

Llangattock Community Council

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

Present

Cllr Mrs J Charlton in the Chair
Cllrs H G Powell, Mrs N Stockham, A Fryer, B Cox (5)
Five members of the public

Apologies for absence

Cllr W J Elliott

132/11 Members' declarations of interest

Cllr A Fryer declared his personal and prejudicial interest in 135/11 (a) - Crickhowell High School.

133/11 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting and Finance Meeting held on 20 September 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

134/11 Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) 119/11 (a) Recreation Ground

Submitted: report received from the working group following their meeting on 29.9.11. A number of possible options had been considered, including:

- 1) paint the kick wall with goal net etc;
- 2) combined rugby/football pitch with permanent posts;
- 3) trim track of 8 to 12 stands around perimeter of the ground;
- 4) boules area;
- 5) utilise former tennis court for children's floor games;
- 6) re-site bins and benches.

Following consideration of the above it was RESOLVED:

- i) to carry out the painting of the kick wall;
- ii) to delete (6);
- iii) to await further information from the working group on (2) to (5).

(b) 119/11 (b) B4558 road

The Clerk stated that he was awaiting a reply from Powys CC.

RESOLVED: noted.

(c) 119/11 (c) Traffic calming in Llangattock village

The Clerk stated that he was awaiting a reply from Powys CC.

RESOLVED: noted.

(d) 119/11 (e) Five Councils' Area Liaison meeting on 23.11.11 at Llangattock

It was AGREED to include agenda items on the BBNP/Community Councils charter; proposed fish pass at Crickhowell/Llangattock bridge; Powys CC Secondary Schools Modernisation; Powys CC refuse and recycling.

(e) 119/11 (f) Recycling bin at Ffawyddog

Members were pleased to note that the bin had at last been removed by Powys CC.

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(f) **120/11 (c) One Voice Wales – training programme**

- 1) Cllr Mrs Charlton had agreed to attend the training sessions at Brecon on 19.10.11 and at Usk on 6.12.11.

RESOLVED: noted and approved.

- 2) Submitted: letter dated 19.9.11 from the Chief Executive of O V W, informing that they had agreed a new strategy and action plan for the period covering 2012 to 2015, including the appointment of a training champion in each member council, to assist the Clerk in training matters.

RESOLVED to inform O V W that Cllr A Fryer had agreed to carry out that role.

(g) **120/11 (i) Fish pass at Crickhowell/Llangattock bridge**

Submitted: email reply dated 6.10.11 from the Countryside Council for Wales, informing that they hoped to provide the information requested in the near future, once the organisations promoting the scheme were in a position to provide an outline plan. Consultation would then take place with the Council.

RESOLVED: noted.

(h) **120/11 (j) 200th Anniversary of the Canal**

Members noted that there was nothing further on the above.

(i) **120/11 (k) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

Submitted: letter dated 30.9.11 from the Pageantmaster of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons, expressing the hope that as many as possible would light beacons as part of the celebrations (details similar to the earlier letter from O V W).

Cllr Cox said that he had discussed the possibility of a beacon on St Catwg's Church Tower with the PCC, and would be making further enquiries with regard to insurance issues.

RESOLVED: noted.

(j) **126/11 (a) Roadway at Hillside**

The Clerk said that from enquiries made, it appeared that the work did not affect any public rights of way and was a private matter between landowners.

RESOLVED: noted.

(k) **126/11 (b) Public participation at Council meetings**

Cllr Mrs Charlton presented a paper setting out her suggestions for members of the public to speak for a maximum of three minutes on matters relevant to Council business before the official start of Council meetings.

Following consideration, Members AGREED to adopt the above.

135/11 Correspondence(a) **Crickhowell High School – Crickhowell & District Community Partnership**

Submitted: letter dated 25.7.11 (received 23.9.11) from Crickhowell HS, stating that they had been working on a project to replace the existing redgra pitch at the school with a state of the art 3-G Astroturf. The new facility would be available to the whole community. They were exploring funding sources and asked for a letter of general support.

