

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANGAMMARCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 AT TIRABAD VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT**

Community Councillors: Anne Woods, Jon Hather, Ron Birchall, and Bill Hill

**In attendance:** Cllr Van Rees

**Apologies:** Mairwen Price & Sandra Wear

**Clerk:** Sarah Quibell

**2373. Declarations of interest**

There were no expressions of interest.

**2374. Casual Vacancies**

As there are still two casual vacancies to fill the item will remain on the agenda.

**2375. Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, were approved and signed as accurate.

**Matters Arising**

**2376. River Safety – Llangammarch**

Cllr Van Rees to approach Countryside Services for a quote for a bilingual sign warning of river dangers.

**2377. Tirabad School Bus**

There was no further update regarding the Tirabad School Bus.

**2378. Aberranell Bridge/Glan yr Afon Bridge**

Brent Campbell (PCC, Highways) provided an update re. the proposed works at Glan yr Afon Bridge, stating that the 'delay is because we [PCC] are still awaiting NRW permissions', however he did further state that he was 'confident the work will start fairly soon'.

Ben Humphreys (PCC, Countryside Services) has provided a map so that the exact location of Aberranell Bridge can be confirmed by LCC. The Chair confirmed that map did locate the correct bridge, therefore the Clerk will inform them.

### **2379. Speed Limit in Cefn Gorwydd**

Jo Lancey (PCC, Traffic) has informed Cllr Van Rees that she has 'been to the site and met with the lining supervisor and have agreed some enhancements to the road markings'. She does 'note the request for vehicular activated signs but unfortunately...a bid for funding to replace them with WG...was unsuccessful'.

The Clerk is to contact Jo to ask her what the costs of such signs would be.

### **2380. Superfast Broadband**

The Clerk contacted Martin Jones (Superfast Cymru, Contract Manager) to request an update for a Cefn Gorwydd and a Llangammarch postcode, it was agreed to use the Chair's and Cllr Price's.

He stated that 'both postcodes re part of the scope of the FTTP delivery off Llangammarch Wells Structure 1. We have put more infrastructure into the build to cover more properties in the area which has delayed build slightly. Our current estimated completion date is end of July. We will then release to the various ISP's who will release to customers for order. This can sometimes take 6-8 weeks for the providers to release for order.'

The Clerk to ask for a further update as the works look to have been delayed.

### **2381. Heart of Wales Line**

The Clerk contacted Andrew Cook to request an update regarding the franchise award, who informed the Community Council that 'the franchise award process is on temporary 'hold'...there is an area of disagreement between the UK government and Welsh government over finance for the rail network'.

The Clerk is to ask Cllr William Powell if there is any further information.

### **2382. Grass Cutting in Llangammarch**

Cllr Hather has volunteered to remove the grass on this occasion on the understanding that bags will not be filled again.

Clerk to respond further to Brian Price to ask if a composting facility be provided by the Authority.

### **2383. Television Ariel in Llangammarch**

Following Cllr Wear's query, the Clerk identified minute 2158 from the September 2016 minutes:

*'No problems reported in Tirabad. Before any decisions can be made regarding Community Council support in Llangammarch it is necessary to determine how many households are affected. There is a precedent where Llanwrtyd Town Council helped facilitate the formation of the Abergwesyn Television Association for residents. It was agreed that the Cllr's Price and Wear would ask the members of the community if they can receive satellite television and/or Freeview broadcasts. The Chair is to investigate the cost of equipment,'*

The Chair provided an update, informing that the trees behind Tan-y-Deri are on private land and it would require the land owner to lop the trees to remove the problem.

It was agreed to roll this item to the next meeting so that Cllr's Price and Wear can provide an update regarding their findings. Cllr Birchall also agreed to carry out some investigation.

