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WHAT'S ON . . . DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7 April : Refuge Respite Day, 10am—4pm, village hall, see page 9

8 April : church lychgate path closed for repair for approximately 2 weeks.

11 April : end of school spring term

14 April : 3pm, Musical Tea at The Muse, Brecon, see page 38.

18 April : Annual Three Villages Garden Quiz, 7.30pm, village hall.

27 April : Live music at The Red, see page 33

28 April : start of school summer term

3—6 May : Crickhowell Music Festival 2019, see page 20

11 May : Cwmdru Concert, see page 34

18 May : 10am, village hall, WI fund raising coffee morning

20 May : 7.30pm, village hall, Village Hall Committee AGM, see page 32

27 May—31 May : school half term holiday

19 July : end of school summer term



(Please note that school holiday information is sourced from published Powys data, but please check with your school before booking a holiday)

Articles on local events, seasonal recipe ideas, other items of interest, adverts & dates for your diary— please contact the Editor, Helen Phillips, at Belmont Cottage, James Street, Llangynidr, Powys, NP8 1NN.
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'Get togethers' at Llangynidr URC vestry on the first Thursday of every month, between 10am and noon. All welcome, irrespective of age, religion or gender. Come with your neighbours, especially if you do not yet know them.



We look forward to meeting you. For further details, please contact Margery Davies on 01874 730469

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides meet weekly at Llangynidr School. For more information contact Debbie on 01874 731022.

Cubs meet in the Village Hall every Friday during term time, 6pm—7.30pm. More info from Mark Critchley, 676399, or Facebook at www.facebook.com/1stLlangynidrScoutGroup.

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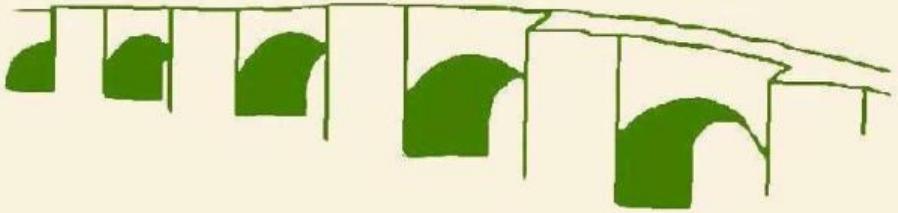
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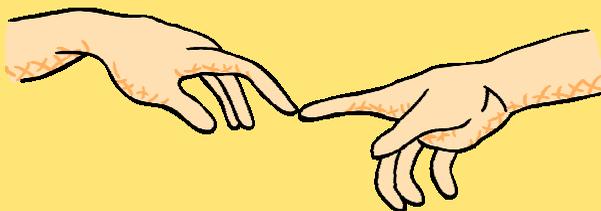
*December 16th Christmas Market

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LLANGYNIDR'S FREE NEWSLETTER

'Contact' is developing its own Facebook page—ideal for details of community events and news, lost and found, etc.

There is already a Facebook page for selling your items—**'Llangynidr and Bwlch For Sale and Free'**

and a website for general information about Llangynidr and digital versions of 'Contact' - www.llangynidr.online.

Do join in—search for **'Llangynidr Contact'**.



HAY, BRECON & TALGARTH SANCTUARY FOR REFUGEES

Llangynidr Refuge Respite Day Llangynidr Village Hall, Sunday 7th April for refugees based in Swansea

Refugees are just like you and me . . . they enjoy a day out in the countryside, in the company of good friends and good food, away from the normal humdrum of their daily life. So, we would like to welcome them to our community and show them some true Welsh hospitality.

You are very welcome to join us in the village hall between 11am and 4pm. We have a number of activities planned which you may wish to join, or just chat to them so they can practise their English.

Food will be provided throughout the day which, again, you are welcome to share.

We would like to give the refugees bags of food and toiletries to go away with, and donations of these would be gratefully received. Please bring them to the hall before 9.30am on the day, or deliver in advance to Mike or Sue at Acorn Cottage, Blaen-y-Myarth.

Thanks.

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We have now been informed that it is officially spring and I am so pleased to see the evidence all around us, despite the recent dreadful weather. March seems to have raced along and my last report, which was talking about carols and Christmas is well and truly in the past.

Our meeting on the 12th February was held in the afternoon and after business was over we were entertained by Janet Rye from Bwlch, who had brought in her 'shoe collection' to illustrate her talk 'Girls Love Shoes'. Many of these shoes were so beautiful and extravagant that gasps and 'oohs' and 'aahs' almost interrupted her most interesting talk, which was very well informed and revealing as she had worked for many years in a prestigious shoe shop in Cardiff. Needless to say there was a rush to her display table as refreshments were served in order to examine and handle the beautiful shoes and ask questions—we all enjoyed it so much.

The next event, held in the village hall, was the County quiz prelim, consisting of five local groups competing making up the Cylch-y-Myarth group. Five other groups are competing at different venues throughout Powys and the County final will be in Brecon on 26th April, then the inter-federation final at Llandovery on 26th June. Llangynidr team won this first round and so will compete in Brecon in April—good luck!

A craft afternoon was held on 26th February, following the theme of 'trees'. Those who attended were fashioning leaves of all tree species using different materials to decorate a large new cloth for use in future meetings.

Because the County Show is being held in Brecon Market Hall on 6th April, our March meeting took the form of our very

own mini show, where competitors for the County Show brought their future entries to be displayed and voted for in order to choose the one to go ahead in April. We held this event in the main hall, where there were display tables colourfully laid out as well as smaller tables where later we enjoyed very tasty soup and a roll while we chatted and discussed the very accomplished entries and heard the result of the voting. The evening was a great success and the winners of each class were pleasantly surprised to receive a plant each as a prize, presented by our President, Margery Davies. Good luck to all whose entries go on to the main show in Brecon. The group involved in the Rose Bowl competition has been meeting regularly and are well ahead with their entry plan.

There was a meeting of the Tree Project Group at Gliffaes last week, where we learned that several sites had been suggested for tree planting in autumn and the relevant authorities approached had agreed to the idea and given approval. Other thoughts and ideas were discussed and the meeting ended with a walk to the handkerchief tree which we have 'adopted' and photographs were taken. The buds on it were just beginning to burst as on many others in the garden and it was such a pleasure to see 'spring in action' as carpets of daffodils spreading beneath many of the trees were so colourful, as were the enormous magnolias which looked magnificent despite recent gales.

There was also a committee meeting last week where amongst other plans it was agreed to hold a fund-raising coffee morning on Saturday, 18th May, to start at 10am, in the village hall with all the usual stalls and a raffle. We hope you will come along and enjoy it.

Our next meeting is on 9th April at 7pm, when the speaker will be Emma Jackson of Dyfed Powys Police—her subject is important to us all, 'Personal Safety'. As always, new members welcome.

Toni Whitehouse

TALES FROM THE CANAL LOCKS

Once again, the canal has returned to its normal status as a means of enjoying the National Park by boat, foot or bicycle. Winter works have been completed and by the time you read this, most of the ‘battle scars’ will have been tidied up and grass seeded where appropriate.

The Welcome Station has been reorganised and an outside store with lean-to constructed to the rear, thus clearing space inside for pictures, displays, leaflets and maps of the canal and surrounding area. We are hoping that the rebranding and ‘new’ floor will make the Welcome Station a must visit for anyone coming to the canal and locks. We are happy to display any literature to support our local attractions and businesses where appropriate—contact one of the volunteers.



We are hoping for a trouble-free season with the new and repaired lock gates and fittings and the repairs to leaking retaining walls, but as the old girl is 200+ years old, she is entitled to the odd grunt and groan. At last the sand bar below lock 66 has been removed, which will enable all boats to access the lock without having to have several attempts. The area around lock 65 has been refenced and the footpath recovered from the encroaching woodland, shrubs and grass, together with the opening up of the vista overlooking Cwm Crawnnon.

The canal has already hosted two large groups of canoeists, who were working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award, and also several groups of organised walkers who took on Tor-y-Foel in less than ideal conditions.

The media spotlight has continued apace with a half hour session last month on Radio Wales with Roy Noble on the history of the canal. This was intended to be a session for recruiting volunteers, but ended up as a history lesson and reminiscing session, but all publicity is good publicity (it is said). Recently we have been invaded by ITV's Coast and Country squad, who spent a day filming on the locks and afloat, with shots of our Tuesday volunteer force and volunteer lock keepers, with boats moving through the locks. It is expected to be aired in early April. The hope is that the programme will give an indication of our slogan 'life is better by water', but who knows what bits will litter the cutting room floor?

We are hoping to appear at and support the local shows at Llangynidr, Brecon and Pontypool to reach a wider audience and recruit volunteers for the various roles available on the canal system generally and the Mon and Brec in particular.

With the realigning of the Canal and River Trust towards a wellbeing organisation, we are not losing sight of the original reason for constructing this canal over 200 years ago for water

transport, but in order to support the organisation it is necessary to increase the towpath use as well as floating craft such as canoes and paddle boards. We already see some friction between walkers with or without dogs and cyclists and it will need some education and tolerance for life to become harmonious. Any flagrant abuse should be reported, with as much detail as possible, through the website or to the volunteers at the locks.

Having now been reorganised into our new Wales and South West Region, we are able to learn from our big brother the Kennet and Avon canal, but we are in no way losing sight of the fact that we are the more beautiful and in the surroundings we have we are under no threat if we were in a competitive situation. As yet, we are unaware of the final management appointments to this canal.



As ever, we are always looking for interested individuals or organisations to join our volunteers—if you are passing, we welcome the opportunity to chat and always welcome the chance to try and persuade you to join us as a volunteer, details of which appear on the CRT website canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer/opportunities

*Charlie Phillips,
a volunteer lock keeper*

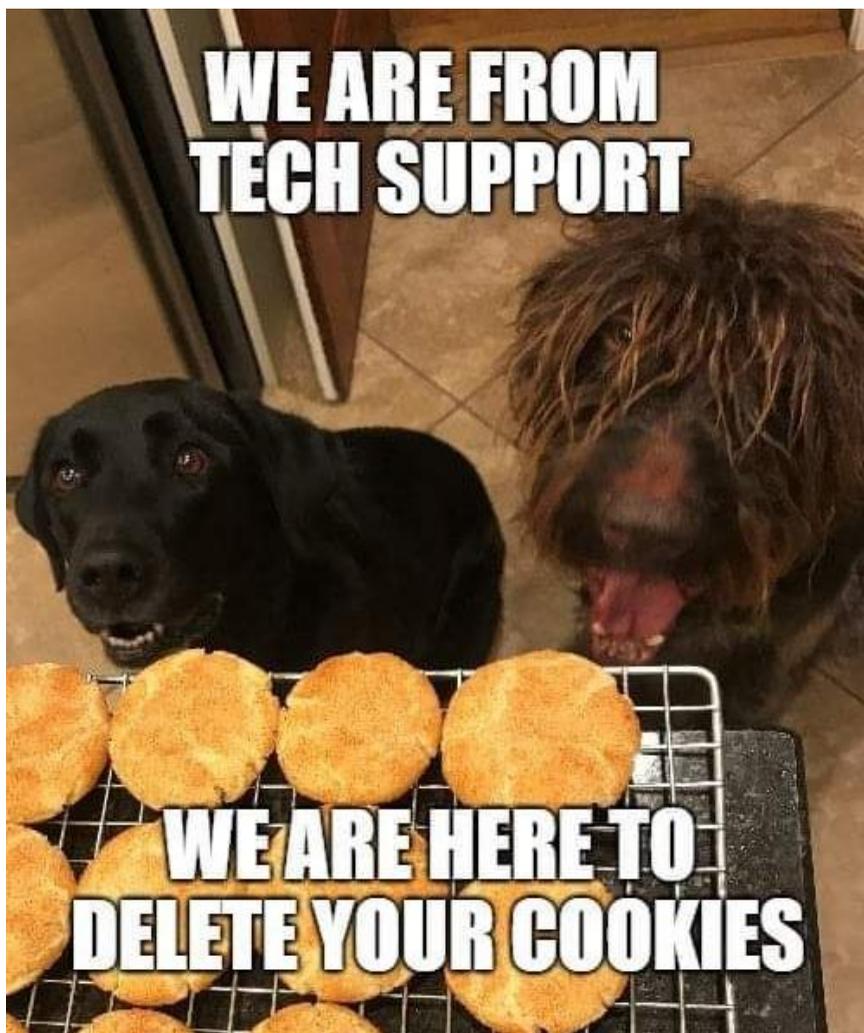




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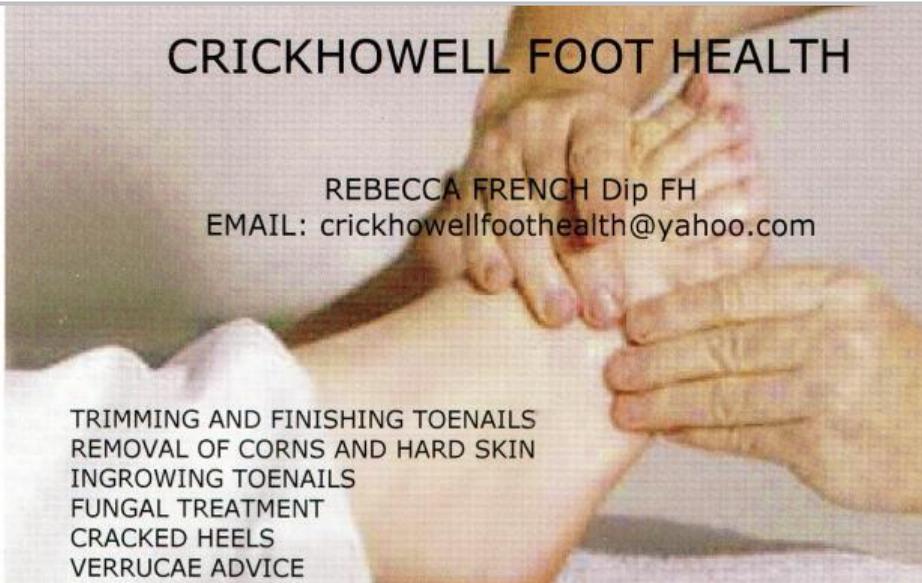
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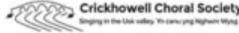
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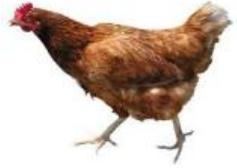
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On Saturday 16th February, the organising team for Llangynidr Agricultural Show held a fundraising auction. Having had a very wet show last year, we needed to boost our funds to be in a good position to run the 2019 show. As usual, the local community responded enthusiastically. We had well over 60 lots donated, with a massive range from gardening and cleaning, pots of marmalade and bales of hay to international rugby tickets, weekend breaks and a tour of the House of Commons, and everything in between. We are very grateful to all the many donors for their excellent support.

On the evening of the auction, over 100 people turned out to support. Alongside the auction, the singing duo Noted entertained us, and the food and bar also went down well. Chris Jones, auctioneer from McCartney's, chaired the main proceedings, and every single lot was sold, all at very good prices. Some of the lots went for well above the prices anyone could have expected, and in total the evening raised over £5000. We are now able to look forward to show day on 25th August with confidence. Thank you to everyone who turned up and supported us, and a special thank you to all those who helped organise and prepare the evening.

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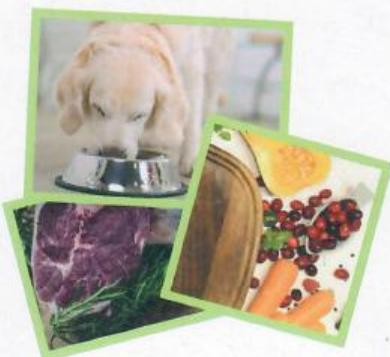
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We look forward to seeing you

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If you are over 18, you can ask for a patient pack at the surgery reception and make a self-referral by completing a consent form. A Link Worker will then make contact, talk with you to find out what matters to you and, using their extensive knowledge of community support and services, will connect you to the appropriate local community and voluntary groups, activities and advice services.

This social prescribing service is part of a joint research project between Mind Cymru and local Minds, funded by Welsh Government. All collected data is anonymous. We know that social prescribing has really helped people in other areas. By taking part in this initiative you will be contributing to important evidence that will help plan future health services.

***For further information please contact
Rhiannon Davies, Link Worker. Tel: 07487 523992***

Rhiannon is happy to answer individual questions or queries about the service or spread the word by talking to community groups.

If you have no need for this service at the moment, please pass the information on to a friend who might. Thank you.

SCUBA DIVING IN MALTA

Scuba diving in Malta is highly rated by divers worldwide and a prime destination for diving holidays. This is no surprise considering the numerous dive sites in Malta that offer a challenge at different skill levels.

Scuba divers will encounter dive sites with beautifully coloured coral reefs and dark caves reaching deep into some of Malta's tall cliffs, not to mention a number of sea wrecks which over the years have become the habitat for various species of fish and other marine life.



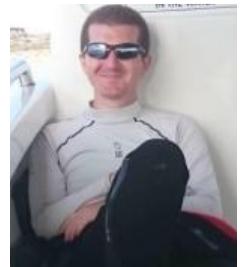
XATT L-AHMAR dive site lies a few miles off Mgarr Harbour and is adjacent to the guard post of Fort Chambrai. It is accessible through a narrow route that winds down from the local village of Ghajnsielem. Xatt L-Ahmar is an excellent spot for diving owing to its clear waters and amazing shoreline. The most common dive sites in this bay are the three wrecks- MV Comino, Karwela

and Xlendi. It also has a boulder reef, mysterious caverns, and shallow coves for swimming.

The ships in this site were sunk deliberately to create artificial reefs for the local divers. The rock formation in this diving spot provides great shelter for sea octopus, goatfish, and sea bream. There are also traces of parrotfish, scorpion fish and damselfish.

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There are no tickets, but donations to the Brecknock Sinfonia funds will be warmly welcomed

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EASTER BISCUITS

Ingredients

300g plain flour + extra for dusting

150g white caster sugar

150g slightly salted butter, chopped

1 large egg

2 tsp vanilla extract or vanilla bean paste

For the iced option : 500g royal icing sugar + your favourite food colouring gels

For the jammy middle option : icing sugar for dusting, 400g apricot jam or lemon curd



1. Put the flour and sugar in a bowl. Add the butter and rub together with your fingertips until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Beat the egg with the vanilla, then add to the bowl. Mix briefly with a cutlery knife to combine, then use your hands to knead the dough together – try not to overwork the dough, or the biscuits will be tough. Shape into a disc, then wrap in cling film and chill for at least 15 mins. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Line two baking sheets with baking parchment.
2. Dust a work surface with flour. Halve the dough, then roll one half out to the thickness of a £1 coin. Use an egg-shaped cookie cutter (ours was 10cm long; you could also make a cardboard template to cut around) to stamp out as many cookies as you can, then transfer them to one of the baking sheets, leaving a little space between the biscuits. Repeat with the other half of the dough. If you want to make jammy biscuits, use a small circular cutter to stamp holes in half of the biscuits (where the yolk would be). If you intend to make both iced and jammy biscuits, only stamp holes in a quarter of the biscuits.
3. Bake for 12-15 mins, until the biscuits are pale gold. Cool on the sheets for 10 mins, then transfer to a wire rack to cool fully. Once cool, decorate to your liking (see next steps). *Will keep in an airtight container for up to five days.*
4. To decorate the biscuits with icing, add enough water to the icing sugar to make a thick icing – it should hold its shape without spreading when piped. Transfer about a third of the icing to a piping bag fitted with a very small round nozzle (or just snip a tiny opening at the tip). Pipe an outline around the biscuits, then draw patterns in the middle – lines, spots and zigzags work well. Leave to dry for 10 mins. Divide the remaining icing between as many colours as you'd like to use, then use the gels to dye them. Loosen each icing with a few drops of water, then transfer them to piping bags. Use the coloured icing to fill the empty spaces on the biscuits. You may need to use a cocktail stick to tease it into the corners. Once covered, leave to dry for a few hours.
5. To make the jammy middle biscuits, dust the biscuits with holes in the middle with a heavy coating of icing sugar. Spread the jam or curd generously over the whole biscuits, then sandwich the dusted biscuits on top of them.

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CYNGOR CYMUNED **LLANGYNIDR** COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7.30pm.

Public participation.

Present: Mrs Margaret Price (Chair), Mr David Filsell, Mr Gene Taylor, Mr David Williams, Mr David Mantle, Mrs Elizabeth Gibbs and Mr Paul Lindoewood.

In attendance: Mr Sam Ridge (Warden of Brecon Beacons National Park), S.Dale (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: Mr George Moretta, Mr Alan James and Mr David Evans. County Councillor Rosemarie Harries also sent her apologies.

2. Declaration of interest in items of business listed below: Mrs Margaret Price declared an interest in item Persondy Field and took no part in the discussion or decision.

3. Signing of the minutes: Of the meeting of the finance committee on the 8th January will be presented again when more of the finance committee are present. Of the meeting of the Precept meeting of the 15th January 2019 were approved. Proposed by DF and seconded by DM. Of the meeting held on the 22nd January 2019 were approved. Proposed by DW and seconded by EG.

4. Correspondence to be circulated:

- a. GP out of hours survey.
- b. Wales Audit Office reports (paper copies on request).
- c. Brecon Advice Centre, thank you for the donation.
- d. Wales Air Ambulance, request for funding.
- e. Wales Air Ambulance, thank you for the donation.
- f. Brecon Mountain Rescue Team, thank you for donation.
- g. Letter from a resident concerning a former path at Pentwyn. The Rights of Way Officer has searched the definitive map and found no

record of the former path at Pentwyn as a legal right of way. A claim could be made if historical evidence was available documenting use over the past 20years. Clerk to check the status of the other path from the leet with the Rights of Way Officer at the National Park. It was reported that the landowners have closed the path for 1 day per year in order to retain the permissive nature of the path. Brecon Beacons National Park can provide additional signage and possibly help to furnish dog bins to reduce issues. Otherwise private individuals or the Community Council can use the Rambler's Association link (<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/advice/improve-the-path-network/how-to-claim-an-unrecorded-right-of-way.aspx>) for advice. To make a claim that the path is a right of way and should be placed on the definitive map the applicant should approach the Rights of Way Officer at Brecon Beacons National Park. Councillors DM and GT are to talk to the landowners again. A legal route may be long winded, expensive and may not be in the best interests of the community. Brecon Beacons National Park work continues on the Beacons Way at Bwlch Waun and along the Tram Road.

h. Llangynidr Agricultural Show Society thank you for the donation.

5. Clerk's Report Late correspondence – for information only:

- a. Clerks and Councils Direct – on circulation
- b. Recording hitherto unrecorded rights of way, free training on Sunday 24th March in Glasbury, booking essential. Please contact the Clerk for details.
- c. Kerbside garden waste collection service will be rolled out in April/ May. Notices will be placed near current green waste bins. £37.36 was collected from toilet donations between mid- December to late February.

There is a Refugee Day being planned for Llangynidr in the Spring.

6. Finance:

a. Statement of Accounts and Bank reconciliation for January 2019.

Approved.

b. Cheques to be approved in February 2019.

Approved.

Cleaning the car park (Feb)	£37.50
Cleaning the public conveniences (Feb)	£114.50
Clerks wages and stationery allowance(Feb so)	£333.21
Llangynidr Jubilee Heritage & Celebration Trust	£80.00

Llangynidr Jubilee Heritage & Celebration Trust	£100.00
Brecon Advice Centre	£50.00
Friends of Llangynidr School	£100.00
Wales Air Ambulance	£50.00
Brecon Mountain Rescue Team	£100.00
Llangynidr Agricultural Society Show	£100.00
Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau (Defribulator)	£100.00
Cheque re-issued due to name change.	
2 Approval only	
British Gas (electricity for the toilets – new tariff)	£30.96
British Gas (electricity for the toilets – old tariff)	£72.33
Llangynidr Village Hall & Recreation Ground Charity	£145.00
c. Cheques approved in January 2019.	
Cleaning the car park (Jan)	£37.50
Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (Dec so)	£333.21
Clerk's wages and stationery allowance (Jan so)	£333.21
Cleaning the public conveniences (Jan)	£114.50
Cleaning the public conveniences (Contractor 2 Nov)	£61.07
Cleaning the car park (Contractor 2 Nov)	£20.00
Cleaning the public conveniences (Contractor 1 Nov)	£53.43
Cleaning the car park (Contractor 1 Nov)	£17.50
Metrorod (blockage at the toilets)	£228.00
Supplies for the toilets	£36.56
Electricity for the toilets	£52.42

7. Report from the County Councillor.

Although not able to be present the County Councillor gave a report to The Chairman – the potholes at the junction of Cwm Crawnon and Duffryn Road and Cyffredding Lane are to be reviewed. The bridge lights are to be installed soon. The County Councillor has a meeting soon with a local landowner who is considering applying for planning permission on some of his land. She will request 9 social housing dwellings to supply local needs should planning permission be granted.

8. Planning Applications: 19/17016/FUL Pencommin Farm, no objections.

9. A demountable camera has been advertised recently. It may be suitable for monitoring the car park. To be discussed and action agreed. On enquiry, the costs were felt to be prohibitive and it may be that anti-social behaviour is reduced when the new houses abutting the car park

are occupied.

10. Tight fitting lids are required for the public toilets. To be discussed and action agreed. Clerk to take advice from a former councillor.

11. Crickhowell Pretty Pins Leg Club, a charity devoted to the alleviation of leg problems, has requested financial support from the Community Council. To be discussed and action agreed. Put aside until the precept next year.

12. There has been an appeal for funding from the Wales Air Ambulance. To be discussed and action agreed. This charity has just been in receipt of a donation.

13. The Powys County Council toilet strategy has been circulated. Comments are invited by 22nd April 2019. Noted.

14. Keep Wales Tidy invite the community to run a spring cleaning event between the 22nd March and the 23rd April. To be discussed and action agreed. Saturday 13th April 2019 was chosen, the Clerk to invite the WI, inform Keep Wales Tidy of the event. The Burial Ground to be included in the litter pick.

15. More thanks have been received for the volunteers' work done on the telephone kiosks. The post box on Forge Road is to be painted when the weather gets warmer.

16. Agenda items for the next Five Councils' meeting are invited by the next hosts, Vale of Grwyney Community Council. None. Clerk to email Vale of Grywney Clerk.

17. Standing orders, whilst approved, have yet to be customised to the community council's needs. The clerk proposes a "straw man" which has been circulated for council to discuss and approve. Clerk to arrange a separate meeting on Wednesday the 6th March (the hall was booked for the 5th) to complete standing orders and approve them.

18. Interim report on the land registry work. Clerk to locate some missing documents.

19.Risk assessment for approval. Approved with the review date updated to February 2020.

20.Reserves analysis for approval. Approved

21.Grants and donation policy has been circulated and is now offered for approval. Approved with addition of Burial Ground Trust.

22.Residents have complained about the dog fouling problem again. To be discussed and action agreed. This is a general problem in the village but particularly in the upper village. Clerk to inform Powys County Council and ask for advice. Clerk to ask for advice from Keep Wales Tidy. DM to ask a local vet for advice as dog fouling is a health issue for stock

23.A long narrow pot hole has appeared in Duffryn Road close to the car park. To be discussed and action agreed.

24.One Voice Wales membership renewal. Approved

25.Persondy feld grazing rights have been advertised, one tender must be selected. The only tender was received, it was accepted. The current licencee has worked diligently to keep the feld in good condition.

26.The Data Protection Policy is offered for approval. Approved with changes to references from Town Council to Community Council. Clerk to install the policy on the website.

27.The WI wish to plant some trees in the recreation ground and have in mind specific locations, to be discussed. 15 saplings are to be planted behind the toilets and by the playground. There was some concern about the plantings complicating the grass cutting but no objections.

28.A meeting between the Village Hall Committee and the Community Council to discuss their mutual interests have been suggested for 6.30pm on Monday 4th March. To be discussed and action agreed. This meeting has been cancelled but MP will try to establish if there is any appetite amongst the Village Hall Committee members for a meeting. The Community Council remains positive.

29. Reports from meetings attended.

DF reported a meeting of the Crickhowell District Focus Health Group to take place around the beginning of March.

30. Any agenda items for the next meeting from Councillors: None

Date of next meeting: 26th March 2019

S Dale, Clerk

Minutes of an extraordinary Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: County Councillor Rosemarie Harris, Mr David Filsell, Mr David Williams and Mr Gene Taylor.

In attendance: S.Dale (Clerk).

DF was elected Chairman for the meeting

1. Apologies for absence: Mr David Evans, Mr Paul Lindoewood, Mrs Margaret Price, Mr Alan James and Mr George Moretta.
2. Declaration of interest in items of business listed below: None
3. Review, adaptation and approval of Standing Orders. Completed and approved. A copy will be posted on the website.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 26th March 2019.

S Dale, Clerk

(Note from editor of 'Contact' : these minutes are copied from those published on the Community Council's website)

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	14th	9.30am		Mrs E Tadd
Monday	15th	7pm	Holy Week Service	Mrs E Tadd
Easter	21st	9.30am	Communion	Rev Ian Kirby
	28th	9.30am		Mr Russell Davies
May	5th	10am	United at Baptist	
	12th	10am	ditto	
	19th	9.30am	Communion	Rev Ian Kirby
	26th	11am	Pastorate at The Plough	Mr Huw Edwards

BETHESDA CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, LLANGATTOCK

April	7th	10.30am	Communion Service	Rev Margaret Williams
	14th	10.30am	Palm Sunday	ditto
	19th	7pm	Good Friday Service	ditto
	21st	10.30am	Easter Communion	ditto
	28th	10.30am		Rev Eleanor Powell
May	5th	10.30am	Communion Service	Rev Margaret Williams
	12th	10.30am		Miss Bethan T Jenkins
	19th	10.30am		Mr Roy Alp
	26th	10.30am		Rev Margaret Williams

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