

**Minutes of the meeting of Llangyniew Community Council  
held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013  
at Pontrobert Village Hall at 7.00pm**

**Present.** Cllr H Davies, Cllr B Thomas, Cllr H Gwalchmai, Cllr G Watkins, Cllr D Lomas, Cllr M Watkins (Chair)

**Apologies.** Cllr A. Downes-Evans & Cllr D Evans

**Declaration of Interest. (734)**

Cllr H Gwalchmai - Walk for Life – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
Cllr G Watkins – Urdd Gobaith Cymru

**Minutes. (735)**

The minutes of the meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012 were brought to the meeting and signed as correct. The minutes of the meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were proposed, seconded and approved unanimously.

**Matters Arising. (736)**

Following recent correspondence letters (dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013) received from Mr L Palmer; advice had been sought from One Voice Wales on the issues raised. It was decided that the Clerk was to respond on behalf of the Community Council to both letters as follows.

In response to points raised in Mr Palmer's correspondence of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2013:-

- 1 The Community Council Minutes have all been signed and are available for inspection by any member of the public on the evening of the Community Council meetings prior to the commencement of the meeting. Alternative provisions may be made via the Clerk and will be arranged for viewing at a mutually convenient time at the Council Offices, Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool, Powys. Interested parties must contact Clerk to arrange this facility in advance. Any member of the public can obtain a copy of Notices and Minutes. *Copies of the minutes can be made for members of the public and are available a cost of £6.00 for the first page and £0.50 for each page thereafter for each meeting's agenda and minutes. Electronic copies shall be available at a cost of £2.00 per copy of each meeting's agenda and minutes.*

Members have not at any time agreed to discontinue publishing the minutes of their monthly meetings. Minutes have been forwarded to webmaster though the Clerk acknowledges there have been some issues, the Chair was kept informed of these issues and the Clerk explained that there were some on-going technical issues concerning the quality of the scanned documents, which members were made aware of and Clerk doing the best to resolve these as soon as possible. The Clerk will arrange to resend all minutes to the webmaster for updating on to the website. Reassurance offered that every effort will be undertaken to prevent this reoccurring.

Clerk acknowledged that she is not an IT expert, and that the role of Clerk, has involved a steep learning curve and she is taking steps to explore suitable training courses to help her in her new duties. She confirmed that currently there is sufficient time allocated for the duties to be performed. Members agreed that in any new role it takes time for the person to become familiar and confident in all duties. IT support can be obtained from PCC IT department and the Clerk agreed to pursue this to help resolve on-going problems.

Members confirmed that as members of the community council they were all well known throughout the community and were visible to all, were happy to discuss matters with members of the public as required. Clerk agreed to amend the monthly Notices to ensure her details are noted on all future Notices for any member of the community to contact in advance of the monthly meetings.

- 2 The Notice for the Community Council Meeting in December 2012 was not able to be displayed in the Noticeboard as is usual practice, due to the adverse weather conditions experienced at the time. The Noticeboard was iced up due to the freezing temperatures and both the Clerk and Vice-Chair were unable to open the frozen lock. The decision was made on site by the Vice Chair and Clerk to display

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the notice in the Village Hall on this occasion. This was brought to the attention of members at December's meeting by the Clerk (and indeed minuted) and it was agreed by members present that appropriate steps had been taken. Cllr B Thomas confirmed that the Notice of December meeting was displayed in the Old School, Llangyniew.

- 3 In response to the concerns raised in correspondence, over the Pontrobert school website, members agreed it was not a matter for them to be discussing though they would offer support if required by Governing Body or Head teacher, Cllr D Evans, is the Community Council's appointed representative on the school's Governing Body. Cllr B Thomas is the appointed Local Education Authority nominated representative, Cllr Thomas was able to confirm that the matter had already been brought to the Head teacher and Chair of Governors for their attention. The Head teacher was able to confirm the school is currently in the process of developing a new website.
4. Clerk has been instructed to retrieve copies of correspondence from Mr Palmer for discussion at next month's meeting.

Correspondence from Mr Palmer dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013 which was read out to members by the Clerk. In response to the points raised:-

- 1 Cllr B Thomas confirmed that it had been discussed in the past by the council and all agreed that the display of minutes of the meetings on the webpage was for the duration of two months. It was suggested and the Clerk to investigate via the webmaster the cost of retaining minutes on the webpage this will be for discussion by members at March meeting.
- 2 Please refer to response given for correspondence received in January
- 3 Members discussed this and have instructed the Clerk to retrieve copies of Public Meeting minutes for past years (2009 to date). Members were mindful that for one year no member of the public attended. Clerk to advise findings at next meeting.

Members requested that the Clerk ensure a copy of both of Mr Palmers correspondences are to be filed with these minutes when they are approved.

An email had been sent to Dale Boyington regarding clarification of the ownership of the Layby near Hafodlwyd Llangyniew by Post box Road number B4389. An email response has been received, which confirms all land adjacent to the highway up to the hedgerow and in front of the old garage is part of the maintained highway. The Highways Act 1980 takes precedence over what has recently been registered with the Land Registry. PCC Legal department will be asked to write to the landowner requesting removal of the building material within 14 days. Members reported this issue has now been resolved.

Clerk advised members that Mrs R Bumford had been notified her quotation for works to trees has been agreed. Clerk confirmed works are proposed for this coming weekend (23th February 2013).

