

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANGAMMARCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 14th May 2020 via Zoom Pro**

Present: Cllr Sandra Wear, Cllr Kay Coldrick (Chairman), Cllr Matt Callan, Cllr Jon Hather, Cllr Mairwen Price, Cllr Anne Woods, Cllr Jeremy Andrews

In Attendance: Powys Cllr Tim Van Rees

Clerk & RFO: Sue Lilly

Apologies. None

2683 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Price and Coldrick declared an interest in Item 10, e)

2684 Minutes of the Meetings held on 12th March 2020

Minutes of the meeting 12th March 2020 were unanimously agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman and shown to all on-screen.

2685 Matters Arising/ Action Log

Action Log:

- most actions will need to be passed onto July
- Cllr Price requested funds to replant the boxes by the public conveniences. It was also pointed out that the tubs and planters will need repair or replacement. This was unanimously agreed.
- Some benches are worth saving. **ACTION Cllr Wear**
- Dog poo bins – The Clerk confirmed that no further action had been taken by Powys. The Clerk was asked to chase this and to keep Cllr Van Rees ‘in the loop’. **Action Clerk**
- the current irreparable benches need replacing. These will cost between £250-350 each.
- a sum was agreed for a presentation item for R & R Birchall. Cllr Woods to investigate.
- The Clerk has litter pick-up sticks and safety vests.
- It was confirmed too, that Powys CC are continuing to use glyphosphate weed killer until their current contract expires in 2021.

Matters Arising:

(2660) All group VE celebrations did not happen, but Cllr Coldrick commended those who nevertheless put bunting up.

(2665) Cllr Coldrick will work with Local Places for Nature for the butterfly garden in Llangammarch

(2666) Playground. Nothing can be done during lockdown

2686 Suggestions Box/NextDoor issues

There were none directly. Indirectly (via private ND messaging) concerns have been raised over people travelling into the area. The Police are aware. The Clerk confirmed that the Powys Housing Department had not responded to her request for information.

Cllr Woods suggested that PAVO might be able to help. It was suggested from the Chairman, that Cllrs Woods and Wear exchange information on this. **ACTION Cllrs Woods and Wear**

2687 Playground Update

– Nothing can be done during lockdown

2688 PCC and other Correspondence

A thank-you letter from Welsh Ambulance for our donation.

A request from Tenovus Cancer Care for a donation. It was unanimously agreed to donate £50.

ACTION Clerk.

A letter from the Welsh Government over the releasing of small plots of land for regenerative initiatives including housing. The Clerk to email to find out if there are any such plots locally.

ACTION Clerk.

Email from Local Places for Nature that they wish to go ahead in June. **ACTION Cllr Coldrick**

2689 Public Conveniences

The water butts are being put in place shortly by S Longman. All other work is delayed due to lockdown. Cllr Callan will try to get a Hoselock fitted to the lower taps in the toilets to enable plant watering. **ACTION Cllr Callan.**

2690 Finance

- a) The accounts were unanimously approved up to the 14th May 2020
- b) There were no cheques for signature
- c) Payments by BACS for approval – There were no current payments for approval
- d) The Annual Payments for Approval list was unanimously agreed
- e) Hall Grants:

Alexandra Hall. Cllrs Coldrick and Price left the meeting. The audited accounts were received. It was unanimously agreed to grant the 60% of the fixed outgoing for Alexandra Hall - £2650.86. **ACTION Clerk.** Cllrs Price and Coldrick re-joined the meeting

Tirabad Hall. The audited accounts were received but there were questions. The amount of electricity used in 19-20 was 734.62 and the amount used in 18-19 was 263.80. This is a sudden jump in electricity usage. After discussions it was agreed, to issue a grant with the electricity at the 18-19 usage. Additional funds will be released after the electricity use is checked (meter accuracy checked etc). If it shows that the increase is simply to do with increased hall use, then the events that increase applies to, need to carry a charge to attend. Therefore, the amount agreed to release **at the moment** is 60% of (803.62 for Insurance, 32.00 for water, £59.00 for Fire check, 263.80 for electricity, total £1158.42) = £695.05. This was unanimously agreed. **ACTION Clerk**

Further to the halls' financial situation during CV19, it was pointed out the both halls could apply for grants from Powys CC to sustain them during this difficult time.

- f) Councillors were reminded to complete their allowance forms for this coming year.
- g) The Clerk gave a report of the Internal Audit. The Chairman signed off the figures and the pink Audit Return and showed this on-screen. The Internal Auditor reported: ' I am pleased to confirm that the accounts submitted have been completed to a very high standard and reconciled monthly as good practice. All invoices and receipts were presented in a systematic manner and aided the auditing process for which I am very grateful. Richard Mears'
- h) The end-of year showed more funds than expected, so a revised confirmation of reserves was given.
- i) The review of the Clerk's pay was passed from March until this meeting. The Clerk muted the meeting for herself and shut off her video. Cllr Woods messaged her when to return. The council unanimously agreed to move the Clerk onto NALC pay-scale 23 and to also make adjustments when the NALC 2020 pay-scales are released.
- j) The Annual Report was circulated and it was unanimously agreed that it represented the achievements of the last year. **ACTION Clerk**
- k) There is a grant application coming in from the Llangammarch History Society, to pay for this year's web hosting. It was unanimously agreed to pay the £180 when the paperwork arrives from LHS.

2691 Any other business (non-substantive matters and matters for referral to the County Council) and Items for Next Meeting

Cllr Van Rees confirmed that allotment spaces are available between Llanwrtyd and Llangammarch. There is no charge, but donations to the Regimental Museum in Brecon would be most welcome. Anyone interested to contact him by email:

cllr.tim.van-rees@powys.gov.uk

- ❖ Date of Next meeting – Wednesday 8th July at 7.30 pm
- ❖ Venue – If possible in the Alexandra Hall, if not on Zoom

Meeting finished at 21.05