

Llangattock Community Council

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held at the Community Hall on Tuesday 17 May 2011 at 7.00 pm

Present

Cllrs W J Elliott, H G Powell, Mrs S Wintle, A Fryer, Mrs J Charlton, B Cox, R J Williams, Dr J Morgan, Mrs J Dobbs (9)

Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs N Stockham

68/11 Members' declarations of interest. Nil.

69/11 Retiring Chairman's report for 2010/2011

The Retiring Chairman, Cllr A Fryer, gave a comprehensive report of the Council's main activities during his term of office. He thanked all colleagues for their support and assistance during the year.

70/11 Election of Chair of the Council for 2011/2012

RESOLVED that the Vice-Chair, Cllr Mrs J Charlton, be elected Chair of the Council for the ensuing year. Cllr Mrs Charlton thanked colleagues for their expression of confidence and Cllr Fryer for his contribution to the Council during his year of office. Cllr Mrs Charlton duly signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chair of the Council.

71/11 Election of Vice-Chair of the Council for 2011/2012

Cllr Mrs S Wintle was nominated for the office of Vice-Chair but declined.

It was then RESOLVED that Cllr B Cox be elected Vice-Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

72/11 Election of Planning Committee

RESOLVED that the Planning Committee be comprised of: Chair and Vice-Chair with Cllrs Mrs J Dobbs and H G Powell.

73/11 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting and Finance Meeting held on 19 April 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

74/11 Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) 50/11 B4558 Llangynidr road

Submitted: reply dated 3.5.11 from Powys CC, informing that they had had several meetings with the Glanusk Estate to try and find a solution to the traffic problems associated with events at the Estate. They suggested that traffic attending and leaving events should do so at set times of the day. During those times the B4558 would be closed to through traffic and an alternative route signed. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order would be advertised in the usual way and discussions held with local residents living within the proposed closure.

Members were concerned over the lack of consultation by Powys CC and the Estate on the traffic problems arising from events at Glanusk. The point was made that people living further along the B4558 towards Llangynidr would be adversely affected by any such road closures.

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RESOLVED:

- i) that a copy of the above Powys CC letter be sent to Llangynidr Community Council for their information;
- ii) that a working group from Llangattock CC (Cllrs Cox, Fryer and the Clerk) and Llangynidr CC, and possibly Cwmdru CC, be set up to liaise with Powys CC and the Estate to consider possible solutions to the ongoing traffic problems on both the B4558 and A40.

(b) 51/11 (a) Traffic calming in Llangattock village

Submitted: email dated 17.5.11 from Powys CC, with a draft plan showing the latest proposals at the build out near the former shop/gallery. It was proposed to remove the build out and move the Give-way marking forward (as previously agreed), but in addition, to retain a 1 metre wide footway at the back of the existing build out, to retain the tactile crossing point and avoid relocating the illuminated 'Priority' sign. It was hoped that the changes would encourage drivers to position their vehicles further over towards the left hand kerb, thereby increasing their visibility.

Members also noted that work was currently in progress on the changes to the footway near Park View, but there was concern that the previously agreed changes to the adjacent build out at the junction of Beaufort Road and Swan Terrace were now apparently deleted without consultation with the Community Council.

RESOLVED:

- i) to ask Powys CC to cease the work near Park View pending further discussions with LCC; and
- ii) to request a meeting with County Cllr J Holmes with a view to improving future consultation and liaison on local issues for the benefit of the community in general.

(c) 51/1 (c) Bridleway No 36

The Clerk stated that there was nothing further.

RESOLVED: noted.

(d) 51/11 (e) Surface water at the Legar

Submitted: copy email dated 13.5.11 from Mr P Bates of the Legar to County Cllr Holmes, stating inter alia that: "After a year I really think the Council has had enough time to get to grips with the problem that is particularly annoying in the winter months. I hope you can inject some urgency in getting the Council to act. All that is needed is an extra drain in the road."

RESOLVED: noted.

