

Llangattock Community Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Community Hall on Tuesday 20 September 2011 at 7.00 pm

Present

Cllr Mrs J Charlton in the Chair
Cllrs H G Powell, Mrs N Stockham, Mrs S Wintle, W J Elliott, B Cox, R J Williams, Dr J Morgan, Mrs J Dobbs (9)

County Cllr J Holmes and 15 members of the public

Apologies for absence

Cllr A Fryer

117/11 Members' declarations of interest. Nil.

118/11 Minutes

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

119/11 Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) 105/11 (e) Recreation Ground

1) Fields in Trust Cymru – Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge

Submitted: correspondence received from eight residents of Park Drive, Llangattock, and Crickhowell & District Civic Society, setting out their views/concerns with regard to the above.

Following consideration of all issues involved, it was AGREED unanimously to take no further action in the matter.

- 2) Cllr Mrs Charlton reported that she and Cllr Mrs Wintle had attended a meeting of the working group set up to discuss possible changes in the Recreation Ground. Ideas had been discussed, and further meetings of the group would be held and a report prepared for the next Council meeting.

RESOLVED: noted.

(b) 105/11 (a) B4558 road

Members noted that Mr H Legge-Bourke had given a briefing/update at the Five Councils' Liaison meeting on 27.7.11 on highway issues arising from events at Glanus Park; also, that there had been a number of instances of traffic congestion and delays during the recent Green Man Festival.

Cllr Holmes said that Powys CC were in the process of drawing up plans for improvement works along the B4558 from Llanwysg to Glanus Park, including options for widening the road and installing lay-by/passing places. He hoped that the plans would be available within six weeks and agreed to liaise with Llangattock CC.

RESOLVED: noted and to press for a meeting of all interested parties.

(c) 105/11 (b) Traffic calming in Llangattock village

RESOLVED to press Powys CC for a meeting as agreed previously.

(d) 105/11 (d) Crickhowell/Llangattock bridge

Members were of the view that the recent application of an organic mixture to the coping stones and pointing had made a great difference, for the better, to the appearance of the

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bridge. That view was supported in a copy letter dated 31.8.11 received from Crickhowell & District Civic Society and sent to Cadw.

Cllr Holmes said that Powys CC would be meeting Cadw to discuss and, hopefully, learn lessons from the bridge experience, and which could be applied to future situations county-wide.

RESOLVED: noted.

(e) **105/11 (f) Five Councils' Area Liaison meeting on 27.7.11**

Cllr Elliott reported that he and Cllrs Cox, Powell and Mrs Stockham had attended the above meeting at Crickhowell, together with members of the other four Councils, also, County Cllrs J Holmes and Mrs R Harris. A report compiled by the Clerk to Crickhowell TC had been received and circulated to members on matters discussed:

- Mr Legge Bourke with update on traffic issues arising from events at Glanusk Park. All present agreed to work with Powys CC and Glanusk for improvements.
- Update on work at Crickhowell/Llangattock bridge.
- BBNP Community Council Charter and Action Plan – Crickhowell TC, Cwmdru, Llangattock and Vale of Grwyney CCs had signed up to the Charter; Llangynidr CC had yet to decide.
- Update on Cwrt y Gollen development – outcome of public inquiry not expected until November.
- Parking provision for vehicles with trailers in Crickhowell car park – need for some longer spaces.
- Documentation of Five Councils' meetings – agreed that the Clerk to the host Council would circulate notes of the meeting to other Councils.

It was noted that it was the turn of Llangattock CC to host the next meeting and it was AGREED to hold it on 23.11.11.

(f) **105/11 (g) Recycling bin at the Ffawyddog**

It was noted that the bin was still in situ. Cllr Holmes said that arrangements had been made by Powys CC to remove it, possibly to a location at the Hillside.

RESOLVED: noted.

(g) **106/11 (b) BBNPA – consultation on Local List criteria**

Submitted: letter dated 21.7.11 from the BBNPA Senior Heritage Officer, with lists of Listed Buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments in the Community.

RESOLVED: to support the proposed Local List criteria as set out and identify particular subjects at a later date.

120/11 Correspondence

(a) **Powys CC**

Submitted: letter dated 18.8.11 from the Chairman of Powys CC, inviting two representatives from the Council to a reception at Brecon on 4.10.11.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Mrs S Wintle and Mrs J Dobbs would attend.

(b) **Llangattock Green Valleys**

Submitted: invitation received from LGV to a celebration party at Llangattock Community Hall on 21.9.11, to mark their success in winning the £100,000 top prize in the 2010-2011 British Gas Green Streets Competition.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

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(c) **One Voice Wales – training programme**

Submitted: letter dated 22.8.11 from the Chief Executive of O V W, with a programme of training courses for the autumn 2011.

RESOLVED: noted and that Members would contact the Clerk if they wished to attend any of the sessions.

(d) **Mid Wales Housing Association Ltd**

Submitted: letter dated 23.8.11 from the Chief Executive of the above, with a copy of their Annual Report 2011.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(e) **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales**

Submitted: letter dated 1.8.11 from the Chairman of the above Remuneration Panel, with a copy of their draft Annual Report for 2012/2013. It was noted that the provisions mainly applied to the larger authorities, but that “the levels of allowances currently available to members of community and town councils will also be maintained until we are in a position to make our determinations. We anticipate that, following a process of evidence gathering, a national remuneration framework for these bodies will be introduced for the 2013/2014 financial year.”

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(f) **Mrs K Johns, Ffawyddog**

Submitted: email dated 22.8.11 from Mrs K Johns of the Ffawyddog, drawing Members attention to the legal requirement on householders in Wales to register their septic tanks with the Environment Agency before 31.12.11.

RESOLVED: received and noted with thanks to Mrs Johns.