#### **2384. Action Log**

- Cllr Van Rees and Cllr Hill to meet to follow up with the water issue in Dan-yr-Eppynt
- Cllr Van Rees to further pursue Llangammarch traffic issue
- Ownership of the green in Tirabad - Cllr Van Rees informed that there was originally a licence from the Forestry Commission to three residents, however Cllr Hill thought that a £1 was exchanged for purchase. Cllr Van Rees will investigate further. Cllr Hill suggests speaking with Paul Nicholson.
- Cllr Van Rees and the Chair to obtain a quote from Countryside Services for the warning sign

*There were no further matters arising.*

#### **2385. Review of Standing Orders**

Cllr Hather to continue working on the draft and will try to circulate for the November meeting.

#### **2386. Review of Bench List**

Cllr Birchall has inspected the benches, all are in reasonable order but some require work. Cllr Birchall will write a report for the November meeting.

#### **2387. Grass Cutting – Riverside Gardens**

Clerk obtained several risk assessments from another Clerk with the intention of amending for LCC. The Clerk to request the 'Mowing RA' which is referenced in Activity Play Areas – General. Cllr Hather and the Clerk can then draw up a draft for consideration.

#### **2388. Defibrillator**

The Clerk received a response from David Ronnicle, who has put the request for a new defibrillator in Cefn Gorwydd on the agenda for the next meeting of the Friends of Builth Wells, which was on the 5<sup>th</sup> September. He asked if LCC would be able to help out with a financial donation, LCC agree in principle to contribute towards a new defibrillator but the Clerk is to enquire as to amount envisaged, also to ask what the process is to move this request forward.

David also informed that he would pass the issue of the water collecting in the Tirabad defibrillator case to Ciriad 'as they are meant to be weather proof'.

#### **2389. Dolwen Fields**

A letter has been received from Llanwrtyd Town Council informing of their proposal to 'provid[e] more facilities at the Dolwen Fields for all sections of the community, young and older members of the

community, people of varying abilities and those with sensory impairment', including the 'establishment of a car park to the rear of the Pavilion'. In order to support their application for Lottery Funding, Llanwrtyd Town Council will 'need a number of written letters of support from individuals and groups'.

LCC approved the sending a letter of support. The Chair will provide a draft for the Clerk to put into a letter and send to Llanwrtyd Town Council

### **2390. Community Delivery/Devolving Outdoor Recreation**

This matter is still outstanding. Cllr Van Rees and the Chair would look at the paperwork and draw up a set of instructions for a Solicitor, which LCC could then use to obtain quotes. The Chair will also discuss with OVW.

### **2391. Public Communication & Data Protection**

NALC have provided a document the 'Reform of Data Protection Legislation – General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Bill'. Clerk to look at NALC document and included links and bring together some main points for consideration by LCC, ready for action prior to May 2018.

The Chair will meet with Cllr Gareth Ratcliffe re. Facebook approach

### **2392. Sub-Committees**

As two members of the public are attending next meeting to put themselves forward for co-option , it was agreed to defer item until then.

### **2393. Funding Opportunities**

The WAG have written to inform of funding to support the initial setting up of joint clustering arrangements. The funding is minimal, being £20k in total for 2017/18 and 'capped at £5k as a one-off grant in order to be able to support a small number of clustering projects.' Any proposals to be submitted by 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

### **2394. Wellness Hub in Mid Wales**

The Chair has received an invitation to attend a meeting of the Llandrindod Wells Business Group hosted by Justine Baird Murray on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. The purpose of the meeting is to look at the promotion of the 'other Wells towns' in conjunction with the current Llandrindod Wellness scheme and the 'possibility of working together for mutual benefit based on the work the Llandrindod Wells Business Group have started'.

The Clerk to email Jude Bootle to say that we would like to be involved and the Chair is happy to attend but has prior commitments that day so may not be able to or will arrive late, in which case can an update be provided as well as it be noted that LCC would like to continue our involvement.

## ***PCC and Other Correspondence***

### **2394. Donation to Tenovus**

A letter was received from Tenovus thanking LCC for the recent donation.

### **2395. PCC Standards Community Sub-Committee**

A letter was received from PCC to inform of the successful candidates for the Standards Community Sub-Committee.

### **2396. Brecon Advice Centre – Reports and Accounts 2016/17**

Tabled for information.

