

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANGAMMARCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT
7.30PM ON THURSDAY 10th March 2016 AT THE ALEXANDRA HALL, LLANGAMMARCH
WELLS**

PRESENT

Community Councillors: David Malcomson, Mairwen Price, and Ron Birchall.

In attendance: Sandra Wear

Apologies: Jon Hather, Bill Hill, and Helen Wear

Clerk: Sarah Quibell

2060. Declarations of interest

As the property owner, Cllr Birchall declared an interest in minute 2086.

2061. Casual Vacancy

After deliberation, Sandra Wear was co-opted as a Councillor for Llangammarch Community Council. The decision was unanimous. Clerk to forward a copy of the paperwork to PCC.

Following the co-ption of Cllr S. Wear, there is still one casual vacancy, therefore the item will remain on the agenda until the vacancy has been filled.

Both Cllr Hill and Cllr H. Wear have not attended meetings for the past six months, however, following discussion, it was agreed that due to their individual circumstances, they would be able to continue in their roles as Councillor.

2062. Minutes of meeting held on 14th January 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 14th January were approved and signed as accurate.

Matters Arising

2063. Action Log

- Following Cllr Hather's assessment of the three website builder companies it was agreed to use Wix.com. It was also agreed that the Clerk could move to paying for the service in May, a month prior to the end of the contract with the existing provider, in order that services can be migrated seamlessly.
- Cllr Birchall has completed the bench inspection. This is to be repeated on a six-monthly basis.
- There has been no contact with the Heart of Wales line regarding funding for the planters. Cllr Birchall and Cllr Price to approach their respective contacts.

- It was agreed that the Clerk should wait for the instructions from the new external auditor before making a further approach Richard Mears regarding the management of Escrow funds.

2064. Highways

The Clerk has received an email from James Bevan (PCC Highways Department) stating that he has visited the sign at the cross roads in Cefn Gorwydd. It 'has been knocked...and is loose in the ground but there is no danger of it falling'. He has passed the matter to the Traffic Department.

There were no further matters arising.

2065. Appointment of Cllr with Special Responsibility for Finance

Continues.

2066. Defibrillator

Clerk to ask Anthony Jeffries to supply the registration numbers of Tirabad defibrillator to David Ronicle.

2067. Community Delivery/Devolving Outdoor Recreation

An email has been received from Stephan Butcher (PCC Outdoor Recreation) informing no site visit had been arranged as yet, but that his 'intention is to get suppliers to the site before Easter'.

Following the receipt of a letter regarding the annual RoSPA inspection at the playground, Stephen Butcher has confirmed that no payment will be required from LCC, as the facility is currently provided by PCC.

2068. Welsh Government White Paper – Reforming Local Government (William's Report)

There were no matters for discussion at this meeting but the item is to remain on the agenda.

2069. Funding Opportunities

There were no matters for discussion at this meeting but the item is to remain on the agenda

2070. Application for Grant Aid to Support Community Halls

The Chair has reviewed the hall funding formula, and based on the findings it was agreed that grant payment of 60% of the previous financial year's running costs will be made upon receipt of the completed form and LCC approval.

Alexandra Hall – a payment of £2110 was agreed based on the 2014/15 accounts.

Tirabad Hall – a payment of £375 was agreed based on the 2014/15 accounts.

The Clerk to inform PCC of the above amounts.

2071. Cefn Gorwydd Notice Board

Cllr Hather has taken down the notice board; subsequent to it drying out he has informed LCC that there is damage to the back but he will be able to repair. There will be a cost for materials but this will be 'much less than £50'. Unanimous decision for him to proceed.

2072. Llanwrtyd Wells Co-Responder Fundraising

Following discussion, a donation of £200 was agreed.

2073. Future Meeting Dates

The following dates were agreed for the next financial year:

- 12th May 2016
- 14th July 2016
- 15th September 2016 (provisional)
- 10th November 2016
- 12th January 2017
- 9th March 2017

The decision about which meeting is to be held in Tirabad is to be deferred until the May meeting.

PCC and Other Correspondence

2074. HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Commemorative Medal

Tabled for information. No purchase of medals is to be made.

2075. Request for Funding from Cor Meibion Talgarth Male Choir

The request was declined.

