

**CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS LLANFYNYDD
LLANFYNYDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council held at 8pm on Monday, 1st September 2014 at Llanfynydd School.

152/14: PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick, Cllrs. Meirion Jones, Mairwen Rees, Brian Thomas & Rod Morgan.

In attendance was County Cllr. Mansel Charles & the clerk Mrs. Elaine Blakeman.

Also Present: Helen Sargent & Hilary Coole.

153/14: APOLOGIES – Cllrs. David Jones, Peter Law & Haydn Jones.

154/14: CHAIRMANS WELCOME – The chairman welcomed everyone present. The chairman noted a successful show in the village, which is the highlight of the parish calendar. He extended his thanks to all who ensured the success of the show & that of the Sheep shearing match at Blaennantymab. He congratulated all those who had success at the Royal Welsh show.

Huge congratulations were passed on to everybody who took part in the Eisteddfod, especially Ffion Jones who is involved in the Amor Chapel & YFC Llanfynydd, who won various categories & was also successful in the Llangollen Eisteddfod & Royal Welsh show.

It was noted how great it was to see Dewi Griffiths at the common wealth games in Glasgow. A Good Luck card had been sent to him on behalf of the Community Council before the games & the chairman wished him all the best for the future. He also congratulated Caryl Thomas, Glansannan for representing Wales in the rugby against France.

On a sadder note there will be no children at Llanfynydd School this term, for the first time since 1730. The final service and afternoon tea was fairly well attended. The chairman wished the staff and the pupils every success in the future.

Condolences were extended to the families of the late Mrs. Grace Williams, Stangwrach – a lady who supported the community events until her final year; Mr. David Lewis, Brechfa – a man with outstanding knowledge of sheep and who assisted generations of local young farmers and was a good asset to the show; Mr. Dewi Thomas, Glancothi – a stalwart of Abergorlech & a pillar of chapel & eisteddfod life in the Abergorlech area.

155/14: MINUTES

A few spelling adjustments were made to the minutes. It was proposed by Cllr. Rod Morgan and seconded by Cllr. Meirion Jones that the adjusted minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2014 be accepted as a correct record of proceedings.

156/14: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. 99(d)/108(a)/119(a)/131(a)/144(a) 14 JAPANESE KNOTWEED - Tidy Towns Grant Application. It was identified that the verge opposite Pantglas farm entrance, the verge above Pantmawr Bridge & Brynheulog, Llanfynydd are all affected areas. County Cllr. Charles is to again contact CCC to reiterate that many areas are affected. It was also noted that a study into Japanese Knotweed was to be done by Swansea University. **To be discussed at next meeting.**

- b. It was noted that the minutes that were posted on the web were not signed. It was agreed that in future the clerk would scan the signed minutes & then email them to Tim to be put up on the website.
- c. It was suggested by County Cllr. Charles that he would be notified on any correspondence sent by the clerk regarding road maintenance issues, so that he would be up to date on all issues.

157/14: CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were discussed and noted:

