

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

PRESENT

Community Councillors: David Malcomson, Mairwen Price, Sandra Wear, Ron Birchall, and Anne Woods

In attendance: Cllr Van Rees

Apologies: Bill Hill, and Jon Hather

Clerk: Sarah Quibell

2178. Declarations of interest

Cllr Price expressed an interest in minute 2191.

2179. Casual Vacancy

Despite following due process, nobody has come forward to fill the vacant seats. Casual Vacancy will therefore remain on the agenda until it has been filled.

2180. Minutes of meeting held on 15th September 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 15th September, were approved and signed as accurate.

Matters Arising

2181. Verges and Hedges – Cefn Gorwydd

Brian Price (PCC, H.G.S.S. Manager) has confirmed that the highway verges and hedges in Cefn Gorwydd are 'scheduled to receive 3 cuts a year', adding that '[t]here are currently no plans to change this specification or contract.'

2182. Rights of Way – Llangammarch

Ben Humphreys (PCC Rights of Way Officer) recently visited the area, and was unable to find any issue with the path identified. Clerk to provide SW with the grid reference finder so that the exact location can be provided to PCC, failing any progress it may be necessary to invite Ben to a meeting.

2183. River Safety – Llangammarch

NRW (National Resources Wales) have responded stating that they don't believe the erection of a sign 'would fall under Natural Resources Wales' responsibility'. Further suggesting that we contact the PCC Environmental Health team. Clerk to contact PCC regarding the issue.

2184. Tirabad School Bus Chaperone

Gareth Jones (PCC Schools Service Senior Manager) has confirmed that 'as there have been no issues on the bus transporting the Welsh Medium Pupils from Llanwrtyd and Beulah to Builth', the escort will be removed from the start of this half term, although the situation will be monitored, with a view to reinstating the arrangement should any issues arise.

Cllr Van Rees has spoken with the Portfolio Holder for Education (Cllr Arwel Jones & Gareth Jones) and has requested that the chaperone be re-instated. Clerk to contact PCC on behalf of LCC in support of the request, expressing concerns about the large age difference between the children's age, the protection of vulnerable kids, and safety for the driver.

2185. Closure of St. David's Church

A response has been received from the Archdeacon stating that if the 'local community is able to come up with a viable proposal for the future which relieves the PCC of any responsibility then I am sure that it would be treaded seriously.'

There is a wish in the community to preserve the building where at all possible, and they have written a letter to the Archbishop. They are also expecting a visit from the Welsh Georgian Society who may be able to assist with funding. Cllr Van Rees will also write to the Archdeacon to confirm if the matter is in the hands of the Representative Body or not, and if not to ask that it is.

Clerk to forward email to Cllr Van Rees.

2186. Highways Issues

Llangammarch Highways Depot have confirmed that the reported potholes in Cefn Gorwydd are now filled, and Welsh Water have completed the works on the Llangammarch bridge and the barriers have been removed.

2187. Action Log

- Cllr Van Rees to investigate issues in Tirabad
- The Clerk has had brief discussions with Naida regarding carrying out PAYE in the future. They are to arrange a meeting/phone call to look at the process.
- Chair to send Clerk letter regarding pension contributions

There were no further matters arising.

2188. Budget

The 2017/18 budget was discussed, as was the level of precept, which has remained static for several years. Due to the use of reserves, and the increasing need to support community assets, a gradual rise from £6,800 in this financial year to £7,800 for 2017/18, was unanimously agreed. Approval was in principal subject to further discussion at the next meeting.

2189. Heart of Wales Railway Line

A communication was received from the Heart of Wales Line in light of the approaching end of the current fifteen-year franchise. They are inviting LCC to provide comments highlighting the needs of the community, so that they can inform 'the terms of the new franchise with Welsh Government'.

There is an issue with a truncated rail service between Llandovery and Shrewsbury, which has a gap in service in the middle of the route. The service also presents a problem in terms of using it for getting to and from work. It was noted that the service has to be commended for the use that those with a bus pass can make of it free of charge during the winter months.

Clerk to write a response to Andrew Cook supporting a two hour through service, seven days a week, to allow appropriate use for work, social, and tourist travel. Access to services for local community, integrated to our service, will facilitate travel to mainline stations.

