

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANGAMMARCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 12th May 2022
at the Alexandra Hall with remote access through Zoom Pro**

Present: Cllr Kay Coldrick (Chair), Cllr Jon Hather, Cllr Anne Woods, Cllr Nicola Jones, Cllr Clare Butterfield-Elsey, Cllr Mairwen Price, Barbara Thomas (Casual Vacancy)

In Attendance

Sue Lilly (Clerk)

2868. Apologies:

County Cllr Peter James (Powys).

2869 Declarations of Interest

Interest declared by Cllr Price for Minute 2879 d).

2870 Casual Vacancy

Barbara Thomas was welcomed as a candidate to fill one of the two Casual Vacancies.

2871 Minutes of the meeting on the 9th March 2022

These were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr Hather and seconded by Cllr Woods. They unanimously agreed as accurate and signed by Cllr Coldrick as a true record.

2872 Matters Arising

- There having been no responses locally, the Clerk applied to Welsh Government for a free defibrillator to cover the upper part of Llangammarch (Pen y Bryn, Cefn Llan). The conditions are that we register it with The Circuit (our other machines are), and the Council provide a cabinet. These are around £500. A resident has agreed to house the defibrillator on his property and provide the electrical link. This was unanimously agreed.
- There has been no progress on access for the church in Tirabad. CADW suggested we might consider getting it listed. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk continue to investigate any grant options.

2873 Riverside Gardens Update

- The Clerk confirmed that Powys CC have agreed that the local council should have ownership of the Gardens, having provided evidence from many years ago. This has yet to be confirmed and at present, it is agreed that the local council has Riverside under licence from Powys CC. Cllr Coldrick requested that the Clerk continue to remind Powys CC.

2874 LCC FaceBook Page

- It was agreed that a FaceBook page be set up by the Clerk for the Council. It is understood that this would be with the Clerk as sole admin, and any posts by others would be confirmed before they are published. A mock-up of the homepage was passed around those present. The proposed Social Media Policy was unanimously agreed and signed by Cllr Coldrick.

2875 Correspondence, PCC, NextDoor

- The local Young Farmers have requested that a tree be planted to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. However, with no open space suitable for this, at present, the offer was respectfully declined.
- Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council has requested a donation to help with the library costs at Llanwrtyd. Cllr Hather explained the situation and proposed that when the annual invoice

from PCC comes into LWTC, annually in April, that a percentage of the total, appropriate to the population of Llangammarch, be donated. This was unanimously agreed.

- BT have once again, confirmed that the Telephone kiosk at Glan yr Afon will be repainted this year.
- At the regular meeting the Clerk has with the local police, it was confirmed that a new PCSO will be starting in the autumn
- County Cllr van Rees emailed his thanks on his retirement from Powys CC and his wish to attend at the next meeting to introduce his successor.
- An email from the Riverside Caravan Park agreeing to alter the angles of their lights to help maintain the Dark Skies in the locality.
- Complaints were received about the placement of a new telegraph pole by the lay-by in Llangammarch. There is a year for the residents to respond direct to OpenReach.
- Payment for the play area inspection has been made. The RoSPA inspection is likely to be in late June. The gate has been fixed, so hopefully there will be no referral this year. Cllr Jones has agreed to take over the weekly inspection.
- Powys CC requested nominations for councillors to sit on the PCC Standards Committee. Cllr Coldrick was unanimously nominated.

2876 Planning Matters

- Further to queries on NextDoor, Cllr Woods confirmed that in Wales any change of use of a hotel would need to go through the planning process.
- The application to remove trees from Afan Lodge was not queried (had previously been agreed).
- The Cefn Llan build continues to have stalled. ButlerWall are trying to solve the sewerage issue.

2877 Public Convenience Update

- The taps have been replaced with pressure ones, to reduce any wastage of water.
- The flowers outside will be replaced (Llangammarch has an annual allowance for flowers here, Riverside and the Station)
- Toilet rolls and hand towel stores have been refurbished.

2878 Councillors' Updates

- Cllr Coldrick confirmed that gathering will continue quarterly in the Church and that a jubilee event is being planned in Tirabad
- Cllr Thomas confirmed that Alexandra Hall is also planning a tea and BBQ on the 3rd June. There will also be other activities. There are plans to give a jubilee medal to each primary school age child.
- Any even at Cefn Gorwydd has been put on hold awaiting the 4 new families due to move in at Trem yr Epynt.
- Cllr Butterfield-Elsey asked about the excess of dog excreta and about some dog bins. The Clerk was asked to tackle Powys CC again about getting some bins, especially near the entrance to the footpath on the bridge.

2879 Finance

- a) The receipts and payment to the 31st March 2022 were unanimously agreed and signed off by Cllr Coldrick. The receipts and payment until April 30th were also unanimously agreed for Cllr Coldrick to sign off.
- b) Payment to Eric Neville for the hand towels was agreed £73.17
Reimbursement to M Callan was agreed for Aluminium sheet (playground gate), 2 taps and items for the toilets from ToolStation - total £57.28

Reimbursement to the Clerk for Flexible drain rods (£37.99), Paediatric Defib pads (£111.59) and Jumbo Loo rolls £20.89. a total of £170.47.

These were agreed unanimously/

c) Annual Payment list. Cllr Coldrick introduced these for authorisation. Payments that must be met. These were signed off by Cllr Coldrick, Cllr Hather and the Clerk.

d) Hall Grant Application.

Cllrs Price and Thomas declared an interest.

The total of fixed rate costs was £1271.50. 60% of that is £762.90.

However, the accounts have not been independently verified. A requirement this council has following advice from Welsh Audit in 2018.

It was agreed that pending verification from elsewhere, the grant money will be paid.

Two names were put forward who could do this verification.

e) IRPW forms were collected from councillors.

f) Audit 2021-22 papers, including the Internal Auditors report and financial reports were seen, discussed and accepted. It was unanimously agreed that the Annual Governance and Audit Return be signed by Cllr Coldrick and the Clerk.

g) The Reserves were confirmed at £12945. £5245 held in unearmarked reserve and £2000, for Cefn Llan play area, £500 for toilets, £1500, for care/cost allowances, £1,000 for the bus stop in Llangammarch, £2000, for a new council-only noticeboard in Llangammarch (Clerk to ask Powys CC about placement), £200 for play area, £500 for benches.

h) The Annual Report was unanimously accepted.

2880 Business for the Next Meeting

There were no referrals to the county Council and no other topics for the next meeting.

Date of the next meeting is Wednesday 6th July

Venue – Alexandra Hall, at 7.30pm

Cllr Coldrick thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 2106hrs