1. OVW – Minutes for Carmarthenshire Area Committee meeting 9th July
2. OVW – 2014 motions being put forward at OVW AGM 4th Oct
3. CCC – Offering service of Playground/Play equipment annual inspection
4. Y Lloffwr - Letter of thanks for £50 donation
5. LVS – Letter of thanks for £25 donation
6. LVS-RE: Community Space Project Donation, letter of thanks for £36.25 donation
7. RWE RE: Brechfa Forest West Wind Farm
8. Western Power RE: Brechfa forest Connection Project – Preferred Route map. It was noted that LLanfynydd would be dramatically affected by this route. The council are awaiting the result of the stage 3 consultation
9. NHS – Leaflets on Maternity Services & Services for Premature & sick babies. Put up in notice board.
10. Glasdon Brochure
11. OVW&CCC – minutes of town & Community Council liaison Forum 20 May & link to loveliest locality <http://newsroom.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/eisteddfod/carmarthenshires-loveliest-locality/>
12. OVW - Fly-tipping Action Wales update. (<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/desh/consultation/140604draft-fly-tipping-strategy-en.pdf>)
13. OVW - Green Paper consultation on improving the availability of allotments and community gardens. <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/allotments-and-community-gardens/?skip=1&lang=en>
14. OVW - Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill and the first months of the pilot national conversation - the Wales We Want by 2050. <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/sustainabledevelopment/?lang=en>
15. OVW –Funding Update. www.naturalresourceswales.gov.uk
16. OVW – BBC audience findings
17. OVW – 2014 Conference & AGM
18. Email from John Moran – Walking Well Carmarthenshire. Put up in notice board.
19. OVW – invitation to A sense of Energy
20. Email from Kimberley Edmunds at CAIS
21. OVW - latest edition of The Ombudsman’s Casebook. <http://www.ombudsman-wales.org.uk/en/publications/the-ombudsmans-casebook.aspx>
22. SLCC – July & August Bulletins
23. OVW – Natural Resource Management Bulletin – July 2014 naturalresourcemanagement@wales.gsi.gov.uk
24. OVW – Peoples Postcode Trust – Small Grants. Put up in notice board.
25. Age Cymru Sir Gar – Moving offices
26. CCC – letter re: consultation on charging for External Sporting Facilities
27. LVS – Summer newsletter
28. Vision ICT – re: Improvement to existing website
29. OVW – Heritage Lottery Fund
30. OVW – Marine Planning, comments sought
31. OVW- St. David’s awards 2015. Put up in notice board
32. SLCC – Notice of AGM 10/10/2014
33. SLCC – Request to fill out Parish Pulse survey

34. OVW – Training Days
35. Email from Cllr. Charles Re: Strong Communities small grants scheme. County Cllr. Charles is to pass on to Secretary of Llanegwad Old Age Community group.
36. LVS – Items to be brought up at meeting.

Road Maintenance

37. CCC – Bank Protection Gabionade near Afon Sannan Culvert, Llanfynydd.
38. Email from Ian Thomas In response to County Cllr. Charles' queries
39. Email from Elaine Hankin re: Street Lighting
40. Email from Ian Thomas re: Llanfynydd Ditch
41. Email from Peter Law Re: Street Lighting
42. Email from Emyr Morgan re: Y Mans Sqwar
43. Email from Cllr Charles re: Overhanging Branches

Planning

44. Planning Application E/30211 – Mr. Robert Bean. 2 Upton Hall Cottages Llanfynydd. Full Planning. Single Storey sun lounge extension to rear of dwelling
45. Planning Application E/30211- Granted
46. Planning Application E/30572- Mrs. P Burnie. Full Planning to convert Agricultural Building to stables & construct extension@ Drefach, Dryslwyn, Carms, SA32 8SL
47. Planning Application E/30713 – Mr. Clint Morgan, 1 Heol Newydd, Llanfynydd, Full Planning, Single storey rear extension to dwelling

Finance

48. Please refer to appendix 1 for Bank Balances
49. Eloyds Bank – confirmation of new signatories mandate request
50. HM Revenue – Letter re: paying PAYE electronically
51. BDO – annual return
52. Elin Rees – Request for Grant Aid for trip to Patagonia Oct 2014
53. Amor Chapel Sunday school – Thank you letter for Grant Aid