A week on Friday 18th Nov, there will be a AGM of HoWL Development Line Company Ltd, Media Resource Centre Llandrindod, will be covering presentation by Dr Paul Salveson talking community hubs and community rail

2190. Election Timeline

A brief discussion was held surrounding the upcoming election in May 2017, the expected timeline is as follows:

- Election – Thursday 5th May
- Existing Councillors retire and new Councillors take off office – Monday 8th May (4th day after election)
- AGM – on or within 14 days after the councillors take office

2191. BT Public Payphone Consultation

Both phone boxes in LD4 4DH are included in the current payphone consultation. LCC has responded to say that they object to the closure of any kiosks, and the related loss of service in their area, however if BT decide to close any kiosk LCC would wish to adopt it for community use.

2192. Hall Grants

Hall Grant applications have been received from the Alexandra Hall Committee and the Tirabad Hall Committee. It was agreed that these are to be looked at the next meeting. The Clerk is to scan the

documents to Chair so that 2015/16 expenditure, and therefore, the amount of grant can be accurately assessed, based on the agreed 60% contribution.

2193. Wild Flower Planting

A response has been received from PCC regarding wild flower planting the highway verges. Brian Price (PCC) will be asking their Legal Department to draw up a licence, LCC need to forward a location map so that this can take place.

2194. Defibrillator

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

2195. Community Delivery/Devolving Outdoor Recreation

Stephen Butcher (PCC Outdoor Recreation) has confirmed that PCC 'are ready now to programme the refurbishment of the' playground and has requested that LCC complete an Expression of Interest form 'indicating their intention to take on...ownership'. The Chair is to complete the form, which the Clerk will return to PCC.

PCC will continue to maintain Llanwrtyd library and pay for a librarian for 5 hrs a week, and find a volunteer for 5 hrs a week.

2196. 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.

2197. Funding Opportunities

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

PCC and Other Correspondence

2198. Mid Wales Healthcare Collaborative – Community Meetings

Tabled for information

2199. Type 1 Diabetes Campaign

Tabled for information

2200. Ground Maintenance Advice for Town and Community Councils – Greenfingers

Tabled for information

2201. Request for Funding from Powys Citizens Advice Centre

The request was declined

2202. National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

Tabled for information

2203. Request for Funding from British Red Cross

Donation of £50 was approved.

There was no further correspondence.

Planning Applications:

2204. P/2016/0795 – Cefn Llan

No further information received. Cllr Van Rees to speak with Gwilym Davies to seek an update.

2205. P/2016/0939 – Hermon Chapel, Tirabad

No objections were raised

There were no further applications for consideration

2206. Public conveniences, including reimbursement for expenses and future funding

Reimbursement for £95.57 was approved for payment.

It was agreed to subsume the responsibilities of the Toilet Committee into the Community Council. The budget spreadsheet will be altered accordingly.

Finance:

2207. Model Financial Regulations

Cllr Wood recommended adopting subject to personalisation. Chair to carry out.

2208. SLCC Membership

The payment of £118.00, for the Clerk's SLCC membership was approved

2209. Receipts and Payments Summary to 4th November 2016 *

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

2210. Cheques for Signature/Payments for Approval

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

Cheque no. 100820 for £10.40 (Clerk's Expenses – Sarah Quibell),

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

Payment for £25.00 (Hall Hire – Alexandra Hall), payment for £95.57 (Toilets Reimbursement – Ron Birchall), payment for £50 (Donation – Red Cross), and payment for £77.00 (2016-17 Membership – SLCC) *despite a payment of £118.00 being approved, when renewing online the charge was only £77*

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

2211. Glan yr Afon Bridge

It was reported that the bridge is currently closed. Clerk to contact Rights of Way, and include Cllr Van Rees in the communication.

2212. Urdd Eisteddfodd

Coming to the show ground in 2018, they have requested a donation.

2213. Water Contamination

It has been reported that there are three motorbikes outside Nazareth Chapel in Llangammarch which have oil seeping into the drain and then river. The Clerk is to contact PCC regarding the matter.

2214. Dog Fouling

Dog fouling at 7 Tan-y-Deri is ongoing. Clerk to contact Environmental Health & Housing.

2215. Llanwrtyd Health Centre

An update was received regarding the Health Centre in Llanwrtyd. A further meeting has been held with Alan Lowry (PtHB). Representations were made about the standard of service that is on offer, and that a substantial improvement is required. The proposal is that a GP will continue to be there 8:30 – 12 each day.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Casual Vacancy
Cefn Llan
Budget
Hall Funding Applications
Defibrillator Batteries
Welsh Government White Paper (William's Report)
Community Delivery
Funding
Model Financial Regulations

Date and Venue for next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th January, 2017 at 7.30 pm, at Alexandra Hall, Llangammarch.

Signed: Date: