

## **Llangattock Community Council**

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Community Hall on Tuesday 19 April 2011 at 7.00 pm**

#### **Present**

Cllr A Fryer in the Chair  
Cllrs H G Powell, Mrs N Stockham, Mrs S Wintle, W J Elliott, Mrs J Charlton, R J Williams  
(7)

County Cllr J Holmes and two members of the public

#### **Apologies for absence**

Cllr B Cox and Mrs J Dobbs

#### **Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman referred to the recent sad death of Mr M Stockham, husband of Cllr Mrs Stockham. Messages of condolence had been sent and Members had attended the funeral service at St Catwg's Church on 13.4.11.

#### **47/11 Powys CC – Secondary School and Post 16 Education Modernisation Programme (ref 35/11 c)**

RESOLVED to adjourn the Council meeting to enable comments from members of the public on the above.

A member of the public made the comment that children with special needs would require special transport arrangements to enable them to be taken around the three school sites (Crickhowell, Brecon, Gwernyfed) as proposed, which would be 20% more expensive than the present situation.

RESOLVED to reconvene the Council meeting.

#### **48/11 Members' declarations of interest**

Cllr A Fryer declared his personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 51/11 (b).

#### **49/11 Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting and Finance Meeting held on 15 March 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **50/11 Mr D Thomas, West Llanwysg, Llangattock**

The Chairman said that he had decided to vary the agenda to discuss a letter dated 13.4.11 from Mr Thomas, asking for progress on his concern over traffic on the B4558 Llangynidr road (ref 21/11 b). Mr Thomas said that he had been present at a further meeting with Powys Highways and Glanusk Estate, when "some interesting ideas were discussed" although he could not say that he was "any clearer about the longer term intentions of both parties." The Clerk stated that following receipt of the letter he had written to Powys CC and Glanusk Estate. Mr H Legge-Bourke of the Estate had telephoned him earlier that day saying that he would like to attend the Council meeting to update Members on latest developments.

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting to enable Mr Legge-Bourke to address Members.

Mr Legge-Bourke said that he recognised that the stretch of the B4558 road from Llanwysg to the South Lodge was problematic for large vehicles and pedestrians, and recent drainage work and the installation of bollards had only served to worsen the situation. He would be pleased if road widening/improvement works could be carried out, but Powys CC's estimated costs were prohibitive. He would be prepared to part fund works but Powys CC was short of funds and help from the WAG was needed. In the interim, PCC were proposing

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temporary road closures of the B4558 at certain times, to allow vehicles to enter and exit the Park during events.

County Cllr Holmes said that he was not aware of the problems but would follow up with PCC at an early date.

RESOLVED to reconvene the meeting

Members noted the above, and in the light of earlier concerns over that stretch of road, it was RESOLVED to write to PCC for their views.

#### **51/11 Matters arising from the Minutes**

(a) **35/11 (b) Traffic calming in Llangattock village**

Members were pleased to note that the new footway was almost completed. Work to remove the build out near the former shop/gallery and to reduce the build out at the junction of Swan Terrace and Beaufort Road was awaited. Cllr Holmes said that it had been agreed that the existing footway outside Park View would be widened slightly to enable better access to the property. Reservations were expressed by Members that that had not been included in the previously agreed works, and was likely to cause problems for the parking of vehicles.

(b) **35/11 (c) Powys CC – Secondary School and Post 16 Education Modernisation Programme**

Members considered the above proposals and commented: welcome PCC desire to modernise and improve the education system in Powys; concern over implications for travel; lack of information on choices for children with special learning and accessibility needs; endorse proposed increase in level of Welsh speaking medium schools; Proposal 3: post 16 education – option 1 preferred: managed by new partnership between PCC and Coleg Powys; concern over insufficient information on accessibility for all learners with special educational needs.

RESOLVED to forward above to PCC.

