

**Minutes of the meeting of Llangyniew Community Council
held on Tuesday 18th December 2012
at Pontrobert Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Present.

Cllr M Watkins (Chairman), Cllr H Gwalchmai, Cllr H Davies, Cllr A Downes-Evans, Cllr G Watkins, Cllr D Lomas and Cllr B Thomas

Apologies.

Cllr D Evans

Declaration of Interest. (718)

Cllr H Davies Planning application P2012 1237 Change of use from public house to one residential unit at Tan House Inn Llangyniew Welshpool, Powys

Minutes. (719)

The minutes of the meeting of the 22nd November 2012 were proposed, seconded and approved unanimously.

Matters Arising. (720)

Concern expressed over the lack of bin provision at Groes Ddu barns and Greenhill and fly tipping reports within the community. Clerk to write to Keith Rowe Powys County Council to outline continued concerns over this. Email sent by Clerk 18/12/12 and 19/12/12 (original undeliverable) to chase a response from previous email dated 23rd November 2012.

Continued use of layby at Hafod Llwyd Cllr B Thomas met on site with A Jarvis (PCC Highways) he has agreed to check with land registry regarding land ownership. This has also been followed up with an email to check status and progress to date.

Cllr B Thomas reported to members that he met with Adrian Jarvis who has agreed to undertake works at Tanffridd Cottages to facilitate pedestrian safety. It is hoped that these works will be undertaken by the end of this financial year or early in 2013/14.

Japanese Knotweed - Clerk reported that [Powys CC Biodiversity](#) make reference to It is worth noting that Powys County Council control problem plants on land within their own" ownership or are responsible for managing, e.g. road verges, but the responsibility for control of invasive plants on private land, including along watercourses, lies with individual landowners. The Weeds Act 1959 and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) place legal requirements on individuals to ensure that certain problem plants are controlled to safeguard livestock and prevent further spread in the wild". Further information can also be downloaded from the [Environment Agency](#). Clerk has emailed Environment Agency to seek further guidance on this matter (18/12/12).

Trees in village green area need trimming. Clerk to request quotation for works from existing contractor with the view of undertaking works as soon as possible.

Correspondence. (721)

Received Via email- PAVO – Invitation to attend AGM on 4th December 2012 – forwarded by email to Cllr B Thomas and Cllr M Watkin 29/11/12. Noted no further action.

Received via email – One Voice Wales – *“Following today’s publication (19th November 2012) of the Commission on Devolution in Wales (“the Silk Commission”) report into financial powers to strengthen Wales, the Welsh Affairs Committee has announced it will take oral evidence from Paul Silk, Chair of the Commission, on Tuesday 18 December at 10.30am at the House of Commons. Tuesday 18 Dec, 10.30am – Paul Silk, Commission on Devolution in Wales”* Members noted this information.

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Powys County Council – LED Streetlight Replacement Scheme

(Also received via email correspondence from T Stretton – 4 Bro Feiniog, Pontrobert comments raised were noted). Clerk emailed Leigh Williams at PCC (18/12/12) advising that members have agreed to meet and walk around Pontrobert to identify any changes to the current provision. They will forward comments early in the New Year. Clerk forwarded email sent to Cllr B Thomas with Street Light Information to assist with identifying location and PCC reference obtained from PCC.

Powys County Council - Precept 2013/14. Clerk to view 2012/13 precept and increase for 2013/14 based on inflation increase, proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed. Clerk to confirm to Chair once this has been completed.

National Grid Mid Wales Connection Project – Connection project comment form and frequently asked questions – noted.

National Grid Mid Wales Connection Project – Connecting Wind Farms through Mid Wales & Shropshire copy of their publication “Project News” Correspondence noted by members link to website: <http://www.midwalesconnection.com/newsletters.aspx>

The Voice Autumn Issue of newsletter received. Noted by members a copy was retained in Village Hall for interested parties. <http://www.onevoicewales.org.uk/>

Email correspondence (29th November 2012) received from Debra Jarvis, Planning Liaison Officer expressing her thanks and informing Clerks that she is leaving her current post with Planning Services on 14th December 2012. Noted no further action.

