**Llangyniew Community Council public meeting regarding National Park**.

Cllr. M. Watkins welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Cllr Watkins explained the purpose of the meeting, which is to understand the Community feeling regarding the proposed National Park by NRW.

In order to help the Community Council fill in the consultation, Cllr Watkin went through the questions and gave the public a chance to air comments.

Cllr Watkin went through the consultation questions as follows:-

**Which option best describes your feelings towards the proposed National Park?**

The majority agreed to choose very negative/concerned and the reasons for this are as follows:

1. Affects it will have on local residents regarding planning.
2. House prices will increase, causing local young residents to have to move out of the area.
3. Increase in traffic on roads that already cannot cope and are not being repaired by the local authority, due to finances. It was made clear at the drop in meeting held, that there would be no extra finance for infrastructure.
4. Would heavily impact the already stretched health service, and with the chances of losing the air ambulance base in Welshpool, should there be extra accidents (walkers, traffic etc), response times would be hindered.

**What is special to you about this place/these places?**

All present agreed that everything is special about the area.

**Do you feel this place/these places need conserving and enhancing?**

Residents present did not feel that becoming a national park would conserve or enhance. Residents are aware of the beautiful place they live in.

**With what you currently know, can you foresee any potential benefits from this proposed new National Park?**

No

**With what you currently know, do you have any concerns or issues that you feel are important to be considered.**

All reasons are listed above

Cllr. Watkin asked if all present would be willing to do a show of hands, of who was in favour and who was not, the result was majority not in favour.

Many present were annoyed with the lack of information that had been made available by NRW and many felt they could not comment properly on the matter due to the lack of information.

Cllr Watkin advised that based on these answers the Clerk would submit the consultation form and thanked everybody for attending the meeting.