

Llangattock Community Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Community Hall on Tuesday 19 July 2011 at 7.00 pm

Present

Cllr Mrs J Charlton in the Chair

Cllrs H G Powell, Mrs N Stockham, Mrs S Wintle, A Fryer, W J Elliott, B Cox, R J Williams
(8)

County Cllr J Holmes and five members of the public

Apologies for absence

Cllr Dr J Morgan

103/11 Members' declarations of interest. Nil.

104/11 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting and Finance Meeting held on 21 June 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

105/11 Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) 89/11 (a) B4558 road

The Clerk reported that Mr D Thomas of West Llanwysg had forwarded copies of further email correspondence between himself and Powys CC.

- i) Email 27.6.11 to PCC – Mr Thomas reiterated that “this unacceptable situation cannot be allowed to continue irrespective of the situation with Glanusk events. We await your confirmation of plans to introduce a 30mph limit.”
- ii) Reply 29.6.11 from PCC: “We are investigating a road widening scheme. However, due to there being no identified funding streams at present, we are unable to guarantee that a scheme could be implemented within the near future. Mr Legge-Bourke has advised that once a scheme has been developed and costed, he will aid the Council in trying to obtain funds from the Welsh Assembly.” Assembly guidelines on 30mph limits did not cover the situation on the B4558, and Powys CC had a moratorium on traffic orders.
- iii) Email 18.7.11 to PCC – Mr Thomas was of the view that the traffic situation at the Horse Trials and Polo was much improved on 2010 (largely due to Glanusk staff endeavouring to try to control traffic flows), although there were still serious congestion and delays. However, Mr Thomas stressed that the situation was not acceptable.
- iv) Reply 19.7.11 from PCC. “Our design group are currently working on various options to improve access along the B4558. Once this work has been completed, these designs will be submitted to the Welsh Government in order to seek grant funding for the works. I would anticipate that the design work will be completed within the next six weeks. If the application is successful, then work can proceed to improve this section of road. Should the application fail, then it will fall back on PCC to establish a solution via a capital bid, and this scheme would then need to be ranked along with numerous other similar schemes in the County.”

RESOLVED to note the above, and as previously agreed, to follow up a meeting with all interested parties.

(b) 89/11 (b) Traffic calming in Llangattock village

Following further discussion, it was RESOLVED to ask for a meeting on site with Powys Highways, with regard to Members' continued concerns over the situation at the junction of Swan Terrace and Beaufort Road. Cllr Holmes said that he would support the request.

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(c) 89/11 (d) Surface water at the Legar

Members were pleased to note that the much needed drainage work had been completed and that the situation was much improved. The Clerk said that he had thanked Powys CC.

(d) 89/11 (e) Crickhowell/Llangattock Bridge

Cllr Elliott reported that he, and Cllrs Powell, Mrs Stockham and Mrs Wintle, had attended a public meeting arranged by Crickhowell & District Civic Society at Crickhowell on 13.7.11. The Clarence Hall had been full of local and interested people, who clearly demonstrated to representatives from Cadw and Powys CC that they cared deeply about the Bridge and the recent work that had been carried out. Dr Sian Rees of Cadw explained the background and the problems that had arisen when the preferred old red sandstone coping stones from the Llangors quarry proved to be substandard. They then had to find alternative stones from the Forest of Dean, which were also sandstone but of a grey/green hue. They recognised the strength of feeling about the work and had arranged for a specialist to apply an organic mixture to the stones and pointing, which, it was hoped, would go some way to ameliorating the problem.

Cllr Holmes said that a meeting was to be held with Cadw and Powys CC about the work to the bridge.

Members noted the above, and were of the view that any such meeting should include representatives from both Llangattock CC and Crickhowell TC.

(e) 90/11 (g) Recreation Ground

- i) Cllr Mrs Charlton reported that the working group would meet on the following Friday. Cllr Mrs Wintle said that she also would attend the meeting.
- ii) Cllr Mrs Charlton said that, further to previous correspondence from Fields in Trust Cymru and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, she would follow up on their website.