### **2397. Invite to the Palace of Westminster**

A letter has been received from Chris Davies MP inviting members of LCC to attend a tour of the Palace of Westminster followed by a Q and A session with Chris. As the letter was received so shortly following the July meeting it was agreed to extend an invite to Chris Davies MP to the September meeting, where the invite to Westminster will be discussed.

The Clerk to respond to say extend an open invitation to LCC meetings whenever he is available to discuss matters of interest. Provide list of meetings and ask if any coincide with his surgeries.

*There was no further correspondence.*

## **Planning Applications:**

### **2398. P/2017/0823 (P/2016/0795) – Cefn Llan**

LCC provided comments to PCC regarding the 'Section 73 application for variation of planning condition no.2 attached to planning permission P/2008/0402 (outline for residential development) to extend the time limit for submission of reserved matters for a further 2 years' which was received for Cefn Llan.

### **2399. P/2017/0900 – Hermon Chapel, Tirabad**

No objections were raised.

*There were no further applications for consideration*

## **2400. Public conveniences, including reimbursement for expenses and future funding**

Cllr Birchall gave an update on the testing requirements:

- Fixed electrical testing – complete (certificate will be available soon)
- Legionella testing (not required as don't have hot water or a tank)

- Asbestos testing (no visible site of asbestos found)
- Fire risk assessments (electrical testing covers the only source of ignition)

Cllr Birchall reported that repair is required on the ladies outside door and frame, and all inside wood work requires painting. Cllr Birchall also added that the roof may pose a problem in the future but overhanging branches will need to be lopped off first. The clerk is to obtain three quotes, Cllr Birchall is to provide a description of requirements to be sent to the contractors. Also ask that they give an opinion of repairs to the roof. Give Cllr Birchall as contact for those quoting. Cllr Hather to provide details of available contractors as advertised in What's On.

Cllr Birchall's request for reimbursement £83.40, made up of £53.46 (July expenditure) and £29.94 (September expenditure) was approved. He also informed the meeting that the power supplier for the toilets would be changing from British Gas to Scottish Power in order to take advantage of a lower tariff.

## **Finance:**

### **2401. Authorised Signatories**

The Clerk has initiated the process to add the Vice-Chair to the list of authorised signatories for online banking. The Chair and Vice-Chair need to supply their signatures to a branch of Barclays Bank in order to be able to sign cheques.

### **2402. AON Insurance**

AON have informed that they will no longer be providing Local Councils insurance. Our policy has now transferred to BHIB Insurance Brokers, and they will provide a renewal quote three weeks prior to the end of our current contract. The letter from BHIB was also accompanied by a letter of support/recommendation from NALC.

### **2403. Business Credit Cards**

The Clerk provided details of business credit cards available via Barclays, however, as the Chair is ringing Barclays she is going to ask if a debit card can be had with the account, if not which credit card would suit.

### **2404. 2018/19 Budget**

The 2018/19 budget will be presented to LCC for consideration at the November 2017 meeting. The Cllr's were asked to raise any points with the Chair by the end of September to enable her to pull the draft together.

### **2405. Receipts and Payments Summary to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 \***

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

## **2406. Cheques for Signature/Payments for Approval**

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

Payment for £20.00 (Hall Hire – Tirabad Village Hall), payment for £305.77 (Payroll Services 2017/18 – PCC), payment for £83.49 (Toilet Reimbursement – Ron Birchall)

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

## **2407. Parking in Llangammarch**

Cllr Birchall updated on a parking issue in Llangammarch, whereby a resident is having notes put on her car asking her to move when parked on the road.

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.*

## **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Casual Vacancies  
Review of Standing Orders  
Budget 2018/19  
Public Communication & Data Protection  
Television Ariel in Llangammarch  
Cefn Llan  
Defibrillator Batteries  
Community Delivery  
Additional Authorised Signatories  
Sub-Committees

## **Date and Venue for next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30 pm, at the Alexandra Hall, Llangammarch Wells

Signed: ..... Date: .....