

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANGAMMARCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
at the Tirabad Hall with remote access through Zoom Pro**

*Zoom access was opened at 7.15pm*

**Present:** Cllr Jon Hather (Chair), Cllr Nicola Jones, Cllr Clare Butterfield-Elsey, Cllr Mairwen Price, Cllr Barbara Thomas.

**In Attendance**

Sue Lilly (Clerk), County Councillor Peter James, 2 residents

Cllr Hather opened the meeting, welcoming Cllr James, residents from Tirabad and the Council.

**2893. Apologies:**

Cllr Anne Woods, Cllr Kay Coldrick.

**2894. Casual Vacancies**

No candidates have come forward. Cllr Thomas confirm that this would be her last Council meeting due to her house move. Clerk to re-advertise the Casual Vacancy **ACTION CLERK**

**2895. Minutes of the ordinary Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

These were checked and unanimously agreed as accurate. Cllr Hather signed off the Minutes.

**2896. Matters Arising**

- a new defibrillator has been installed in upper Llangammarch thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Builth Hospital. An offer arrived the next day from Welsh Government for one, which we graciously refused. The Council has given its grateful thanks to the resident who now has it on his boundary and who has agreed to be its guardian. It is now registered with The Circuit
- No news on the change of ownership of Riverside Gardens
- No news on progress at Cefn Llan
- Council papers were given to Welsh Audit earlier today, we should hear in a few weeks and get our papers returned
- no progress on a Dog bin by the bridge
- the Church in Tirabad is an ongoing issue. There will be no progress until vehicular access is granted.
- the footpath bridge on the Lake and Spa path has been fully repaired.
- the playground gate is still sticking **ACTION CLERK**
- The toilet lights timing need sorting **ACTION CLERK**

**2897. Governance Toolkit Feedback**

It was agreed that the Councillors would visit the suggestions on offer and let the Clerk know which items they feel are most relevant to the Council. These suggestions to be fed back to the Clerk before the next meeting in November for her to pull together as a document. It was agreed that the data retention statement would be adjusted to fit and brought to the Council for adoption.

**2898 PCC, NextDoor, Meetings, Correspondence, local updates**

- a letter from a resident enquiring about the provision of a Warm Place for Winter was discussed at length. Alexandra Hall 's heating is underfloor, but not so easily switched on and off. Volunteers would be needed from the community to arranged and staff anything. The same issues apply for Tirabad Hall. The issue of who pays for the heating in both halls would need to be resolved

with grants from Powys County Council or similar. It was also recognised that we have short stretches of very cold weather, so a set up for those times might be useful. Neighbours offering space for each other might be an option.

- Water Main in Tirabad: this has broken three times recently. It is an old pipe and very shallow. Water was cut off for 24 hours at one point. A long-term plan is needed. **Cllr James to follow up with Dŵr Cymru.**
- Advance warning of a road closure from Cefn Gorwydd to Llanwrtyd 24 October to 11 November at Esgair Moel.
- Road by Newell cottages is to have blue 30mph speed signs are a warning prior to the bend. Other road markings are to be improved. There are ash trees that need removing, but that is the landowner's responsibility
- No news on repair of the coned-off area of the road further along.
- Trees in riverside gardens need to be checked for height (it is three years since the last survey/review). The cherry trees and beech years need looking at. The Clerk was asked to get 3 quotes before the next meeting **ACTION CLERK**
- Himalayan Balsam is again widespread on the riverbank Request that the Clerk contacts Wye Valley for help. **ACTION CLERK**
- Reports of local issues in Llangammarch have been passed onto Powys CC, but need to be chased up. **ACTION CLERK**
- It is hoped to arrange a carnival in 2023 and it was confirmed that the council supports this event and the fundraising events that will be occurring in the next months. Any posters etc to be passed to the Clerk for further distribution.
- Cllr James passed on the report that there have been difficulties for the Pharmacy in Llanwrtyd over supplies of certain drugs. This has been due to issues with importing to the UK. New batches are also coming in at very high prices. This will be resolved, so patience was requested.
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#### **2899 Defibrillator Matters**

- The paediatric pads in Llangammarch Defibrillator are due to expire. It was agreed to replace them **ACTION CLERK**
- A request from Friends of Builth Hospital that the cabinet in Tirabad could do with a wooden box to encase it, to give it extra protect from the frost. The residents present accepted the suggestion.
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*Remote access via Zoom was ceased at 8.30pm as no-one had arrived.*

#### **2900 Finances**

- a) The accounts ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 were agreed unanimously. These were signed off by Cllr Hather. Payment of £96.99 to Sue Lilly for Defibrillator batteries (£71.99) and £25 to cover some of the expenses for the Cefn Gorwydd Jubilee party, as agreed and Minuted in March 2022, was agreed by all.
- b) The present state of expenditure was checked against the budget. The 2022-23 budget will be looked at by the Finance Committee before the next meeting, when the whole council will examine it.

#### **2892 Matters to for referral to the County Council**

There were none

- ❖ Date of Next Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022, 7.30pm
- ❖ Venue – Alexandra Hall

Cllr Hather wished Cllr Thomas well and thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 8.58pm