

Cyngor Cymuned Llywel Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday,
18th November 2021
at 7.30.

1. Members Present :

Bernard Attkins (chairman), Lynn White , Gareth Davies (vice chairman), Cllr Edwin Roderick, Mrs J Davies (clerk)

2. Apologies:

Sheila Davies, Janice Williams, Dave Howells, Wynne Pugh.

3. Approval of minutes: The minutes for the 21st October 2021 meeting were accepted as a true record of the business of the meeting and were therefore signed by the vice chairman. Proposed by Lynn White and seconded by Gareth Davies.

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

a . Reply from Fay and James Evans with regards to bus (1.11.21):

Dear Jo,

I hope you are all well.

Thank you for getting in touch.

Fay is keen to meet yourself and other representatives of Llywel Community Council with regard to the lack of any bus service for the residents of Trecastle.

Would it be convenient for yourself and a few other local residents to meet Fay at our office in Lion Yard Brecon at 10:00 am on Friday 10th December 2021.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,

Dilys

Dear Jo,

Thank you for contacting me on this issue. I am concerned over the lack of rural bus services and the isolation this is creating for communities. Many services were reduced during Covid

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Cllr Bernard Attkins

Chairman

and are yet to be re-instated to back to pre-Covid timetables. I have raised this with the Minister, Lee Waters MS on several occasions, asking for more investment to be given in our rural bus services. The Welsh Labour Government talk of the need of reducing car traffic, introducing policies such as their stop on any road improvement schemes in order to address climate change concerns. Yet there is no alternative given to Powys residents to travel by other means. They tell residents to use public transport but to the vast majority in Brecon & Radnorshire this would mean buses. Yet our bus timetables are either non-existent or woeful at best and in need of major investment.

I will raise the specific case of Trecastle with the Minister and find out what plans (if any) they have for this route. I would urge the Council to contact the Welsh Government and voice your concerns directly either to the First Minister (correspondence.mark.drakeford@wales.gov) or to the Deputy Minister, Lee Waters MS (correspondence.lee.waters@gov.wales)

I am happy to meet with the Community Council to discuss this in person if you think that would be helpful.

James Evans

Carmarthenshire County Council - I'm afraid that you have been misinformed, the electric buses you refer to are for the Carmarthen to Aberystwyth service, not Carmarthen to Abergavenny.

The buses are actually being funded by Welsh Government for the above TrawsCymru T1 service, however they have asked us to carry out the procurement exercise on their behalf.

Clerk to ask if James Evans can be present at the meeting with Fay Jones. Community Councillors asked a letter to be sent to the First Minister and express the Community Council's concerns. Lynn and Edwin to go meeting with Fay Jones and residents who use the bus service.

b. Jacksons fencing panels quote for the playing field - £6325 including VAT. (2.11.21) Info South Wales fencing Ltd – quoted £8875.55. and £950 for a gate. (Quotes for 61 meters bow top fencing)

- c. Wood u believe it - Playground equipment - £8274 including VAT (1.11.21) All present agreed purchase and suggested Clerk look into additional funding from BBNP – and ask for a canopy on the part of the climbing equipment and a quote for a multi trail section, as Lynn White had discussed with the company on their site visit.
- d. Ford - Cllr Edwin Roderick - have been to see the ford at Llywel and taken photos and have spoken with rights of way and Lyn Parry who has been involved with this issue before and we are looking at what can be done, will keep you in the loop. Spoke to rights of way and looking at the next steps.
- e. Benches – Lynn White to speak to Steve to arrange how to fix them and if concrete bases needed. Clerk and Lynn to meet up on Sunday to look at site.
- f. Speed cameras- Lynn White noted solar panel ones would help with the speed in the village. Would need to check with the trunk road agency. Look at the ones with numbers flashing that change colour.

5. Planning :

a. Planning permitted – Biomass including new building with flue, Bailea, Llywel (28.10.21)

6. Rospa inspection: report had been shared with Community Councillors, all agreed the fence by the new little hedge needed pulling out, protectors needed for the bottoms of the swing nest and moles hills. Lynn White offered to contact Wyn regarding these.

7. Precept: Clerk showed the Community Councillors a break down of the costs for the year, with the current account at..... Gareth Davies proposed we ask for the same as the previous year, £10,000 this was seconded by Lynn White.

All present agreed .

8. Trecastle Hall: Gareth Davies proposed to continue with our donation to the village hall as all entities had suffered during the last year, he proposed it to be raised to £1500. Lynn White seconded the proposal and all present agreed.

9. Highways:

Cllr Edwin Roderick noted that the road by Ynsyfawr had been done (patched), he said he would chase up a jet to clear an under the road pipe. With regards to the road by Gelligam he noted he had spoken to David Lewis (inspector) who was aware of the road and would take another look. Gareth Davies noted that the tarmac was getting worse and the keeps dropping. A patch by Sychnant – where the pipes go under the road asked to be brought to the Councils attention. Cllr Edwin Roderick noted he had also mentioned roads to Rhiwburgoch and up to Tainewydd, Lynn noted the road to Rhiwburgoch had been done.

