

Llangattock Community Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Community Hall on Tuesday 18 January 2011 at 7.00 pm

Present

Cllr A Fryer in the Chair
Cllrs H G Powell, Mrs S Wintle, Mrs J Charlton, Dr J Morgan, W J Elliott (6)
One member of the public

Apologies for absence

Cllrs B Cox, Mrs N Stockham, R J Williams, County Cllr J Holmes

Chairman's announcements

The Chairman wished everyone present a Happy New Year. He also said that County Cllr Holmes had been in hospital recently, and it was agreed to send him best wishes for a speedy return to good health.

1/11 Members' declarations of interest. Nil.

2/11 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting and Finance Meeting held on 16 November 2010, and Council Meeting held on 23 November 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3/11 Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) **153/10 (a) Public footpath at Cwrt Isaf**

The Clerk stated that he had still not heard anything further from Powys CC.

Members were concerned over the lack of response from Powys CC and it was AGREED to follow up.

(b) **153/10 (b) Traffic calming in Llangattock village**

Members noted that the work had actually started, and that the four lime trees adjacent to Beaufort Road had been partially cut down before Christmas. The Clerk said that he had been told by Powys CC that work was due to resume that week.

RESOLVED: noted.

(c) **153/10 (c) Powys CC – Powys Secondary and Post 16 Education Modernisation Programme**

The Chairman reported that the latest proposals would be published by Powys CC for public consultation in the next week.

RESOLVED: noted.

(d) **153/10 (f) Noise disturbance**

Submitted: email dated 23.11.10 from Powys CC Environmental Health Officer, stating that it had been agreed at the meeting on 22.11.10 that the next planned marquee event at The Old Rectory Hotel would be monitored by the EHOs, and that no outside marquee events would be held until April/May 2011.

RESOLVED: noted.

(e) **153/10 (g) Ffawyddog Common**

Submitted: email dated 22.11.10 from the BBNP Assistant Area Warden, informing that it was hoped that the work would now be carried out in the New Year - noted.

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(f) **153/10 (i) Christmas lights at Plasderwen**

Cllr Elliott said that he had attended the formal 'switch on' of the lights at the Plasderwen roundabout by Adam Jones of the Ospreys and Welsh rugby teams on 2.12.10. It had been a very enjoyable evening.

Members were pleased to note the above.

(g) **154/10 (c) Planning training on 21.1.11**

The Clerk reported that he had heard from One Voice Wales that the workshop at Newport on 21.1.11 was fully booked, and the Council's cheque for the fee was returned.

RESOLVED: noted.

(h) **155/10 (a) Bridleway No 36**

The Clerk stated that he had spoken to the BBNP Warden who said he was pursuing the matter with the landowner.

RESOLVED: noted.

(i) **155/10 (c) Dog waste bin near canal bridge No 115**

The Clerk said that he had spoken to County Cllr Holmes who would be following up with Powys CC shortly.

RESOLVED: noted.

(j) **160/10 (a) Hillside Darren road**

The Clerk stated that he had reported the matter to Powys Highways but nothing further had been heard or done.

RESOLVED: noted.

4/11 Correspondence(a) **Powys County Council – Preliminary flood risk assessments – Flood Risk Regulations 2009**

Submitted: letter dated 1.12.10 from Powys CC Local & Environmental Services, requesting information relating to flooding from surface water run-off, ordinary watercourses etc.

RESOLVED to advise Powys CC that the only relevant flooding occurred from the Onneu Fach at the culvert under the A4077 at the Legar.

(b) **Powys CC – Annual Council reporting framework**

Submitted: letter dated 6.12.10 from Powys CC Interim Strategic Director – Care and Well Being, informing that the first annual report of the statutory Director of Social Services for the period 1.4.09 to 31.3.10 was available on the Council's website.

RESOLVED: noted.

(c) **Community Resilience**

Submitted: letter received 15.11.10 from the Welsh Local Government Association and One Voice Wales, with regard to Community Resilience and the working and coming together of communities throughout Wales.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(d) **Mid Wales Housing Association**

Submitted: letter dated 9.12.10 from the Chief Executive of the above Housing Association,

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with a copy of their consultation paper on 'How affordable housing in the Mid Wales region should be allocated.' The paper asked a number of questions. Cllr Elliott agreed to study and report back.

RESOLVED: noted.