RESOLVED: noted, with reports on both above to be presented at the September meeting.

(f) 90/11 (h) Five Councils' Liaison meeting on 27.7.11

RESOLVED to add items for the agenda on: Crickhowell/Llangattock bridge, and the BBNPA Community Council Charter and Action Plan.

(g) 96/11 Recycling bin at the Ffawyddog

Cllr Holmes reported that the bin had been removed by Powys CC.

RESOLVED: noted.

106/11 Correspondence**(a) BBNPA – Community Council Charter and Action Plan**

Submitted: letter dated 22.6.11 from BBNPA Sustainable Communities Manager, further to earlier correspondence with regard to the Charter, and with a copy of the above Action Plan.

Members were of the view that the Charter was a worthwhile initiative and it was RESOLVED: noted and agreed to sign up to the Charter for the period to March 2012.

(b) BBNPA – Consultation on Local List Criteria

Submitted: letter dated 5.7.11 from the BBNPA Senior Heritage Officer (Building Conservation Officer), informing that the NPA had approved the enclosed draft Local List Criteria. Input from the local community was central to the success of the project and the local list was intended to be a truly grass roots document. NP Officers would visit Community Councils to discuss and assist with the process of nominations. That part of the

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process would take place in 2012 with a plan for all communities to have an approved local list by December 2012 or January 2013. Comments on the local list by 14.10.11. A local list was different from the statutory list of buildings of architectural or historic interest, in so much as it represented buildings that the local community held dear but did not conform to the national criteria for statutory listing.

RESOLVED: noted and consider further at the September meeting.

(c) **Powys CC – Funding Opportunities**

Submitted: letter dated 28.6.11 from Powys CC Axis 3 Project Officer, informing that the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2013 was a EU funded programme to promote the development of rural areas. The second phase of the programme was currently available to applicants. Powys had been awarded £5.2 million for the second stage to run to 31.12.2013. There were three projects: Sustainable tourism; A resilient Powys; and The Farm Diversification Scheme - full details were enclosed.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(d) **BBNPA – LDP – Site allocation representations**

Submitted: letter dated 11.7.11 from the BBNPA LDP Team, informing of further consultation on sites allocated within the Deposit LDP. The representations related to 18 sites, none of which were in Llangattock.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(e) **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Annual Report 2010/2011**

Submitted: letter dated 29.6.11 from the Ombudsman with a copy of the above Report.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(f) **Powys Teaching Health Board – Bronllys Hospital site**

Submitted: copy of Powys tHB's 'Vision for Bronllys Hospital site....a sustainable and viable future.'

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(g) **Abergavenny, Crickhowell & Districts Citizens Advice Bureau**

Submitted: letter received 29.6.11 from the above with a copy of their Annual Report 2010/2011.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(h) **Mr N Shugar, Llangattock**

Submitted: email dated 13.7.11 from Mr N Shugar of Llangattock, asking if the two silver birch trees near the toilets in the Recreation Ground could be pruned as they blocked the morning light into his house and garden.

Members noted that the trees were in the Conservation Area and that the professional survey carried out two years ago concluded that the trees were in good condition.

In the light of the above, it was RESOLVED not to agree to the request.

107/11 Clerk's report. Nil.

108/11 Planning applications

(a) **11/06903/FUL – enclosure to existing car parking space at Apple Tree Cottage, Dardy for Dr J Scott**

RESOLVED: no observations.

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109/11 Planning decisions received from BBNPA. Nil.

110/11 Reports from Members on outside bodies

(a) **Allotments**

Cllr Elliott reported that:

- two beehives had been established;
- the access roadway had been completed;
- a raised bed for disabled people had been set up;
- Open Day and Show would be held on 10.9.11;
- surplus wood would be burned on Bonfire Night.

111/11 Report from County Cllr J Holmes

Cllr Holmes (who was also a member of the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority) reported that Crickhowell Fire Station would be receiving shortly a new appliance.

112/11 Complaints. Nil.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.