*The Chairman, Cllr Fryer, declared his personal and prejudicial interest as a Governor of Crickhowell High School, and left the chamber for the above item. The Vice-Chair, Cllr Mrs Charlton, took the Chair.*

(c) **35/11 (d) Bridleway No 36**

The Clerk stated that the NP Warden was still pursuing the matter.

RESOLVED: noted.

*Cllr W J Elliott arrived.*

(d) **35/11 (e) Dog waste bins**

Members were pleased to note that the new bins had been installed by Powys CC on the canal towpath near canal bridge No 115 and at the Ffawyddog.

(e) **35/11 (f) Surface water at the Legar**

Cllr Holmes said that he would follow up with Powys CC.

RESOLVED: noted.

(f) **35/11 (g) Parking in Llangattock**

The Vice-Chair, Cllr Mrs Charlton, reported on a site meeting held at Hillside Road on 25.3.11, together with the Clerk and Cllr Holmes and an officer of Powys CC Highways and local residents. Following a full discussion of the issues, the PCC officer proposed to paint

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an elongated 'H' white line at the dropped kerb near the post box to emphasise to drivers that the access should not be obstructed. Others matters would be the responsibility of the Police.

RESOLVED: noted.

(g) **35/11 (h) Five Councils' Liaison meeting at Glangrwyney on 24.3.11**

Cllr Mrs Stockham reported on attendance at the above, together with representatives from the other four Councils. Items included:

- Headteacher of Crickhowell High School on Powys CC's Secondary Schools' Modernisation Programme
- Vicky Jones of Macmillan Cancer Support
- Clare Parsons of BBNPA on their draft Community Council Charter
- BBNP Deposit LDP – alternative sites
- Cwrt y Gollen proposed development update
- Representative from Five Councils on CRiC board

(h) **35/11 (j) Crickhowell/Llangattock bridge**

Submitted:

- 1) Copy letter dated 17.3.11 from Crickhowell & District Civic Society to Cadw, setting out their criticisms of the recent work to the bridge.
- 2) Letter from the above Civic Society, informing that they were arranging a public meeting on the matter. Cadw and Powys CC officers had agreed to attend. Further details would be forwarded.

Cllr Holmes said that work was being undertaken concerning possible treatment to the new copings and pointing to reduce the visual impact.

RESOLVED: noted await further information.

(i) **36/11 (f) Fields in Trust**

Following further consideration, Members were supportive of the principles and provisionally suggested that the Recreation Ground and Allotments might be suitable for inclusion. Cllr Mrs Charlton agreed to follow up further on the website and report back.

RESOLVED: noted.

(j) **41/11 (a) Alleged development at Hillside**

Submitted: reply dated 1.4.11 from the BBNPA Enforcement Officer, stating that "this site is currently subject to an ongoing enforcement investigation."

RESOLVED: noted.

**52/11 Correspondence**

(a) **Crickhowell & District Civic Society**

Submitted: letter dated 17.3.11 from the above Civic Society, with a copy of a letter dated 18.2.11 they had sent to the Chief Superintendent of Dyfed Powys Police at Brecon, setting out their concern over police cover in the Crickhowell area.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(b) **Powys CC – delivery of services**

Submitted: letter dated 21.3.11 from Powys CC Customer Services Manager, informing that the Board had backed a project to look at new ways of delivering Council services, including through libraries which had extended opening hours. Customer service provision would

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transfer fully into libraries in a number of places, including Crickhowell.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(c) **BBNPA – Canal celebrations 2012**

Submitted: letter received 9.4.11 from the BBNPA Tourism Growth Officer, inviting attendance at a meeting at Llangynidr on 19.4.11, to discuss further the Canal 2012 celebrations to mark the 200th anniversary of the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal.

Members noted the above and that, unfortunately, it was the same evening as the Council meeting.

(d) **WAG – Consultation on a Draft Equality and Diversity Strategy for Fire and Rescue Services in Wales**

Submitted: letter received 2.4.11 from the WAG at Cardiff, informing of the above in electronic form – comments by 20.5.11.

Cllr Mrs Charlton agreed to peruse and report to the next Council meeting.