One Voice Wales have forwarded via email a copy of the Keep Wales Tidy Annual Review. The link to this document follows [Keep Wales Tidy's Annual Review for 2011–12](#). They are celebrating their 40th birthday and their work remains focused on supporting local communities to take action to improve their local environments. Keep Wales Tidy are also able to advise, provide support to local communities facing anti-social issues such as littering, fly-tipping, dog fouling, graffiti and vandalism, the local staff from Keep Wales Tidy are available to promote and support a wide range of environmental action: from community food growing, to access and biodiversity improvements. Our local contact is Sarah Philpott.

One Voice Wales correspondence received (via email) on 14th December 2012, informing Community Councils that the Environment and Sustainable Development Minister for Wales launched a White Paper on 14th December 2012, on proposals for the Sustainable Development (SD) Bill. This Bill is a key part of the Welsh Government's legislative programme. The White Paper is available to download from the [Welsh Government website](#). This consultation period runs from 3 December 2012 to 4 March 2012. Clerk to forward email link on to members for their information.

Finance. (722)

Marie Curie Cancer Care request for financial assistance Link to their website - <http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/>
Members agreed to note contents and retain on file.

Planning. (723)

P2012 1237

Change of use from public house to one residential unit at Tan House Inn Llangyniew Welshpool, Powys

Cllr H Davies left the room for the duration of this discussion. The Chair closed the meeting at this point to permit members of the public to speak at 8.10 to seek their opinion on this proposal.

The meeting was reopened by the Chair at 8.35 and Members discussed this planning application in detail and agreed unanimously to object to the proposal for change of use of the public house. Members felt the proposal was against the County Unitary Development Plan POLICY CS2 – “protecting existing community facilities and services the loss of premises through alternative development proposals, or parts of premises, used for community purposes”

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Members were strongly in favour of retaining the public house within its current permitted use as a public house as it provides a facility where local groups meet,,e.g. the primary school has for many years used it for fundraising events. Concerns were noted not only over the loss of a community facility, the public house is viewed locally as a local asset for the public house has been there for generations and is a "social hub" by locals and the wider rural community. In addition Tan House was considered by members to be well located to service the needs of the tourism industry (it provides en-suite accommodation as a B&B) as it is conveniently situated within easy access of several established local caravan sites.

Members raised concern over whether the public house was situated within the flood plain and the clerk was asked to check with the local authority if the property was listed as members believed it may well be. It was also noted that a public house provides local part-time employment.

P2012 1329 Installation of a wind turbine on a 24.8m high monopole mast with overall blade tip height of 36m together with grid connection route Land north of Pant Mawr, Meifod Powys

Members noted, this was a consultation received as a neighbouring community council, this application was discussed in depth, members outlined their concerns over growing number of wind turbines in the immediate locality, likely impact on health, siting noise and visibility as concerns. Members voted (objection 6 abstained 1) to object to this application on the grounds as noted.

Another Other Business (724)

Correspondence from Mr Gittins of Sweet Meadow, re Ywen junction concerning the lack of "No through", Road Sign. Also to Pen-y-Boncyn (C2031) "No through" road sign have not been erected by Powys County Council. This resulted in additional traffic along the unclassified route. This issue has since been brought to the attention of PCC. Clerk awaiting response.

Cllr B Thomas expressed concern to other members present that the community council has been under severe criticism as the conditions of the highways within the community were in a very poor condition.

Clerk advised members that this months agenda could not be displayed in the noticeboard at Pontobert due to adverse conditions (noticeboard was completely frozen up), whilst the Clerk was trying to prise the noticeboard open, the Vice Chair met on site and took the decision to place the agenda in the village hall on this occasion.

A member of the council brought it to the attention of the members that he had been informed by a member of the public that a sign had been placed in an inappropriate position by it is believed another member of the community council. It was agreed that the member of the public would be approached to consider putting this in writing for consideration at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.15

These minutes are available in Welsh by request.

Date of Next Meeting is at 7.00pm on 15th January 2013 and will be held in Old School Llangyniew.

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Signed.....

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