(e) 51/11 (h) Crickhowell/Llangattock bridge

- 1) Submitted: reply received 3.5.11 from Cadw at Cardiff, informing that: "While I appreciate that the appearance of the recently conserved bridge may be cause for concern, matters are currently being discussed on how best to artificially speed up the ageing process for the new coping stones. I hope that you can appreciate that extreme care must be taken to avoid upsetting the structural balance of the masonry by the addition of surface treatments. Also, the long term effect of the addition of chemical products remains unknown and the risk element of such applications will have to be assessed."
- 2) The Clerk said that Mr D Walters of Llangattock, had contacted him with his critical comments on the Cadw involvement with the work to the bridge. He urged members to ensure that remedial work was carried out.

RESOLVED: noted and forward a copy of the Cadw response to Mr Walters.

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(f) **51/11 (i) Fields in Trust**

Submitted: follow up letter dated 21.4.11 from the above.

Cllr Mrs Charlton said that she had spoken to users of the Recreation Ground and that they would be making a number of suggestions to the Council for additional facilities etc.

RESOLVED: noted.

(g) **52/11 (d) Welsh Government – Consultation on a Draft Equality and Diversity Strategy for Fire and Rescue Services in Wales**

Cllr Mrs Charlton reported that she had viewed the above document online and had made a number of comments.

RESOLVED: noted and that the above comments be forwarded to the WG.

(h) **52/11 (e) Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales – Review of County Electoral Arrangements for the County of Powys**

Submitted: reply dated 6.5.11 from the above Boundary Commission, stating that the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government had announced on 8.12.10 that he would not be making any Orders in relation to reviews conducted by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales to take effect before the 2012 local elections. Also, he announced an independent review into the work of the Commission and how it could be strengthened and improved. Once the review was completed and its report made to the Minister, a decision would be made how to proceed with the programme of electoral reviews to ensure they were conducted to a high standard in time for the 2016 local elections.

RESOLVED: noted.

(i) **52/11 (f) One Voice Wales – Annual Conference and AGM 2011**

RESOLVED:

- i) that the Council had no motions to submit to the AGM;
- ii) to defer consideration of any members to attend to the next meeting.

(j) **53/11 Advertising boards near Crickhowell Bridge**

The Clerk said that he had referred the matter to Powys CC as requested, and an email reply dated 6.5.11 had advised that they had instructed that the sign was to be removed. Members noted that the original County Fair etc sign had since been removed, but had been replaced with another large board advertising a Polo Match at Glanusk Park in July.

Members reiterated their view that all signs on the verges at that popular location were an eyesore and a distraction to drivers and should be removed.

RESOLVED:

- i) to inform Powys CC of the above;
- ii) to request a meeting with Glanusk Estate to discuss issues arising from events at the Estate.

(k) **58/11 Signs along canal**

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by British Waterways at Govilon that six new signs had been ordered.

Members were pleased to note the above.

75/11 Correspondence. Nil.

76/11 Clerk's report

- (a) The Clerk reported that Cllr Elliott had very kindly painted the oak frame of the Council's

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information board on Park Drive.

RESOLVED: noted with appreciation.

- (b) The Clerk said that he had been dismayed to see that all the daffodils planted in the C136 road verges from the Vine Tree junction to The Plas and along the Legar road, had been cut to ground level at the beginning of May, in the course of Powys CC mowing the verges within the 30 mph area. In previous years the foliage had been left until a later cut in June, when the bulbs had had an opportunity to build up their reserves for the next year. He had written to Powys CC expressing concern over this action.

Members were in full agreement with the above views.

77/11 Planning applications. Nil.

78/11 Planning permission granted by BBNPA

- (a) 11/06175/FUL – installation of an air source heat pump heating system in Llangattock Community Hall; installation of a Photo Voltaic solar array on the Hall; installation of a PV solar array on Llangattock Primary School - in accord with approved plans - ref 38/11 (a)

RESOLVED: noted.

79/11 Reports from Members on outside bodies

- (a) **Allotments**

Cllr Elliott reported that the new solar powered water bore hole pumping system was working well.

80/11 Report from County Cllr J Holmes. Nil.

81/11 Complaints. Nil.

The Chair closed the Meeting at 9.10 pm.