(e) **Powys CC – Code of Conduct**

Submitted: letter dated 17.11.10 from Powys CC with copies of their quick guide to the Code of Conduct for all members.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(f) **Llangattock Green Valleys**

Submitted: letter dated 6.12.10 from LGV, informing that as they had moved into a business setting as a Social Enterprise it did not seem appropriate for them to take up time on the Council agenda to report on the latest issues. The LGV monthly newsletter would continue to be circulated.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(g) **Powys CC – changes to management structure**

Submitted: letter received 18.11.10 from Powys CC Head of Local and Environmental Services, informing that the County had been divided into separate work areas, each under an area manager. Llangattock currently came under the south east local area. The Clerk remarked that he had found it more difficult to get responses to matters raised since the new system had started.

RESOLVED: noted and monitor the situation.

(h) **British Heart Foundation – Heart Start**

Submitted: information received from the above about courses for people to be trained in life support skills.

RESOLVED: received, noted and put copies in local notice boards.

(i) **The Royal British Legion – Great Poppy Party Weekend**

Submitted: letter dated 4.1.11 from the National Chairman of the Legion, with details of the Great Poppy Party Weekend from 10 to 12 June 2011 in celebration of their 90th birthday.

RESOLVED: received, noted and ask the local Branch of the Legion for further information.

(j) **One Voice Wales – Buckingham Palace Garden Party**

Submitted: letter dated 13.1.11 from O V W, inviting nominations for the current Chairman to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 12.7.11. Cllr Fryer declined to be nominated.

RESOLVED: noted.

5/11 Clerk's report

- (a) **Sign at Plasderwen roundabout** – the Clerk stated that the metal directional sign to the Primary School and Community Hall had fallen off the wooden telegraph pole at the entrance to Plasderwen roundabout from the C136 Beaufort Road. He had reported the matter to Powys CC, who had replied saying that they were no longer permitted to attach signs to telegraph poles and that a new bilingual sign fixed to two metal posts would now be required.

Members were of the view that the directional sign was necessary but that the proposed

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version was excessively large and intrusive.

RESOLVED to discuss the matter further with Powys CC together with Cllr Holmes.

- (b) **Surface water at the Legar** – the Clerk stated that a resident of the Legar had told him that during periods of rainfall, excess water ran onto the carriageway of the A4077 road at the Legar, instead of into the drains, and that passing vehicles drenched pedestrians on the adjacent footway. He had reported the matter to Powys Highways but their response had not been helpful to date.

RESOLVED to pursue the matter with PCC.

6/11 Planning applications

- (a) **10/05895/FUL – extension to the rear of existing bungalow at Tawelfan, Ffawyddog for Mr & Mrs H Thomas**

Because the December Council meeting was not held and to comply with BBNP time requirements, the Clerk had consulted members and submitted: no observations.

RESOLVED: approved.

7/11 Planning permission refused by the BBNPA

- (a) **10/05558/FUL – alterations and extension to dwelling at Pant y Rhiw Holdings, Hillside for Mr J Stevens** - reasons: insufficient information provided to prove that the development would not have a detrimental impact on bats or their habitat - contrary to BBNP policies - ref 142/10 (b).

RESOLVED: noted.

8/11 Reports from Members on outside bodies

- (a) **Allotments**

Cllr Elliott reported that the borehole contractors had struck water at a depth of 33 metres and it was hoped that the pump and solar array would be installed at the end of February. A Wassailing evening had been held the previous Saturday.

9/11 Report from County Cllr J Holmes. Nil.

10/11 Complaints

- (a) Cllr Mrs S Wintle felt that there was a lack of advice/information (eg, financial, social security etc) for the general public in the area.

Following discussion it was AGREED to ask the Brecon Advice Centre (financially supported by the Council) if they could provide an outreach facility in Crickhowell.

- (b) Cllr Fryer said that he had received an email from a resident concerning parking near the junction of Hillside Road and Beaufort Road.

AGREED to invite PC M Keane to the February meeting to discuss local policing matters.

- (c) Cllr Fryer stated that a very large army lorry had recently caused significant damage to the roads on the Hillside.

AGREED to ask the NP warden for any information regarding possible army activities on the Hillside.

- (d) Cllr Fryer said that large cracks had appeared in the surface of the U584 old tram road near the junction with the U589 from Llanelly Church. This section was in Monmouthshire but used daily by Llangattock people and it was AGREED to follow up.