One Voice Wales - an invite to your Chairperson regarding the Buckingham Palace Garden Parties in 2013 Clerk advised members that Cllr M Watkins details had been forwarded and acknowledged by One Voice Wales.

Via One Voice Wales CyMAL in conjunction with the Heritage Lottery Fund will be holding two events at the end of this month to start a discussion with organisations in Wales on how to develop ideas, partnerships and events to mark this important historical period. Clerk reported that this was well supported with a third meeting planned for 15<sup>th</sup> February. Clerk has requested further information from CyMAL and will provide members an update at the next meeting in March." the feedback is not ready to be circulated just yet, but we hope to send it to you next week. In terms of grants, might I suggest that you speak to Stephen Barlow of the Heritage Lottery Fund"

New bins have been placed by Green Hill.

Henk Jan Kuipers Rural Housing Enabler - North Powys Rural housing and local development plan is available to come to our next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Clerk to confirm this with Henk.

### **Correspondence. (737)**

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Letter from Gavin Forshaw concerning, the website Minutes and Street Lighting. Contents noted and Cllr B Thomas will take this up with Powys County Council direct. Clerk to respond in connection to Minutes and the website.

One Voice Wales - A copy of Annexe 1 Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill a copy of Lyn Cadwallader's response to this bill on behalf of One Voice Wales – members noted.

Email received AMENDED Date for Montgomeryshire Community Health Council - Full Council for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013, at 2.30pm, in the Banw Room, Ladywell House, Newtown, SY16 1JB. Meeting originally scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> January cancelled due to adverse weather. Clerk to request copy of mins of this meeting with a note of the members thanks for all the good work this committee undertakes.

Powys County Council Glyndwr's Way National Trail, Changes to Public Rights of Way at Gwernfawr, Pontrobert, Community of Llangyniew, Powys (O.S. Grid Ref: SJ 0890 1340) Clerk to send a note of "No Objection" to this proposal.

Scottish Power Renewables – Dyfnant Forest Wind farm – Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 on the proposed application for a development consent order for Dyfnant Forest Wind farm - Members noted agreed to wait formal consultation documentation in due course.

National Grid – Mid wales Connection Project – Connecting wind farms through Mid Wales & Shropshire Members noted and asked that this be placed as an Agenda item for next meeting.

PAVO – meeting invitation to attend "One Powys yn Un" meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013 to discuss "*Community Engagement – Building Relationships with local people – Who's role is this?*" Members noted the contents. Mm

Welshpool Town Council – Offer of free Exhibition space at the Tourist Information Centre. Members noted the contents of letter.

Walk for Life – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013 – Supporting families across Wales affected by kidney disease and renal failure. Clerk to request pack and members proposed and unanimously approved to make a donation of £50.00 for this cause.

Play Wales Chwarae Cymru – Assessing Sufficiency

Mid Wales Tourism (MWT) and The National Trust have pleasure in inviting you to a major Wales Tourism Week event at Powis Castle on the outskirts of Welshpool on St David's Day? The event will begin at 10.30 am with an opportunity to network with tourism businesses and politicians, followed at 11.15 am by short presentations and the launch of the new [www.VisitMidWales.co.uk](http://www.VisitMidWales.co.uk) regional website. Members noted.

One Voice Wales – Budget & Police and Crime Plans consultation Dyfed Powys Police Force – copy of letter sent on behalf of councils via One Voice Wales for our information to the Police Commissioner raising concerns over the limited period of consultation response time. Noted by members.

One Voice Wales copy of a press article which appeared in the Cambrian news "Tax Hike to leave low paid in "desperate position"" for information. Clerk read out the contents of this press notice and members noted.

Correspondence via the Spinal Injuries Association – request to join in with a fish and chip supper on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May further information [www.siafishandchips.co.uk](http://www.siafishandchips.co.uk) Members noted this and the poster was left on display in the Village Hall.

The Big Lunch 2013 – fifth annual lunch takes place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June one day get together for neighbours and communities funded by the Big Lottery Fund more information for those who decide to get involved can be found on [www.thebiglunch.com](http://www.thebiglunch.com). Members noted this and the poster was left on display in the Village Hall.

### **Finance. (738)**

R. Bumford invoice for Grass Maintenance for St Cynwy's Well Llangyniew & Pontrobert Green from April – October 2012 £475.00 (Invoice 95 dated 02/02/2013 – Mrs Bumford sent an earlier invoice to previous Clerk which was Invoice 60 dated 12/11/12 now received by current Clerk)

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Urdd Gobaith Cymru Request for a donation towards Urdd National Eisteddfod 2013 Members discussed this and noted content.

**Planning. (739)**

**AMENDED PROPOSAL CONSULTATION** - P2012 1062 Full Planning Permission for “Extension to the existing egg production unit to include feed bins, engineering works, the creation of hard standing areas and associated landscaping” at Rhos Cynhinfa Pontrobert Meifod. Following a discussion on the revised proposals No comments were raised by members.

**Another Other Business (740)**

Members discussed the treatment of the Jubilee benches before siting. Cllr D Lomas agreed to investigate suitable treatment and report back.

A request has been received from the Chairperson of One Voice Wales to undertake joint local training sessions with neighbouring community councils. This was discussed and agreed to be a good idea and Cllr B Thomas will report back to One Voice Wales. Actual dates to be confirmed when agreement sought from other community councils.

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

These minutes are available in Welsh by request.

Date of Next Meeting is at 7.00pm on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and will be held in The Old School, Llangyniew

Lofnodi  
Signed.....

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Dated .....

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