

**Minutes of the meeting of Llangyniew Community Council  
held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
at Old School Llangyniew**

**Present:** Cllr B Thomas, Cllr H Davies, Cllr A Downes-Evans, Cllr M Watkins, Cllr H Gwalchmai, Cllr G Watkins,

**Apologies:** Cllr D Evans

**Declaration of Interest. (762)**

None

**Minutes. (763)**

The minutes of the meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were proposed, seconded and approved unanimously.

**Matters Arising. (764)**

Highways issues within the community - Adrian Jervis from Powys County Council Highways Department attended this evenings meeting, several highways concerns were discussed within the locality. Members thanked Adrian for coming along and were keen to

Pant y Commins – Garth Fawr drain lid has become dislodged, this will be replaced and the manhole has been identified as needing repair. Confirmation email received from Powys County Council works will be undertaken. A member of the community council was asked to check this had been completed.

Tan y Ffridd cottages the pedestrian access along the front of the properties, the work to start this month.

The blocked drain at Bull lane has been cleared.

Pot holes within the community reported to PCC Highways and on the B4389 have been filled. .

Stone close to the red marker on the road leading up from the school in Pontrobert. Site inspection due to take place Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

The siting of the jubilee benches, confirmation the benches have been treated with a second coat. Cllr B Thomas confirmed that there is a parochial church meeting at the end of this month and the siting of the benches is on the agenda, he will report back to members at September meeting of the community council. Cllr H Davies also confirmed that she has spoken to church members who welcomed the suggestion of siting the bench within the church grounds. Members agreed that the benches will need to be bolted down in their final location.

Tree has become lodged in the bridge in Pontrobert. Email confirming works had been completed received from Natural Resources Wales on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 to Clerk. This was confirmed by members.

Clerk to check payments for both Chapels as members have reported that they have been contacted concerning payments. Clerk confirmed all outstanding cheques had been sent.

**Correspondence. (765)**

Powys County Council (Diversion of part of Restricted Byway 36A in the Community of Llangyniew) Public Path Diversion Order 2013. Clerk to send an email to Powys County Council to confirm no objections to this. Email sent 17/07/13

One Voice Wales has forwarded information about the availability of grants for town and community councils to set up their own website. One Voice Wales have teamed up with a supplier to help

facilitate this. Members agreed for an update to be provided for this meeting. In connection with this matter the clerk is in receipt of a letter (dated 5<sup>th</sup> July) from Powys County Council concerning the "Town and Community Council Websites" the letter outlined the aims of the Welsh Government regarding the need for Town and Community Councils to establish a website by May 2015. The Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill – recently passed by Welsh Government requires by May 2015 *"for contact and member details and records of their proceedings by means of the internet. In addition the clerk, as a minimum, should be contactable by email"* members noted the content and confirmed that currently the Community Council's monthly Agenda and Minutes of the meetings are made available via the Pontrobert Village Hall Association website. Details of members has been included (16/07/13) via a link to the Powys County Council. Clerk also confirmed that concern about ongoing associated costs has been raised by Powys County Council to the Welsh Assembly, this has been ongoing some time hence the short timescale to ensure funds can be made in the next precept payment should the council decide to proceed. Members agreed to apply for the grant of £500. Clerk also advised members that following conversations with One Voice Wales and Powys County Council that the community council already almost complies with the Government's requirements. The Community Council webpage is hosted by Pontrobert Recreation Association *"which is fine provided you have some agreement recorded"*. Cllrs recalled that when the Pontrobert Hall Association first set up their website they asked all other local community groups if they would like to be included.

One Voice Wales acknowledgement of receipt of membership fees for 2013-14. Nomination of Councillors representing Llangyniew were confirmed as Cllr B Thomas (voting rights) and Councillor D Lomas to attend the quarterly Area Committee meetings, proforma confirming this completed and returned to One Voice Wales. Also Invitation to One Voice Wales 2013 Conference and AGM – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at The Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells. Cllr B Thomas agreed to attend this event for the Annual General Meeting only which commences at 2.15. Clerk has sent off the registration form and confirmed Cllr B Thomas will attend AGM only via email to One Voice Wales.

Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum – Agenda for next meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013. The Clerk confirmed that membership of this forum is free and Llangyniew community council members are welcome to attend. A member of the community council agreed to attend and the agenda was given

European and External Funding PCC - expanding communications of the funding opportunities. Although the bulletin contains grant schemes aimed at local authority staff, there are other opportunities listed which may be relevant. Members noted and more information can be found by following the link [www.powys.gov.uk/funding](http://www.powys.gov.uk/funding)

Montgomeryshire Community Health Council (CHC), held their meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 Minutes are available in due course. Members confirmed that future meeting dates are available to all and are on display in Pontrobert Village Hall Meifod.

Request from Russell George for details of events (summer shows, carnivals etc) and details of the Chair of the Community Council. Clerk to provide address of Chair.

Clerk is in receipt of the July/August issue of the External Funding Newsletter produced by Natural Resources Wales. Members noted

Funds 4 U! Newsletter, the quarterly newsletter produced by Powys County Council's European and External Funding Unit Members noted and agreed to display.

The Sustainable Development Bill White paper consultation period ended in March. The substantive responses have now been published in full on the Welsh Government website the summary report (completed in May) has also been completed and both are available to download at <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/sustainabledevelopment/sdwhitepaper>

Mid Wales Welsh for Adults looking for new ways to share information about Welsh Courses in the local communities in North Powys. Noted by members

An invitation from the Welsh Language Communities Alliance for the community council to become a member. The aims of the group are to discuss, share ideas and good practice regarding the Welsh

language in the local community. The Alliance believes that communities need to be empowered economically and culturally, so that the language can live in places where it is strong or develop in places where the language is growing. Welcome to attend their next meeting in Denbigh during the National Eisteddfod week August 3-11. For more information please visit website <http://cymunedau.org> alternatively contact Menna Machreth, the co-ordinator of the Welsh Language Communities Alliance: [menna@cymunedau.org](mailto:menna@cymunedau.org) / 07973 820580. Members noted

The Welsh Affairs Committee held the final evidence session for its inquiry into the Work Programme in Wales on **Wednesday 3 July 2013**. The Government introduced the Work Programme to help long-term unemployed people find work and come off unemployment benefits. It replaced a number of existing programmes, including the remaining New Deals; the Flexible New Deal; and Pathways to Work, the previous scheme for incapacity benefits claimants. Noted by members

The Welsh Affairs Committee held a one-off session on Police and Crime Commissioners in Wales on **Thursday 11 July 2013** In England and Wales' first Police and Crime Commissioners were elected in 2012. The core functions of Police and Crime Commissioners are to secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective police force within their area, and to hold the Chief Constable to account for the delivery of the police and crime plan. In Wales this includes, responsibility for the appointment, suspension and dismissal of the Chief Constable. Eight months on from their election, the Welsh Affairs Committee is holding an evidence session with all four Police and Crime Commissioners in Wales to explore how the role and its statutory requirements are working in practice. Noted by members.

Welsh National Memorial – Flanders request for a donation to create a Welsh National Memorial on the Pilkem Ridge near Langemark, West Flanders Belgium in remembrance of the people of Wales who gave their lives there during the first world war. Noted by members

Via One Voice Wales – correspondence concerning the appointment of the Chair & Non Executive Members – Wales Audit Office deadline 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Applications are welcome for the Appointment of Members to the Wales Programme Monitoring Committee. The closing date for receipt of applications is 25 July 2013. Also applications are sought from interested parties for the Appointment of Members to the Advisory Panel to Welsh Ministers about Public Policy Institute. The closing date for receipt of applications is 2 August 2013, details have also been received Appointment of Chair of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. The closing date for receipt of applications is 29 July 2013. Noted by members.

One Voiced Wales – The Voice Summer 2013 publication noted by members

SLCC – Regional Conference for Wales for Clerks in the Venue Llandudno Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Noted no further action

Annual Report 2012/13 has been received from the Ombudsman noted given to member of the community council to display at Pontrobert Village Hall.

One Voice Wales – Training Module 4 Understanding the Law – Mold Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Module 8 Introduction to Community Engagement - Barmouth 18<sup>th</sup> July (also held in Builth Wells on 10<sup>th</sup> July), Module 6, Local Government Finance - Mold 10/07/13 Noted by members.

## **Finance. (766)**

The following invoices and payments were presented to the meeting.

Clerk has received confirmation of the cost of placing the advert in this weeks (18<sup>th</sup> July 2013) County Times which will be £184.27+vat Clerk to confirm dates and cost for putting in the advert for two weeks.

Clerks salary                      August 2012- March 2013

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It was proposed, seconded and approved unanimously, that the payments and invoices be honoured.

**Planning. (767)**

P2013/0345 - Erection of 3 no. 5KW wind turbines (17.9m mast, 20.7m tip height, 5.6m blade diameter) siting of a control cabinet and associated cable runs Grid Ref T1 314189/305688, T2314252/305665, T3 314295/305665 at PT OS 2561 and 2269 land near Upper Cilhaul, Cyfronydd, Welshpool – Informing neighbouring community council additional information has been received and available to view on the Powys County Council website. Members agreed to object to this proposal.

P/2013/0630 – Section 73 variation of condition 1 and 2 of planning approval P/2012/1235 to extend the time limit for commencement of works and amend design at Plot adj. The Woodlands pt O.S. Pontrobert Meifod Powys. Following discussion members agreed to

**Another Other Business (768)**

Members discussed the advertisement for the role of Clerk to Community Council and agreed the following:-

Advert to be placed in the County Times and Express newspaper, Llangyniew Community Council webpage (via Pontrobert Recreation) and “My Welshpool” for a period of two weeks starting 29<sup>th</sup> August and 5<sup>th</sup> September. Closing date of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, shortlisting will take place at community council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 in the Village Hall Pontrobert. Interviews planned to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> September in Pontrobert Village Hall– subject to availability clerk to check.

Cllr requested the display of a “No Tipping” sign along Bull Lane as soil and garden waste has been dumped there recently.

The saltbox above Dolfeiniog has been damaged recently needs replacing.

Members were reminded there will not be a scheduled meeting of the community council during the month of August, unless there is a planning application received.

Clerk has prepared a list of dates for the forthcoming meetings for the next two years 2013 and 2014. Confirmation of actual bookings of the rooms was obtained.

The meeting ended at 10.10 pm

These minutes are available in Welsh by request.

Date of Next Meeting is at 7.00pm on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and will be held in the Pontrobert Village Hall.

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