Outdated Correspondence

54. National Eisteddfod & Carmarthenshire Council – Invitation to buffet 2nd August
55. WLGA – Review of Governance

158/14: ROAD MAINTENANCE

- a. 107/13d, 146/14a: Overhanging trees between Y Mans and Sgwar Pantycelyn, Capel Isaac- Emyr Morgan contacted the clerk stating that he had met with a local land owner & was assured that he would be cutting the hedge by the following week. Mr. Morgan stated that they would then send in a crew to cut the unregistered land nearby. **To be reviewed at next meeting.**
- b. 100c,110b,121b,133b,146b/14 Street Lighting between Hall Plot & Ael Y Bryn – Elaine Hankin of CCC emailed County Cllr. Charles stating that they had contacted Mr. Heath for permission to cut back the trees which are obscuring the light & were waiting for him to come back to them. It was noted that Mr. Heath is now in a nursing home & no longer resides at Valley View. County Cllr. Charles is to contact Elaine Hankin with update. **To be reviewed at next meeting.**
- c. 88/14d: Clearing ditches – Gwaelod y Maes. Ian Thomas from CCC stated that they would change the existing gully grid to just one larger 600mm square grating at the moment as it would be difficult to change 3 as new additional manhole chambers would need to be constructed. He has agreed to monitor the area. **To be reviewed at next meeting.**
- d. 110f, 121f, 133f, 146d/14: Overhanging trees & Subsidence at Pantmawr, Llanfynydd, and along the Llanfynydd to Abergoch road. **To be reviewed at next meeting.**

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- e. 121i, 133i, 146e/14: Pot Holes at Pant Mawr, Bryn yr Eglwys & also on the road into the forestry – To be followed up by County Cllr. Mansel Charles. **To be reviewed at next meeting.**
- f. Ty Newydd – It was highlighted that this corner was a blind spot & the street lighting was being affected by agricultural vehicles parking on the side of the road. The chairman is to speak to owner of Agricultural Vehicles.
- g. Street Lighting by Ty Newydd & Ael Y Bryn – It was noted that the street lighting at these points is not affective. The Councillors have agreed to look at this & a site meeting is to be determined.
- h. Dog Foul – It was noted that there is an issue of dog fouling in the village. The clerk is to contact CCC to enquire about obtaining Dog foul notices.
- I. School Signs – It was suggested that the school signs be removed when appropriate.
- J. Speed Limit – It was noted that the 20mph speed limit in the village is not being adhered to. It was suggested that 20mph red hatch road markings would have more affect than the signs at present. The clerk is to contact CCC to enquire about the Road Markings.
- k. Overhanging trees – Pantycelyn Sq to Y Rheol and onto Crachdy Isaf farm. Ian Thomas confirmed that they have called to the owner of Y Rheol who has subsequently agreed to cut back the offending growth over the next few weeks. **To be reviewed at next meeting.**

159/14: PLANNING

It was suggested by County Cllr. Charles that if a planning application is received & a response is due before the next meeting, the clerk should then contact planning stating that the next meeting is outside the time frame & the council will reply in due course. Also all planning applications should be responded to even if there is no objection, so it may be recorded on the planning file.

- a. 147/14c E/30211 – Mr. Robert Bean, 2 Upton Hall Cottages. Full Planning for single storey sun lounge extension to rear of dwelling .Granted. There were no comments regarding this application.
- b. Planning Application E/30572- Mrs. P Burnie. Full Planning to convert Agricultural Building to stables & construct extension@ Drefach, Dryslwyn, Carms, SA32 8SL. There were no comments regarding this application.
- c. Planning Application E/30713 – Mr. Clint Morgan, 1 Heol Newydd, Llanfynydd, Full Planning, Single storey rear extension to dwelling. There were no objections regarding this application. The clerk is to notify the planning dept.

160/14: FINANCE

- a. **90/14b** - Change of signatory – A letter was received from Lloyds bank to say that all the new signatories have been added to the account.
- b. **90e, 148b/14** – Nat West maintaining Accurate Customer Information. Forms need to be updated. It was agreed to remove the old clerk details from this bank & add the new clerk so that she may be a signatory on the account & so as the contact details may be updated. The clerk is to fill in the relevant paperwork. **To be reviewed next month.**
- c. **112/14 e.** Spite Vestry – It was agreed that Cllr. Meirion Jones would inform the council when he had received an invoice for the hire of in March 2014.
- d. **135d, 148d/14:** Annual Audit – BDO have sent back the audit form & asked that the figures be amended for 31/03/2013, so that they include the chairman's account. The figures were amended & the Audit was approved by the council. It was signed by the clerk & the chairman and is to be sent back to BDO immediately.

It was also suggested that in future should anybody wish to view or query the accounts that it be done maybe half an hour before the next meeting, so that it may be done in the school & not in the clerk's home.

- e. Clerks Salary - An invoice is due for the clerks salary & expenses, but the clerk offered to wait until

next month as the revenue still haven't sent out a tax code.

- f. LVS – A receipt was presented to the clerk before the meeting for the cost of maintaining the two wooden benches in the village. A cheque was prepared for £38.74 & was signed accordingly. Cllr Meirion Jones declared an interest.
- g. Community Space Steering Group – An expense sheet was presented to the council to the value of £101.71, which included Hiring of the Vestry £10 & expenses relating to the questionnaire of £91.71. It stated that the LVS had contributed £50 & £36.25 was previously donated from the Chairman's a/c. A request was made to the council for a further donation. It was agreed that £30 would be donated to the Community Space Steering Group & a cheque was signed & prepared accordingly. Cllr. Meirion Jones declared an interest.
- h. 148/14h Nat West, Credit Interest net of tax – The clerk discovered that the form that was previously signed by Cllr. Haydn Thomas was void as he is not a signatory on the a/c. Cllr. Meirion Jones re signed the form. The clerk is to return it to the bank.
- i. A request for grant aid was made by Elin Mair Rees with regards to YFC trip to Patagonia. It was noted that Miss Rees resided outside the parish of Llanfynydd but it was also noted of her efforts and involvement with the Llanfynydd YFC, it was agreed of a donation of £50 would be given. A cheque was prepared & signed accordingly. Cllr. Mairwen Rees declared an interest.

161/14: HALL PLOT/COMMUNITY GARDEN

- a. 137c, 149a/14. Cllr. Rod Morgan has visited the Hall plot but held off on the bark until some of the flowers have died back.
- b. It was noted that the garden is looking good & thanks were extended to Mrs. Julie Jones and all community members that help to maintain the garden. It was also noted that the correct bin hadn't been used for putting the grass cuttings into & they had been dumped on the side.
- c. Cllr. Mairwen Rees has agreed to mow in September.
- d. Insurance – It was discussed what needs to be done for the insurance to cover public events that aren't organised by the Community Council. The clerk is to check with the Insurance Company.

162/14: COMMUNITY SPACE STEERING GROUP

- a. It was reported by Cllr. Meirion Jones that there has been a good response from the community to the Questionnaire. Approx 200 questionnaires were sent out & approx 100 have been received back. Most of the responses have been in favour of Llanfynydd School, if available, as a Community Space.
- b. It was stated that the next step for the Steering group is to analyse the questionnaire.
- c. It was reported that Dr. Katharine Rose had resigned from the steering group committee and her letter of resignation was read out by Cllr. Meirion Jones.
- d. It was reported that the Pen Y Bont is under offer subject to finance and the people in the process of the purchase are very open to listening to the community needs. Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick stated that both the Pen Y Bont, if purchased and the Community Space area could be supported by the Community Council.
- e. It was agreed that the clerk would draft a letter to be sent to the steering group, on behalf of the council stating the council's support in their endeavours in finding a community space.

163/14: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. It was noted that Community Officer Roger Anthony may need reminding that the Community Council Meetings had changed to the first Monday of every month. Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick agreed to contact Officer Anthony.
- b. The LVS sent an email to the clerk stating they plan to hold an open meeting, to be held in the Chapel Vestry on 23rd October. The committee has extended an invitation to the Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick to attend a committee meeting prior to this open meeting.

- c. It was noted that the LVS have set up a new Face book page.
- d. It was suggested that the council put more attention & time looking into creating a recreation facility for the benefit of the village. It was agreed that a Sports Area Review would be added to the agenda of the next meeting.
- e. It was noted that a bog walk would take place at 4pm on the 2nd or 9th of October.
- f. It was also noted that Mondays don't appear to suit all councilors. **To be reviewed.**
- g. Councillor Lee Strudwick suggested that the agenda format be revamped and altered slightly, it was agreed.
- h. Councillor Lee Strudwick asked who normally trims the ever green trees around the war memorial in the village as they are encroaching, it was noted that some of the Councillors have trimmed the branches in previous years. **To be reviewed at next meeting.**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council would be held on Monday 6th October 2014 at Llanfynydd school at 7.30pm.

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