

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANGAMMARCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 10th March 2021 via Zoom Pro**

Present: Cllr Kay Coldrick, Cllr Matt Callan, Cllr Jon Hather, Cllr Mairwen Price, Cllr Anne Woods, Cllr Jeremy Andrews, Cllr Sandra Wear, from Minute 2746 onwards, Cllr Barbara Thomas.

In Attendance: Powys C Cllr Tim Van Rees, Clerk & RFO: Sue Lilly

2744 Apologies – there were none

2745 Declaration of Interest - Cllr Van Rees declared an interest in Bryn Cadwgan planning

2746 Casual vacancy

All members confirmed that they had read the application from Barbara Thomas to fill the Casual Vacancy. It was unanimously agreed that she should fill the vacancy and that the Clerk take her through the Induction Process. Cllr Barbara Thomas was then admitted to the meeting. She then signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

2747 Minutes of the Meetings held on the 13/1/2021 and 10/2/2021

The Minutes for the 13/1 2021 were declared a true record and were unanimously accepted. The Minutes of the 10/2/2021 EGM were declared a true record and were unanimously accepted.

2478 Matters Arising

- Tirabad hall – the electricity reading has still not been checked. This needs to be followed up. The Hall received £10,000 from Powys as a Covid grant, so they have said that they are unlikely to need the local council hall grant. Cllr Van Rees pointed out that all halls that applied to Powys would have received the £10,000, plus two further payments of £3,000, so suggested that this needs to be taken into consideration on hall grants. The situation with Alexandra Hall was unknown.

- It was agreed that the building plot at Cefn Gorwydd for four houses and the subsequent concerns of the destruction of the hedge (removed without permission) should stay on the agenda until the Clerk is able to visit Gwalia (closed due to Covid) Planning P/2011/1081 and P/2013/0707

The planning applications are not available to view online as they are too old, but they are at Gwalia in Llandrindod on microfiche/CDROM. **Action Clerk**

- Cllr Callan enquired over the tree replacement in the Riverside Gardens, Cllr Price confirmed that 3 trees and two flowering shrubs have been planted. It was unanimously agreed that the three residents who have expertise in biodiversity and climate change, be regarded as advisors to the council.

2479 Riverside Gardens Land Registry

The Clerk discovered whilst investigating which trees the council was liable for, that the land at Riverside Gardens had not been registered. The documents and plan are kept in the archives. The Clerk to send copies to Giles Van Rees for him to register the land.

2480 Review of Operation Bridges

This document was sent out with the agenda and needs updating. The Clerk explained what was in the boxes held at the Alexandra Hall. Keys for the hall are held at the Post Office and by Cllr Price and one other resident.

2481 Planning Matters

The applications for the Barn at Cefn Llan farm and extension at Oak Farm, Tirabad were sent out with the agenda. There were no objections.

2482 Powys Matters, Correspondence and Meetings

- Cllr Andrews attended an area Ovw meeting. It was a difficult session that was not helpful. The Clerk also attended but left when the Chair was not called to account by the Ovw representative.
- meeting with the Police today centred around dealing with dog excrement. There was also human excrement on the Lake and Spa's land. The Clerk to contact the Lake and Spa with regard to dealing with any excrement on their land. Cllr Thomas confirmed that bags are still being left after the big clean-up. Cllr Price to investigate. Cllr Callan suggested a trail camera and the Clerk is looking into camera surveillance guidance.
- no smoking signs need to go up in the playground (new Welsh Law)
- Other Welsh law changes around council meetings – they can now be online or hybrid
- Prices given by Welsh Audit for 2021-22 look to be cheaper
- Email from relative of a resident concerning rubbish in Tan Y Deri, which was collected on the 8th.
- Dark Skies Discovery Site – it was agreed that the Clerk could pursue this for the car park at the edge of the range, on the Garth to Upper Chapel road. It needs permission from the Army and Powys. It should help attract tourists to the area.
- Instructions from HMRC that the minimum wage to rise in April to 8.91 ph. This to be applied to the cleaner.

2483 Public Conveniences

The ladies' is just about completed – so attention will turn to the gents.

The Clerk read out a letter from a nearby resident in praise of the toilets, the letter included a donation of £10. A response has already been sent.

2484 Councillors Updates

- Cllr Van Rees concurred with the sentiment of the letter with residents reporting the supportive community.
- Cllr Hather reported feedback from Highways linked to the road closure between Llangammarch and Cefn Gorwydd. There will be no through access at all from 22nd March to the 16th April. Cllr Van Rees to take this further and requested copies of all email to him. **Action Clerk**.
- Cllr Callan reminded the Clerk of the suggestion that the riverbank on the Lake and Spa path could be reinforced with the planting of alder saplings, to prevent the bank being washed away during the floods. This would be up to the landowners.

2485 Finance

- a) The Accounts were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- b) The Clerk reported that the annual fee to the ICO is now done by Direct Debit, thereby saving some money and ensuring there is no repeat of last year's payment not actually taken from the council account.
It was agreed, at the Clerk's suggestion, to defer payment of SLCC training fees until the next meeting, as it comes under the 2021-22 budget.
- c) Hall Grants (please see Minute 2478)
- d) Projects – Dark Skies, finishing the noticeboards and the area by Alexandra Hall

2486 Matters for the next meeting

- there were none, other than already mentioned.

Date of next meeting is the 12th May for the Annual Meeting and the May Council meeting. Venue will be subject to changes in government guidelines. Alexandra Hall's wifi is unlikely to support a hybrid meeting, but the Clerk and Chairman will try it out. Cllr Andrews to send some information on boosting the signal.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming. The Meeting closed at 2050.