10. Cooption of Traianmawr Ward –none

11. Western Power : proposed Sub station in the Trecastle Hall ground, 4m by 4m. The chair noted that Powys own the ground and this would need to be sent to Powys.

Lynn White noted that the hall committee were looking into rebuilding on the slab where the proposed site was.

12. Correspondence –

- a. letter from Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner, Dafydd Llywelyn, regarding his ongoing public consultation on policing priorities and the Police Precept level. (26.10.21)
- b. Beacons – npa (26.10.21) - I'd be very grateful for your help with letting people know about this opportunity for community buildings in the Brecon Beacons National Park.
- c. Wales Air Ambulance – appeal for help (3.11.21)
- d. NHS Wales - apply for a defibrillator grant – clerk to look into (3.11.21)
- e. The National Park Authority and Severn Wye Energy Agency are working together to offer an information packed online workshop open to all groups managing community buildings - **6pm on Monday 6th December**. This will cover everything relating to energy efficiency:
 - where and how to start
 - the importance of having accurate energy data
 - simple improvements to consider & trigger points for larger retrofits
 - case studies to inspire action

Following this, we'll be looking for **5 community buildings in the National Park** to take part in a pilot programme. Buildings will be visited and surveyed by Severn Wye, who will then provide tailored next steps recommendations – starting with no-cost and low-cost options. Groups who have taken action previously have reported significantly reduced energy bills.

Building managers will then be ready to apply to the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund for a grant to make a start! Grants of up to £5,000 are available (for up to 50% of total costs). Although match funding is needed, volunteer time can be counted towards this.

We'd love to hear from anyone interested - Email: sdf@beacons-npa.gov.uk – **a flyer is attached.**

If your Community/Town Council would like to hear more about the Sustainable Development Fund in general, I'd be delighted to come to one of your meetings. Let me know if you think that would be useful – we want communities to know that the Fund is here to help improve quality of life, protect and enhance the local environment, help people to live healthy and fulfilled lives.

- f. PAVO – (29.10.21) - Play Sufficiency Assessment . Every three years Welsh Government asks for an assessment of the opportunities in each Local Authority.

- g. Powys play care – (4.11.21) - Powys has recently been awarded funding by Welsh Government through the ‘All Wales Play Opportunities Grant’ to support children, young people and family play.

The aim of the Play works Funding is to provide better play opportunities for children and communities and to realise the benefits this brings in terms of child development and activity levels. Applications accepted for up to a maximum of £15,000.

Repairs or replenishment of equipment in play areas – this doesn’t necessarily have to be fixed play equipment, it can be new accessible benches, etc;

Lighting at play spaces eg: skateparks;

The purchase of security equipment;

The purchase of equipment, such as gazebos or roofed structures, which will enable open access play work to continue in bad weather;

portable equipment to enable peripatetic play;

The purchase of equipment to facilitate street play;

The bulk purchase of uniforms for play staff - the demand for changeable uniforms has increased as a result of the coronavirus prevention measures;

The purchase of equipment to create natural looking footpaths and nature trails which incorporate children’s play;

Play pods for schools to encourage community based play and enhance breaktime play.

Powys would like to offer services, partners, and organisations the chance to bid for funding to help enhance, develop, and provide sustainable play opportunities throughout the county. The funding available is for **Capital** items/resources/equipment that will benefit and positively impact children, young people, families, and communities in Powys.

- h. **BBNP (4.11.21) - Brecon Beacons National Park 2022-2027**

We are writing to you to seek your views on Future Beacons: The Management Plan for the Brecon Beacons National Park 2022-2027.

The documents are available on our website here: <https://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/the-authority/who-we-are/npmp/management-plan-review/>

The Authority has developed a new Management Plan which is referred to as Future Beacons. This plan sets out a series of objectives and policies to guide the implementation of National Park’s purposes and duty. This is to ensure that the landscape, people and natural and cultural heritage of the park are secured of a prosperous future.

The Management Plan is most importantly a plan for the area of the National Park. That is why it is so important that we make sure everyone in the Park has an opportunity to collaborate with us on writing a shared plan for the future.

We have worked with key stakeholders to define critical issues for the future of the National Park and used these to define what we as an Authority think this means for the Park.

The documents are available for public consultation for a period of **16 weeks** from **Thursday 4th November 2021** until **Thursday 24th February 2022**.

Cllr Edwin Roderick suggested this to be shared with the YFC, all members agreed to set up a meeting with some of the older member of the YFC . Clerk to liaise with Shelly Davies, Club Leader.

- i. Dolau Primary School seeking support to fight the proposal of closure (7.11.21)
- j. Powys public service board agenda (8.11.21)

13. Any other Business:

- a. Clerk noted she had emailed Woodland Davies and not received an update as they were isolating due to COVID. Members present asked the clerk to go in and meet with Angharad to get things sorted.
- b. Lynn White asked with regards to a Christmas Tree, Gareth Davie said he would sort.

14. Next meeting: The meeting ended at 8.55pm. The next meeting Thursday 27th January 2021.