> May – there was one spelling correction, and noted that the Bench Policy still needs review. The Minutes were proposed as accurate by Cllr Jones and Seconded by Cllr Butterfield-Elsey and then unanimously agreed. They were signed off by Cllr Coldrick.

**3067 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising, apart from what is in the Agenda.

**3068 Telephones and BT**

The phone box at Glan yr Afon was removed without any notice. The Clerk followed up with BT and was redirected to Powys Planning. It appears that the notice was not passed on, regarding the planned removal of the box, so the Council had no option to buy or request an emergency only phone. BT would not supply an emergency handset, and the cost of the Council supplying one would be in the region of £600.

**3069 Use of GPoC concerning the local Post Office**

There have been several requests regarding the Council taking over the Post Office in Llangammarch. Under the General Power of Competence that the Council has, it could be feasible. A Community Interest Company would have to be formed with some residents and the Post Office would have to agree. However, the Post Office side of the business in Llangammarch is not self-sustaining. Cllr James asked if there could be some sort of survey on people's opinions. **Cllr Coldrick and the Clerk** agreed to do this (The local Post Mistress has agreed).

It was agreed that the whole banking situation in mid-Wales is getting worse and might be a focus for a new MP if we get one!

**3070 Biodiversity and Sustainability**

A further package from Local Places for Nature is coming – consisting of boxes for birds etc and bulbs. Cllr Jones is awaiting a date from Jodie Griffith to meet at the Gardens.

**3071 Riverside Working Group**

- Cllr Coldrick thanked the residents and councillors who have helped out, with especial thanks to one Llangammarch resident and one from Garth who work in the gardens when they can.
- Leaflet to go out to Tan y Deri about not dumping garden waste in the garden or river area. **Action Clerk**
- Look into the possibility of a notice or leaflet about what is going on in the gardens? **ACTION Clerk**.
- Wye Valley Tree Services presented an up to date tree survey. This will go onto the website.
- It was brought to the Council's attention that some people have wrongly concluded that those who helped to remove the trees were selling off the timber/logs. This is not the case. The cut logs were given to the workers as payment in kind and to some given to residents who were in need.

### **3072 D-Day Celebrations**

The Clerk to send an official letter of thanks to Alexandra Hall for hosting such a treat to remember. **ACTION Clerk**

### **3073 PCC, NextDoor, Other Correspondence, updates**

- Request to support Irfon Valley School pupil on its closure. It was agreed to send £50 donation – proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Jones, then agreed by everyone. **Action Clerk**
- Letter about lithium batteries was passed to Cllr Hather
- 20mph letter from Ken Skates AM has already been actioned on by Powys.
- Powys CC are dealing with trees along the Land & Spa footpath
- The Enduro Rally is running in the Tirabad area on the 21/22 July
- The Clerk to attend the Builth Wells Community Support AGM **Action Clerk**
- OVW issued a guide for access multi-location meetings
- Complaint about nettles being sprayed near to the river – it was noted that Powys CC have started spraying the verges again **Action Clerk**
- St David's Tirabad is now moving forward and might be open in the autumn after repairs.

### **3074 Planning Matters**

- none

### **3075 Public Conveniences and Play area**

### **3076 Finance**

- a) Receipts and Payments for the accounts 30/6/2024.

These were unanimously agreed as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Hather.

- b) S Lilly for sundries £370.58 (D-Day donation £50, Signs £25, Poppy wreath £24.48, cistern, £98.69 WIX webhosting £158.40, flowers £15). Installation of the new notice Board £173.48 (made last month). Payments were approved unanimously. Proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Hather.
- c) IRPW payment for Cllrs Price, Jones and Hather agreed Proposed by Cllr Coldrick and seconded by Cllr Butterfield -Elsey

### **3077 Matters for the next meeting or for referral to the County Council**

None

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September **7.30pm** in the Hall Tirabad.

The Chair thanked everyone

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm

*Zoom Access was closed*