

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING 14th September 23 – HELD AT LLANBADARN FAWR & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE at 7.00pm.

0623/01	Present: M Phillips, J Le Mesurier, P Knill, James Griffiths, M Lawrence. Cllr G Morgan,
0623/02	Declarations of Interest: None
<p>The Council Meeting was postponed to be opened after an informal discussion about Community Policing with PCSO 8088 Liz Lewis and PCSO 8073 Gareth Morris which began at 7.05pm when Liz and XX were welcomed by the Chairman who thanked them for taking the time to attend.</p> <p>The PCSO's gave a general overview of their work. They highlighted some of the common crimes which not only included minor anti-social behavioural activity, drug related crime but the very persistent criminality of on line and telephone fraud – with attempted perpetration of this likely to affect most people. Information packs were circulated with more detailed information about Phone Scams, Romance Fraud and General Home Safety Advice including: Securing Back gardens to prevent easy access by criminals; Installing CCTV and digital doorbells – information from these can be used by the police not only as direct evidence but to build a picture of spates of local crime that can provide a body of evidence for conviction. Keeping exits and entrances to property visible discourages burglars who do not wish to risk being seen entering/exiting your property. Security mark property. Check if valuables are on show. Avoid leaving tools or heavy objects outside your property – they can be used to smash entry and wheelie bins outside your fence can provide a 'step' for burglars to get over it.</p> <p>Other advice included: Taking photos of your valuables; keeping a record of valuables – serial numbers, receipts; register them with a secure site</p> <p>Be cautious of Unexpected Visitors. Lock back doors and windows; Use a door spyhole and chain and ask the visitor who they are through the door; Ask for and check identity – even with a pre-arranged visit; Call the company yourself (not on a number they provide) to check identity; Ask them to leave and return another time when you can arrange for someone to be with you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you think you have a bogus caller at your door call 999. • You can report non-emergency crime at Bit.ly/DPP101Online • If Issues take place during the night – ring 999 • Ring 101 – to report non urgent crime or suspicious activity you can ask to speak to your local PCSO if you would like to. <p>Other general advice included regularly change passwords. Do not click on links in emails.</p> <p>Councillors thanked the PCSO's who left the meeting at 8.35</p> <p>The Chairman opened the Council meeting at 8.40</p>	
0623/03	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meetings: The minutes of the Planning Meetings held on 10th August 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record. (JLM/PK).</p>
0623/04	Matters arising: from minutes of the previous meeting. None
0623/05	<p>Village and Community Issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planter boxes update – Midway Nursery had been asked to refresh the planter boxes with winter planting. - Cllr GM gave a short update of PCC News. A new Chief Executive was due to be appointed for PCC. He had attended an information event about National Assembly consideration of new Wales National Park Areas and a potential Geopark in Mid Powys. He had spoken with PCC Officers about footpath improvements towards the garden

	<p>centre but no progress yet to report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bute Energy had contacted him to ask if Llanbadarn Fawr CC would like to meet with them to discuss Community Benefits. MP reminded members that Community Councils had agreed to seek joint meetings with Bute Energy – Clerk and Chairman to check the minutes of the March Joint Community Council meeting and follow up accordingly. Members noted disappointment that Bute Energy had not contacted the CC directly. - There was a general discussion about the Community Centre GM advised that there appeared to be few/no people from Crossgates or Llanbadarn Fawr on the management Group and he had been advised that high water meter readings suggested a waler leak which might cause the closure of the Centre. - Hedges and grass verges in Crossgates – PCC had undertaken some hedge cutting and verge cutting. The hedge at turning into Oakland may need further attention. - Remembrance Sunday – Clerk to arrange purchase of Wreath from RBL. Clerk and Chairman to follow up agreement with Church to site RBL Tommy and Women in War figures in Churchyard and purchase items if site agreed (ref 2023/24 projects budget £350). 								
0623/06	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) A bank reconciliation showed the following balances in hand which were noted and, with bank statements, agreed (PK/):</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 10,695.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 13,616.63</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Invoices for payment to approve:</u></p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Clerk – Q 2 Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 648.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Starboard Systems Scribe Accounts</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 273.60</td> </tr> </table> <p>Training – a summary of key issues in respect of Freedom of Information was discussed and noted.</p>	Current Account	£ 10,695.38	Savings Account	£ 13,616.63	Clerk – Q 2 Salary	£ 648.96	Starboard Systems Scribe Accounts	£ 273.60
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0623/07	Planning Applications: None								
0623/08	<p>Correspondence: A summary document was circulated and noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Ombudsman Consultation on ‘Our Equality Plan 2023-2026’ • Wye Valley AONB Partnership - consultations on two new position statements • Green GEN Cymru - Consultation: new substation and overhead line in Powys and Shropshire • Consultation: Audit Wales Fee Scales • One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) event – Wednesday 8 November 2023 								
0623/09	Member discussions and items on the Agenda to be raised at the next meeting: none								
0623/10	Exclusion of public and press due to the confidential nature of the following business items: None								
0623/11	September Ordinary Meeting to be held on 2 nd November 2023								
	Meeting Closed 8. pm								
SIGNED									
	DATE								