

Llangattock Community Council

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

Public participation

Before the start of the meeting, a member of the public raised a matter relevant to Council business.

Present

Cllr Mrs J Charlton in the Chair

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

One member of the public

Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs S Wintle, County Cllr J Holmes

163/11 200th Anniversary of the completion of the Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal (151/11)

RESOLVED to adjourn the Council meeting to receive Alison Crawshaw, Canal Festival Consultant. She said that she was funded by BBNPA, Powys CC and British Waterways for one day a week for a year, together with four others along the full length of the canal. Their role was to co-ordinate and liaise with groups and communities arranging anniversary celebrations and activities during 2012. She answered questions from members and agreed to liaise further in the New Year.

RESOLVED to reconvene the meeting.

164/11 Members' declarations of interest. Nil.

165/11 Minutes

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

166/11 Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) 148/11 Environment Agency Wales – Flood Plan

Cllrs Mrs Charlton, Mrs Stockham, Elliott and Powell had attended the public meeting at Llangattock Community Hall on 15.12.11, together with County Cllr Holmes, some 20 members of the public, and representatives from the Environment Agency Wales, Powys CC (Emergency Planning and Land Drainage) and British Waterways. EA officers had made door to door calls in the village in the past weeks to explain the local issues. A number of matters of concern were raised, including queries about the validity of the EA flood maps; possible flooding from the canal and Nant Onneu and Nant Onneu Fach; and River Usk. PCC officers said that the Legar flood prevention feasibility study had been mothballed due to lack of funding from the Welsh Government. It was felt that the former local Flood Plans covering Crickhowell and Llangattock were still relevant, and it was agreed to arrange a meeting of the communities on both sides of the Usk in the New Year.

(b) 151/11 (a) Recreation Ground

Submitted: report of the working group following their meeting on 2.12.11. A number of points were raised by members, and it was agreed that Cllr Elliott would join the group as Cllr Mrs Wintle was having difficulty in attending meetings on Thursday evenings.

RESOLVED: noted and await further information.

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(c) **151/11 (b) B4558 road**

The Clerk said that, due to a number of reasons, there had been no further developments.

RESOLVED: noted.

(d) **151/11 (c) Traffic calming in Llangattock village**

The Clerk said that he was awaiting a response from Powys CC.

RESOLVED: noted.

(e) **151/11 (d) Five Councils' Area Liaison meeting at Llangattock on 23.11.11**

Cllr Mrs Charlton reported that eight members of the Council, together with representatives from Crickhowell TC, Vale of Grwyney and Cwmdru & District CCs (no one from Llangynidr CC) had attended. Items discussed included:

- Update by the Chief Executive of BBNPA on proposals to record NP meetings, possibly in the form of a webcast;
- Update by BBNPA Sustainable Communities Manager on Conservation and Community Grant Scheme and BBNPA Community Council Charter;
- Proposed shad pass at Crickhowell/Llangattock bridge;
- Powys CC secondary schools' modernisation plans;
- Parking provision for vehicles with trailers in Crickhowell (arising from previous meeting: V of G said that they had taken up with Powys CC with negative response). Agreed that V of G CC and Crickhowell TC would write again.
- AGREED to hold next meeting at Tretower on 15.3.12.

(f) **151/11 (e) Fish pass at Crickhowell/Llangattock bridge**

Submitted: email dated 20.12.11 from the Director of the Wye and Usk Foundation (received via Crickhowell TC), stating that he had received the relevant reports (including one for Llanfoist bridge) and would circulate to their funders and steering group. The writer queried whether CTC was "a competent body under the Habitats Directive" etc.

RESOLVED: noted.

(g) **151/11 (f) 200th anniversary of the canal**

There was nothing further on this item.

(h) **151/11 (g) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

- 1) Cllr Cox said that the PCC was still enquiring about insurance cover for a beacon on the Church tower.
- 2) Following discussion about the practice at previous Royal occasions of giving local children commemorative mugs, it was RESOLVED to make enquiries about suitable mugs to be presented to the pupils of the Primary School.

(i) **151/11 (h) Annual Community meeting**

Members were in general support of the Chair's suggestion and that a start might be made in the New Year with regard to the possible changes to facilities in the Recreation Ground.

(j) **151/11 (i) Dog waste/litter bin on Dardy-Llangattock road**

The Clerk said that Cllr Holmes had reported that the Powys CC Local Manager would be carrying out a site visit in the New Year.

RESOLVED: noted.

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(k) **151/11 (k) Hedge at Clos Ciliau**

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RESOLVED: noted.

(l) **152/11 (c) Powys CC and Powys LHB**

Cllr Mrs Charlton reported that she had attended the above meeting on 7.12.11. It had been worthwhile with useful and interesting presentations on social services and healthcare issues.

RESOLVED: noted.

(m) **152/11 (e) Powys Joint Community Consultative meeting 2011**

Cllr Cox reported that he had attended the above at Brecon on 23.11.11. Presentations were given by members of the Police Authority, the Fire and Rescue Service and the Community Safety Partnership. The main theme running through all presentations was the need for community participation and co-operation. There was a common requirement by all to reduce the amount of crime and alcohol or drug related offences. Statistics supported the claim of the Police that the local area was well ahead of the reported crimes and detection rates in Wales. Great stress was placed on the importance of using the 101 reporting system.

RESOLVED: noted.

(n) **152/11 (g) Canal towpath**

Submitted: email reply dated 6.12.11 from BW, agreeing that the towpath section "was not ideal." However, BW did not have funding for such improvement work and they needed to secure external funding. Resurfacing a towpath could cost around £100 per linear metre depending on width and construction method.

RESOLVED: noted, and that members would visit the site in the New Year to assess the situation.

(o) **158/11 (a) Ash tree**

The Clerk said that he had reported the problem to Powys CC and was awaiting their report.

RESOLVED: noted.

(p) **158/11 (b) Hafod road**

Submitted: email dated 9.12.11 from the Clerk to Llanelly CC with a response from Monmouthshire CC, informing that Capita had been instructed to carry out ground investigations in the adjacent field bounding the carriageway and the results advised a gabion retention structure. In the interim, MCC Highways had sealed the cracked joint running along the centre of the road with blocked pitch until such time as funding could be found for a permanent solution.

The Clerk said that he had raised two other issues with Llanelly CC:

- i) Gilwern A4077 (weight restricted) viaduct: MCC stated that a further inspection was scheduled for January 2011. A capital bid had been made to the WG for funding to bring the viaduct back to normal bridge strength.
- ii) Improvements/realignment of A4077 near County boundary - MCC stated that they had no current plans .

RESOLVED: all noted.

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167/11 Correspondence

(a) **One Voice Wales – Strong Roots project – Green Futures training programme**

Submitted: letter dated 9.12.11 from O V W Chief Executive, informing about the Strong Roots project and dates for training in Spring 2012. Courses would help Councils to fully understand the concept of sustainable development and how it related to their communities.

RESOLVED: noted and that Cllrs Elliott and Dr Morgan would attend the session at Brecon on 23.2.12.

(b) **Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau**

Submitted: email dated 6.12.11 from the Manager of the above Bureau, informing that they managed a community project called the HI-Society Defibrillator Project, run by 24 pupils from Crickhowell High School. The aim was to raise enough money to purchase defibrillators for each village surrounding Crickhowell. They had already raised sufficient to purchase three, located in Crickhowell, Llangynidr and Cwmdru. Further fundraising had raised enough for a defibrillator for Llangattock. They would like to demonstrate the machine to the Council and discuss a suitable location.

RESOLVED: noted and invite the volunteers to the January meeting.

(c) **BBNPA – Equality Act (2010) consultation**

Submitted: letter dated 25.11.11 from the BBNPA Human Resources Manager, seeking views to help gather information about inequality for people living within and visiting the NP. A questionnaire was enclosed.

RESOLVED: noted, and that Cllr Mrs Charlton would complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council.

(d) **National Assembly for Wales – consultation on Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill**

Submitted: letter dated 8.12.11 from the Committee Chair at the Assembly, inviting evidence on the general principles of the above Bill.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

(e) **BBNPA – Social Inclusion (including Child Poverty) Strategy and Action Plan consultation**

Submitted: letter dated 28.11.11 from the BBNPA Sustainable Communities Manager, with copy of their draft Strategy and Action Plan.

RESOLVED: noted and that Cllr Mrs Charlton would submit comments.

(f) **One Voice Wales – Buckingham Palace Garden Party**

Submitted: letter dated 8.12.11 from O V W, inviting nominations for the current Chair to attend Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace on 22 & 29 May 2012. Cllr Mrs Charlton declined to be nominated.

RESOLVED: noted.

168/11 Clerk's report. Nil.

169/11 Planning applications

(a) **11/07486/FUL – refurbishment, alterations and extensions at Travellers Rest, Hillside for Mr T Bartlett**

Members of the view that proposed changes were an improvement on existing, but also that

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the proposed amount of glazing on the front elevation was excessive and not in keeping with traditional Hillside cottages.

170/11 Planning permission granted by BBNPA

- (a) 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 - in accord with approved plans - ref 122/11 (c)
- (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 - in accord with approved plans - ref 122/11 (d)

RESOLVED: noted.

171/11 Reports from Members on outside bodies. Nil.

172/11 Report from County Cllr J Holmes. Nil.

173/11 Complaints

- (a) Cllr Cox said that since the closure of the Chestnuts/Cedars Nursing Home, Powys CC gritting/salting lorries no longer gritted along Hillside Road. There had been recent instances of very slippery and icy conditions without any available salt.

AGREED to refer to Powys CC/Cllr Holmes.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm.