

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANGAMMARCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 13th January 2021 via Zoom Pro**

Present: Cllr Matt Callan, Cllr Jon Hather, Cllr Mairwen Price, Cllr Anne Woods, Cllr Jeremy Andrews

In Attendance: Clerk & RFO: Sue Lilly

Cllr Hather took the Chair

2729 Apologies: Cllr Tim Van Rees, Cllr Sandra Wear

2730 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Price for Item 2734 (no 4 on the Agenda)

2731 Casual Vacancy – Vacancy is still open

2732 Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 11th November 2020 and the Planning Committee Meeting Held on the 16th December

The council Minutes were unanimously agreed as accurate records of the meetings. Those who attended the Planning Committee unanimously agreed that the Minutes were an accurate record. All were signed by Chair.

2733 Matters Arising

- The Clerk was asked to contact Tirabad Hall again to ensure a new electricity reading is taken, now that the hall has not been used for some time. **Action Clerk**
- there has been no reply from PCC with regard to the footpaths
- Speed gun training has not begun due to Covid restrictions
- The caravan on Bridge Road has now been moved.
- it was unanimously agreed that the new noticeboards to be added to the Asset Register, which now stands at £34,468 (copy attached with the Minutes).

2734 Riverside Gardens - updates

(Cllr Price left the meeting)

- Further to the work being done on the trees in the gardens, the resident who wishes to remove the beech tree nearest the Poityn memorial, still wanted the tree removed. (item 2723 11/11/2020). There was a lot of discussion. All present were unhappy about the removal of the tree, but in neighbourly interest and in recognition of the anxiety that the tree's presence is creating, it was agreed by a majority vote that the resident could remove the tree (at their own cost), with the proviso that 3 native trees be planted in its place in the gardens. The resident to be informed. **Action: Clerk**

(Cllr Price re-joined the meeting)

- The replacement of rails and step cutting in the gardens is yet to be done.

2735 Planning Matters

- Bryn Cadwgan. Further to the LCC Planning Committee Meeting, the pre-application was resubmitted on the 11th January 2021. However, there are still errors in it. It was agreed to resend the comments to the agents Roger Parry with the necessary updates. CPRW and The Wye and Usk Foundation have been approached for their advice. Sound information has been received as have details of pollution in the streams feeding the Irfon.
- On the 11th it was reported that work had begun on **Llais y Awel**. The developers used access from the Private Road to which they do not have permission of the owner to do. The Clerk reported this to Enforcement at Powys Planning.
- Cllr Hather brought the plot at Cefn Gorwydd for four houses, to the council's attention. In the application that was approved P/2011/1081 and P/2013/0707. Subsequent concerns over

the destruction of hedge (removed without permission) were discussed in 2014 - **Minute 1714, 11/09/2014**. Action Clerk to investigate.

“In August the Vice-Chair and Cllr. Everson were concerned about the removal of 30m of established hedgerow in Cefn Gorwydd. Brecknock Wildlife Trust suggested contacting the Police, but they stated that they did not have evidence or the manpower to investigate the matter. Whilst there is a hedge cutting threshold of the 31st August in place, this is not actually law but to do with Welsh Assembly Government farm subsidies.

Brecknock Wildlife Trust then suggested looking at the planning documents, and it turned out that they did contain approval for hedge removal due to the need for a visibility splay, but it did also state that it must be replanted. The Planning Department (PCC) suggested contacting Natural Resources Wales but they were unwilling to intervene as the Police has also been unwilling to act.

All present agreed that they must be vigilant in the future, when assessing planning applications, in order that such impacts on nature are identified, fully understood, and acted on accordingly.

Clerk to contact PCC Planning Department to enquire about the replacement of the hedge in the new position, as well as what would happen about the hedge reinstatement if the land remains unsold.”

The planning applications are not available to view online as they are too old, but they are at Gwalia in Llandrindod on microfiche. Gwalia is closed due to Covid.

2736 Powys Matters

- Powys confirmed receipt of enforcement re Llais yr Awel
- NHS Social Care & Frontline Workers day 5th July 2021
- Home Start Cymru has a new co-ordinator for South Powys – support for families with young children. Cllr Callan mentioned a request on NextDoor for transport, This has been answered by Community Transport.
- Road closures on the 15th (Llangammarch) and 26-27th (Llanwrtyd/Llangammarch)

2737 Public Convenience Update

- Cllr Callan confirmed that the next job is to reinstate the flag pole.

2738 Councillors updates

- Cllr Callan reported that our local environment and climate change supporters are willing to act as advisors to the council.
- Cllr Price confirmed that she will continue to pick litter on the Cefn Gorwydd road. We have two volunteers in Tirabad, one in Cefn Gorwydd, two in the centre of Llangammarch and one looking after the road from The Cammarch to Garth. All have been provided with Hi-Vis waistcoats, litter-pickers and black bags. The insurance company has been informed.

2739 Finance

- **(a) Receipts and Payments** up to 13/01/2021 were unanimously agreed and the accounts were signed by the Chairman.
- **(b) Payments for approval:** Clerk – for Defib Replacement Pads (Llangammarch child’s pads, litter picking equipment and bulbs for Cefn Gorwydd) coming to a total of £141.13
- **(c)**The Budget and Precept Sheets were sent out in November 2020. It was unanimously agreed then that the precept should not be raised and remains at £10.800. This was also unanimously confirmed at this second view. The Clerk will submit the precept tomorrow.
- The Budget was also agreed unanimously for the second time.

2740 Topics for Next Meeting

- Simpler forms for hall grants for 2021

Cllr Hather thanked all those present.

The next meeting will be on March 10th 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 2030hrs.