

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF LLANGAMMARCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 8th September 2021
In Tirabad Hall under Covid Guidance with access provided through Zoom Pro**

Present: Cllr Jon Hather (Chair of the meeting), Cllr Matt Callan, Cllr Anne Woods, Cllr Mairwen Price, Cllr Sandra Wear, Cllr Barbara Thomas,

In Attendance

Sue Lilly (Clerk)

Cllr Timothy Van Rees (Powys CC)

One resident

Apologies: Cllr Kay Coldrick

2821 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

2822 Casual Vacancy

Any applicants will be interviewed either before or at the beginning of the next full council meeting in November.

2823 – Minutes of the meeting on the 14th July 2021

These were unanimously agreed as accurate.

2824 Matters Arising

- Highways will consider yellow lines near the church
- Rights of Way have already been in touch with the owners where the Right of Way leaves the riverside and confirmed that it is active. The finger post is yet to be replaced.
- Riverside Gardens ownership. This has emerged eventually to be Powys CC. The Council has asked for transference of ownership for both the toilets and Riverside Gardens.
- Working party. Responses received are clear that the grassed areas are preferred to be left as they are. It was agreed that the wildflowers and soil from the butterfly garden be redistributed into the gardens. The trellis to be removed and placed by the toilets. At this time of year wildflowers often get mown down anyway. It was agreed that a list of volunteers and job to be drawn up (Cllr Callan and Cllr Price) so that jobs without volunteers can be identified. Cllr Hather said he was happy to chair a working party to determine what is needed over the winter period. Maybe a gardening club might be worthwhile? Creating a contract for work in the gardens can be considered when all information is available.
- Queen's Jubilee – each area may come up with ideas. Tirabad Hall and Alexandra Hall are likely to come up with suggestions, and activities ideas will be taken from there.

2825 Riverside Gardens Update

See previous item 2824

2826 Bin Collection Issues

The bin outside the Post Office has not been emptied regularly. Cllr Thomas complained direct to Powys CC several times as did the Clerk and residents. Household rubbish is still being put into the bin, regardless of the notices on the bin. PCC will not collect black bins liners next to the bin, but must collect the red, Keep Wales Tidy bags, used by litter-pickers. The Clerk asked Powys Cc for another bin, but this was turned down. Ordinary bin collections have also been hampered by low

staff levels. Recycling in Llandrindod is open Wednesday to Sunday, but only for cars and those with permits.

(Zoom access was turned off at 8.30pm as no-one had joined)

2827 PCC, NextDoor, Meetings and other Correspondence

- The clerk attended a meeting with James Evans (AM) which centred mostly on the buying of local land by big business and subsequent planting of trees in pasture and arable land. Tilhill the local forestry has subsequently agreed that the local councils (Llanwrtyd, Treflys and Llangammarch) be brought in over issues of rights of way/ bridleways, observation points, mountain bike rails etc However descriptors for types of trees to be planted need to be recalculated. At present Welsh Government is meant to provide 8000 hectares of woodland a year, it was less than 1000 last year.
- Correspondence was received about planting trees under community woodlands grant. We cannot make use of this, at this time.

2828. Planning Matters

- the Maesyron application is being heard by the Powys Planning Committee tomorrow. Cllr Van Rees asked the Clerk if he could come and use the broadband there, as his was unreliable.
(PS the application was approved 14-0, but with several conditions)
- progress continues at Cefn Gorwydd, though hampered at the moment by lack of bricklayers.
- progress is slow in Cefn Llan, hampered by lack of wood.

2829 Public Conveniences

- The Clerk banked £13.20 in donations today.
- Several residents remarked on how good the flowers outside of the toilets looked.
- Cllr Hather confirmed that the Toilet Twinning is in progress
- The Water Refill tap is yet to be installed
- Refurbishment of the Gents' continues.

2830 Councillors Updates

- Cllr Price queried about the road between Aberceiros and Newell Cottages. The Clerk confirmed that Highways have asked for the Powys Road Engineer to investigate and that it is likely to be a major repair. There was a brief discussion of who owns what with regard to the river bank, as several trees are likely to need removing.
- Highways are also looking into who owns the verge opposite Cefn Llan.

(The resident left at this point).

2831 Finance

- a) Receipts and Payments until 31/8/2021. These were unanimously agreed and signed off by Cllr Hather.
- b) Invoice for £35 for the hire of Alexandra Hall was agreed, as was the payment of £187.89 to Cllr Callan for repair items for the Gents toilets, and £163.97 covering gauntlets, LED bulbs, and new single-sheet toilet dispenser and tissues, plus a call-out fee from Des Clarke's to check the blocked Gent's toilet.
- c) The mid-term budget check shows how little has been spent to date. The November Budget Setting (1) will need to include a serious look at the precept from several angles. The Clerk will prepare comparisons and options.
- d) The Annual Pay Scale review for clerks has not yet been agreed. This item was therefore postponed until November.

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The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 10th November in the Alexandra Hall Llangammarch. Cllr Hather thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 2105.