2076. Email of Thanks from Wales Air Ambulance

An email of thanks was received from Wales Air Ambulance in response to the donation of £100 made by LCC.

2077. SLCC – Proposed Changes

A letter has been received outlining the proposed changes to the SLCC, which will see the trade union element separated from the Society.

'It is proposed to create a new legally independent trade union, to be known as The Association of Local Council Clerks (ALCC), which would in future be responsible for offering employment advice and support. The SLCC would then become a solely professional body unconstrained by trade union law.'

2078. Request for Funding from Teenage Cancer Trust

The request was declined.

2079. Request for Funding from Macmillan Cancer Trust

A donation of £50 was approved.

2080. Statutory Guidance for the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2016

A letter of guidance was received from Leighton Andrews.

2081. Builth Wells Library

Builth Wells Town Council sent an invite to a meeting on the 29th March with Stuart Mackintosh (Leisure and Recreation Head of Service, PCC) and Kay Thomas (Principal Librarian, PCC) regarding the Library service in Builth Wells.

2082. Membership of One Voice Wales 2016/17

Renewal of the One Voice Wales membership was approved at the cost of £75.

There was no further correspondence.

Planning Applications:

2083. P/2016/0196 – Oak House Farm, Tirabad

No objections were raised

2084. P/2011/0181 & P/2013/0707 – Land adj. to Maes y Wawr, Cefn Gorwydd

PCC Planning Department confirmed the following:

'The development hereby granted approval of reserved matters shall be begun before the expirations of two years from the date of this approval, or before the expirations of five years from the date of the outline planning permission whichever is longer.'

Therefore, permission for Condition 1 stands until 19th April 2016.

2085. P/2008/0402 – Land at Cefn Llan, Llangammarch Wells

PCC Planning Department confirmed that application P/2008/0402 ‘was determined on the 22/07/2014 and given conditional consent. Condition 2 states’ the following:

‘Application for approval of the reserved matters shall be made to the local planning authority before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.’

Therefore, conditional permission for Condition 2 stands until 22nd July 2017.

2086. Planning Appeal

A letter of notification has been received from PCC Planning Department, informing LCC that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State regarding their recent decision against the change of use request for the Aberceiros Inn.

There were no further applications for consideration

2087. Public conveniences, including reimbursement for expenses and future funding

Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed to fully assimilate the toilet funds into LCC funds.

It was agreed to reimburse Cllr. Birchall £34.43 for the upkeep and maintenance of the toilets, including utilities and sundry cleaning items.

Finance:

2088. Receipts and Payments Summary to 4th March 2016 *

The receipts and payments summary was approved by the Cllr’s and signed by the Chair.

2089. Cheques for Signature/Payments for Approval

- Approval was given for the following cheques to be signed:

Cheque no. 100803 for £10.26 (Stamp Reimbursement – Sarah Quibell), cheque no. 100804 for £10.40 (Clerk’s Expenses – Sarah Quibell), cheque no. 100805 for £200.00 (Donation – Llanwrytd Wells Co-Responder Scheme), and cheque no. 100806 for £10.00 (Xmas Lights Donation – Robert Giles)

- Approval was given for the following payments to be made:

Payment for £2,110.00 (LCC Hall Grant – Alexandra Hall), payment for £25.00 (Hall Hire – Alexandra Hall), payment for £375.00 (LCC Hall Grant – Tirabad Hall), payment for £34.43

(Toilet Expenses – R. Birchall), payment for £50.00 (Donation – Macmillan Cancer Support), payment for £75.00 (Membership – One Voice Wales)

Any other business (non-substantive matters and matters for referral to the County Council)

2090. One Voice Wales

Clerk to chase information regarding Brecon and Radnorshire Community Council sizes in order to inform discussion surrounding the possible frequency of hosting OVW meetings

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9.00 pm.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Casual Vacancy
- Appoint Cllr with Special Responsibility for Finance
- Defibrillator Batteries
- Welsh Government White Paper (William’s Report)
- Community Delivery
- Funding

Date and Venue for next meeting

The AGM and next general meeting will be held on Thursday 12th May, 2016 at 7.30 pm, at Alexandra Hall.

Signed: Date: