

**Minutes of the Meeting
of LLANGAMMARCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Held at 7.30PM ON Wednesday 1st November 2023
at the Alexandra Hall with remote access through Zoom Pro**

Zoom access was opened at 7.25pm

Present: Cllr Kay Coldrick (Chair), Cllr Jon Hather, Cllr Woods, Cllr Nicola Jones, Cllr Mairwen Price, Cllr Kees Vugts, Cllr Butterfield-Else, Cllr Shaun Hughes.

In Attendance

Sue Lilly (Clerk)

2997. Apologies

Cllr Peter James

MBE

2998 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Jones declared an Interest in item 3006 b)

Cllr Hather declared an interest in item 3003

2999 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th September 2023

The Minutes were agreed as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Hather and Seconded by Cllr Vugts. They were signed off by Cllr Coldrick.

3000 Matters Arising

- A letter of thanks was received from The Alexandra Hall Committee for the grant.
- There has been no progress on the play area for Tirabad, so other options are needed.

3001 Riverside Gardens

- The Clerk reminded the council that a tree survey is overdue (every 3 years), and will need doing after the tree removal is complete.
- The tree removal will begin after the leaves have fallen, weather permitting.
- The Clerk requested permission to put together a grant package for the whole ward under Local Places for Nature. This was unanimously agreed. **ACTION CLERK**
- The council gratefully accepted a donation from the Bowling Group towards the two new planters already in place - £100.
- News from Land Registry is that all papers have been received but it will take some time.
- The insurance company have agreed the formation of a group to look after the gardens, with some requirements for anyone to be covered by the council's insurance. The Clerk has prepared a form for those interested that can be completed and held by the council. Cllrs Price and Jones have copies.

3002 Chairman's update on her role with Powys CC

The chair explained her new role and the important of the Code of Conduct and the process when it is broken. The Clerk was asked to send the copy of the pdf handout we have. **ACTION CLERK.**

3003 Correspondence and Updates

- Request from Welsh Ambulance for a donation. It was unanimously agreed to send £100, as we do annually. **ACTION CLERK**
- The issue of the ford at Glan Yr Afon needs to be revisited with PCC Highways. Attempts to cross the ford are still happening. Better noticing and a depth gauge is still **needed ACTION CLERK.**
- The topic of the likely closure Irfon Valley School is in the papers. There was a discussion over the issue, with realism and a lot of sadness that there was little that could be done. The Council agreed to watch and await the outcome of the consultation period and to encourage local residents that are minded to respond to the consultation so that is informed by local views. Consideration was given to the two primary schools in the area and the Council's recognition of the importance of retaining the option for children to access local education provision where possible. Individuals were encouraged to complete the Powys feedback form with their thoughts.
- A letter was read out from a young resident in Llangammarch asking for a donation towards a school educational and sports in 2025. It was proposed by Cllr Hather and seconded by Cllr Woods that the council

would give a donation of £100. This was agreed. The young resident will be expected to share a report on her return. **ACTION CLERK**

- Notification of the 80th anniversary of D-Day in on 6/6/2024
- A request to replace the damaged bench in Cefn Gorwydd, with a new one in memory of a resident was unanimously agreed. **ACTION CLERK**
- Training days for a few councillors were agreed. Some days required agreement as they have bursaries. **ACTION CLERK**

Zoom Access was closed at 8.20pm

3004 Planning Matters

- Retrospective Section 9 on the Cefn Llan Build has not yet been passed
- Retrospective on 3 garages at Llwyngwesion in Cefn Gorwydd - not passed
- Retrospective on the C1 to C2 application for The Cammarch – not passed
- Noticeboard pavement licence was applied for 19/7/2023 and is shown as pending. It was unanimously agreed that on completion an identical noticeboard (as in Tirabad and Cefn Gorwydd) be purchased from Greenbarnes. This one will have a lock so that the board can be council-only. This will leave the large board free for local use. **ACTION CLERK**

3005 Public Conveniences and Play Area

- Cllr Butterfield-Elsey has been shown how to deal with the electricity supply and water in the toilets should there be a cold weather warning. It was agreed in September that the toilets would stay open, unless we have to close them to stop water freezing problems.
- The RoSPA Report was clear – all in the ‘green’
- The bin in the play area needs reviewing. **ACTION CLERK**

3006 Finance

- Receipts and Payments as at 31/10/23 Were agreed. Proposed by Cllr Hather and Seconded by Cllr Price. They were then signed off by the Chair.
- Payments for Approval
 - Grant request for the ‘Seniors’ lunch 16/12/2023- £100 from the Carnival Committee. This was agreed, proposed by Cllr Hather and seconded by Cllr Butterfield-Elsey.
 - Remuneration for S Lilly for the Society of Council Clerks annual fee (£156) and for Cllr Price for Planting items and 10 road poppies (£148.93) and the pay-rise for the Clerk in line with the national one - £1 and hour across the board – These were all agreed unanimously and proposed by Cllr Vugts and seconded by Cllr Jones. **ACTION CLERK**
- The Clerk handed out a copy of the letter from IRPW and a form to agree either not to have the allowance or agreeing to the allowance as it is now not liable for PAYE. It was unanimously agreed that those councillors wanting the allowance can be paid by BACS immediately their form has been received.
- Awaiting HMRC’s refund
- This was looked at carefully (budget check 1) and it was agreed that the Finance Committee should meet before the next council meeting on the 10th January 2024 to pore over the details and report. **ACTION CLERK**
- The change appears to be moving forward into a new account type, with no change in bank details or signatories required.

3007 Other business for the next meeting, matters for PCC referral

- Query on whether the 20mph will be reviewed (buffer zones) – **Clerk to investigate**

Next meeting: Wednesday 10th January in the upper room in Alexandra Hall at 7.30pm.

The Chair thanked everyone, wishing them a Merry Christmas! The meeting was closed at 9.25pm