(e) **Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales – Review of County Electoral Arrangements for the County of Powys**

Submitted: letter dated 30.3.11 from the above Boundary Commission at Cardiff, with two copies of their Final Proposals which they had submitted to the WAG for consideration.

The Commission proposed a Powys County Council of 64 members, which resulted in an average of 1,616 electors to each councillor. In the case of the area covered by the Five Councils, they had taken note of Llangattock CC's views (ref 119/10) but concluded that: "The two suggestions, although helpful in terms of parity and single member divisions, have significant drawbacks in that Llangattock and Vale of Grwyney, and Cwmdru and District and Vale of Grwyney share no transport links. In the case of the former, the River Usk is more of a barrier than a link, and in the case of the latter, the Black Mountains divide the two communities." They accepted that Tretower should remain with Cwmdru and Bwlch as at present, and proposed that the Bwlch electoral division should combine with the Llangynidr electoral division to form a new division of 1601 electors with one councillor and the name of Cwmdru and Llangynidr. They also proposed (as in the draft proposals) that the Crickhowell division and the Llangattock division should combine to form a new electoral division with 3128 electors and two councillors (1564 electors per councillor) and the name of Crickhowell.

Members were disappointed that their original suggestions had not been accepted and it was RESOLVED to inform the WAG:

- i) that Members wished to reiterate their view that single member electoral divisions were preferable; and
- ii) that the name of the proposed amalgamated divisions of Crickhowell and Llangattock should be *Crickhowell and Llangattock*.

(f) **One Voice Wales – Annual Conference and AGM 2011**

Submitted: letter dated 24.3.11 from the Chief Executive of O V W, inviting members to attend the Conference and AGM at Pontrhydfendigaid on 8.10.11, and to submit motions for debate by 27.5.11.

RESOLVED to consider further at the May meeting.

(g) **BBNPA – Local Access Forum**

Submitted: letter dated 15.4.11 from the BBNPA Access Officer, informing that they were advertising for persons to apply for membership of the NP Local Access Forum. The role of

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the Forum was to advise on the improvement of public access to land in the area for the purpose of open air recreation and enjoyment of the area. Closing date was 9.5.11.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

### **53/11 Clerk's report**

- (a) The Clerk said that he had had complaints about the very large board advertising a Country Fair and Horse Trials at Glanusk Park at the end of June, which had been erected on the road verge at the Llangattock end of Crickhowell Bridge. Other signs appeared at that location from time to time but they were usually much smaller and for a shorter duration. Members were of the view that the sign was excessively large and a possible distraction to drivers and an eyesore at a popular location. They recalled that they had referred similar cases to Powys Highways in the past.

RESOLVED to refer to Powys CC with regard to authorisation and possible removal.

### **54/11 Planning applications**

- (a) 11/06286/FUL – take down existing buildings and replace with a new steel frame agricultural building on land at Ffawyddog for Mr G Dobbs, Chestnut Cottage, Ffawyddog

RESOLVED: no observations.

- (b) 11/06379 – single storey extension to dwelling at Park Lodge, Legar for Mr L Wright

RESOLVED: no observations.

### **55/11 Planning permission granted by BBNPA**

- (a) 11/06120/FUL – single storey extension at 12 Beaufort Avenue, Llangattock for Mr C Martin  
- in accord with approved plans - ref 23/11

RESOLVED: noted.

### **56/11 Reports from Members on outside bodies**

- (a) **Llangattock Green Valleys**

Cllr Fryer reported on a meeting with the BBNPA who were reviewing their land ownership in the NP, including the Beechwood. Legal issues were being looked at and no decision had been made. Ref 36/11 (j).

### **57/11 Report from County Cllr Holmes**

Cllr Holmes reported that Powys CC had repaired a number of potholes in the village.

### **58/11 Complaints**

- (a) Cllr Mrs Wintle felt that some of the signs along the canal (no horses etc) were becoming illegible and in need of refurbishment.

AGREED to refer to British Waterways.

*The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.35pm.*