(g) **Powys Local Service Board – One Powys Plan**

Submitted: letter dated 27.7.11 from the above Board, stating that all the public service organisations which made up the Powys Local Service Board had agreed an approach to improve public services for the citizens of Powys. A draft plan had been produced for consultation and had to be submitted to the Welsh Government in September for approval. A copy of version 3 of the One Powys Plan was enclosed.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(h) **BBNP Management Plan**

Submitted: letter dated 1.9.11 from the BBNP Management Plan Officer, with copies of a summary version of the Management Plan and an Action Plan.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(i) **Mr D Probert, Crickhowell**

Submitted: copy of email dated 8.9.11 (forwarded by Crickhowell TC) from Mr D Probert of Crickhowell, informing that he had heard that plans were being drawn up by the agencies to install a fish pass in the weir below Crickhowell/Llangattock bridge. He had serious concerns about possible interference with the existing structure of the bridge.

Members were concerned that there had been no prior information about the above, and it was RESOLVED to write to the Environment Agency Wales and the Countryside Council for their views.

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(j) 200th Anniversary of the Canal

Submitted: letter dated 25.7.11 from Alison Crawshaw, the Canal Festival Consultant (Powys), informing that she was employed to help co-ordinate the Mon & Brecon Canal 200th Anniversary celebrations in Powys, and wanted to introduce herself to the Council. Celebrations were due to start from March 2012 and would carry on throughout the year.

Cllr Cox said that there was a plan to ring the Church bells along the length of the canal on 10.2.12, co-ordinated by the Canal Preservation Society.

RESOLVED: noted and suggest inviting Ms Crawshaw to the Five Councils' Liaison meeting.

(k) One Voice Wales – The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Submitted: letter dated 27.7.11 from the Chairman of O V W, informing that it was hoped to light 2012 Beacons throughout the UK on 4.6.12 to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Beacons Project by agreement with The Royal Household would form an important part of the Jubilee celebrations during the weekend of 2 to 5 June. A copy of the official 'Guide to taking part' was enclosed, with details about two types of Beacons: the Bonfire Beacon and the Church Tower Beacon.

Members considered the above to be an interesting idea and Cllr Cox said that he would raise the matter at the next meeting of the PCC.

RESOLVED: noted.

121/11 Clerk's report. Nil.

122/11 Planning applications**(a) 11/07085/FUL – replacement dwelling at Brook Cottage, Ffawyddog**

Comments to BBNP: Members concurred with the view that the present structure was of poor quality, but they considered the current design to be too large and inappropriate in the context of the traditional dwellings on the Ffawyddog and not in accord with BBNP policies.

(b) 11/07079/FUL – second storey side extension over existing single storey at 3 Swan Lane, Llangattock for Ms T Jones

Submitted: concerns received from occupants of neighbouring property.

Members considered that the proposed development was not in keeping with the neighbouring dwellings in the Conservation Area, and would result in an overcrowded and overbearing feeling and not in accord with BBNP policies.

(c) 11/07113/FUL – relocation of north west boundary wall with change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage at Brynhyfryd, Ffawyddog for Drs Smith

Members had no observations on the relocation of the boundary wall, but they were strongly opposed to the proposed change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage, which they considered did not comply with BBNP policy G3.

The following applications had been received in the recess and due to time constraints, 'no observations' had been forwarded to the BBNPA – noted and approved.

(d) 11/07010/LBC – existing entrance to the walled garden increased in width, by the part removal of the walls on each side. The provision of new gates replacing the existing and the vehicular access increased in width at the modified entrance at Walled Garden, Glanusk Park for the Glanusk No 1 Settlement**(e) 11/07045/FUL – alterations and extension to provide new wood store, porches and vertical slate hanging at Brynhyfryd, Ffawyddog for Drs Smith - (see previous 09/03425/FUL)**

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123/11 Planning permission granted by BBNPA

- (a) 11/06903/FUL – enclosure to existing car parking space at Apple Tree Cottage, Dardy for Dr J Scott - in accord with approved plans - ref 108/11 (a)

RESOLVED: noted.

124/11 Reports from Members on outside bodies

- (a) **Allotments**

Cllr Elliott reported that:

- The Annual Show and Fayre on 10.9.11 had been attended by 150+ people, and over £500 raised towards the funds.
- Four bee hives had been established and over 35lbs of honey extracted from one hive.

- (b) **Llangattock School Governing Body**

Cllr B Cox, the Chair of the Governing Body of Llangattock Church in Wales Primary School, reported progress on the change of Voluntary Controlled to Voluntary Aided status. At the Estyn Inspection of the school in 2009, the inspectors recognised the outstanding spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the pupils, and commented that that school represented more closely the ethos of a VA rather than a VC school. With that observation in mind, the Board of Governors had, with the aid of the Diocesan Director of Education, followed the line of effecting the change in status over the past year. That procedure had been thoroughly briefed to parents and to the congregation of St Catwg's Church. They were now at the stage of submitting the formal letter of application to make that change in status.

125/11 Report from County Cllr J Holmes

Cllr Holmes reported that:

- new bus stop signs had been erected in the village;
- the electronic speed warning signs at the Legar and village had been taken to another area by Powys CC;
- there were doubts whether the new appliance would now be coming to Crickhowell Fire Station as there were only nine for the whole of the Dyfed-Powys area.

126/11 Complaints

- (a) Cllr Mrs Stockham reported that a new roadway had been set out at the bottom of the Hillside not far from Cwmbach.

AGREED to make enquiries.

- (b) Cllr Mrs Charlton felt that communications between the Council and the general public could be improved, and suggested introducing a specific time for residents to raise matters of concern.

AGREED that the Chair and Clerk consider further and report back.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.