RESOLVED to write in support as requested.

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(b) **Crickhowell High School – Governing Body**

Submitted: letter dated 19.9.11 from the Clerk to the above Governing Body, inviting nominations for an additional Community Governor at the school.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(c) **Brecknock & Radnor Community Health Council**

Submitted: information from the above with regard to vacancies on the CHC in Brecknock and Radnor.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(d) **Powys CC – Renewable energy issues**

Submitted: letter dated 29.9.11 from Powys CC, informing that the Council had agreed a blanket dispensation for members of town and community councils to speak and vote on renewable energy issues, including, electricity substations, pylons, overhead power lines, wind farms etc.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(e) **A465 Heads of the Valleys road dualling**

Submitted: information received via Llanelly CC with regard to public exhibitions in the area at the end of October, of the outline proposals for section 2 of the A465 dualling between Gilwern and Brynmawr.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

136/11 Clerk's report

- (a) The Clerk said that he had been asked by a Dardy resident about the provision of dog waste/litter bins and notices along the Dardy-Llangattock road.

RESOLVED to follow up with County Cllr Holmes and Powys CC.

137/11 Planning applications. Nil.

138/11 Planning permission granted by BBNPA

- (a) 11/07045/FUL – alterations and extension to provide wood store, porches and vertical slate hanging at Brynhyfryd, Ffawyddog for Drs Smith - in accord with approved plans - ref 122/11 (c).

- (b) 11/07079/FUL – second storey side extension over existing single storey at 3 Swan Lane, Llangattock for Ms T Jones - in accord with approved plans - ref 122/11 (b).

RESOLVED: noted.

139/11 Planning permission refused by BBNPA

- (a) 11/07085/FUL – replacement dwelling at Brook Cottage, Ffawyddog - reasons, inter alia: "The proposed development, by reason of its design, mass and scale, would result in an incongruous feature, unsympathetic to its setting and forming a visually intrusive development in the countryside." Contrary to NP policies G3, G6, H12. Ref 122/11 (a).

RESOLVED: noted.

140/11 Reports from Members on outside bodies

- (a) **One Voice Wales Annual Conference and AGM**

Cllr B Cox reported that he and Cllrs Elliott and Powell had attended the above at Pontrhydfendigaid on 8.10.11. Presentations at the morning Conference were given by the

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Chief Executive of the Welsh Local Government Association, the Sustainable Futures Commissioner and the Deputy Director of Policy and External Affairs, Big Lottery Wales. The presentations were informative and gave assurance that all efforts being made on behalf of such local councils as ourselves were being well directed.

At the AGM in the afternoon: present membership was approximately 72%. It was most interesting to learn that some 40,000 hours of labour were put in during the year 2010 by some 8,000 councillors, which equated to about £23M against a grant of £93,000. That strongly supported the claim that some form of remuneration would increase the take up of positions in local councils, where there was a definite shortfall at present.

(b) **BBNPA Joint Advisory Forum**

Cllr Cox reported on attendance at the above on 14.10.11. The meeting opened with first class presentations from the Area Wardens, fully updating on the work and maintenance being undertaken in the East and West areas. Very importantly, with ever increasing concern and attempts to control illegal offroading, great effort had been made to identify an area where offroading could take place for enthusiasts. Such an area had been found after investigating 22 options and now concerted efforts were being made to obtain permission and approval to develop the only feasible option. All concerned were asked to continue with every effort to report sightings of illegal offroaders.

141/11 Report from County Cllr J Holmes. Nil.

142/11 Complaints

- (a) Cllr Fryer said he wished to inform Members that there was increased concern about the amount of offroading motor cycles at the Hillside, especially on Sundays. The police and NP wardens were aware of the problem but it persisted.
- (b) Cllr Mrs Stockham asked if the conifer hedge on the approach to the Primary School could be cut back/removed, as it was encroaching on the footway.

AGREED to refer to County Cllr Holmes/ Powys CC.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.