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LLANFYNYDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council held at 7.30pm on Monday,
1st December 2014 at Llanfynydd School.**

190/14: PRESENT: Cllrs. Meirion Jones, Brian Thomas, Peter Law, Mairwen Rees & Haydn Jones.

In attendance was the clerk Mrs. Elaine Blakeman.

Also Present: Helen Sargent & Claire Papworth.

191/14: CHAIRMANS WELCOME – As both the chair and vice-chair were unable to attend this meeting, it was proposed by Cllr. Peter Law and seconded by Cllr. Brian Thomas that Cllr. Mairwen Rees should take the chair. Cllr. Rees accepted and therefore chaired the meeting.

192/14: APOLOGIES - Chairman Cllr. Isee Strudwick, Cllrs. Rod Morgan, David Jones and County Cllr. Mansel Charles.

193/14: MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr. Haydn Jones and seconded by Cllr. Peter Law that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2014 be accepted as a correct record of proceedings.

194/14: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. 181/14a JAPANESE KNOTWEED – Cllr. Peter Law advised that due to prior commitments that he has yet to distribute the information leaflets on dealing with the knotweed problem. To be discussed at next meeting.
- b. 189/14d–School Heating. The clerk informed the council that Mrs. Childs, school secretary, had been in touch and there would be no charge for use of the school for November & December due to there being no heating.

195/14: DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT

Community Officer Roger Anthony reported that there were a number of incidents of theft in the village including diesel from a lorry and heating oil from a tank on private land. Cllr. Meirion Jones also noted that 2

~~tyres~~ ~~tyres~~ had been stolen from his property.

There was also an issue of donkeys on the road, but the owner has been informed & promised to fix the fencing.

More cannabis plants have been removed from the Llanfynydd area (two caravan loads) and stop checks have become more frequent. Officer Anthony noted that there is an increased police presence in the Llanfynydd area.

Following the discussion Community Officer Roger Anthony left the meeting.

196/14: CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were discussed and noted:

1. SLCC – Clerk Magazine 2014
2. CCC – confirmation of receipt of 3 applications for Sports Personality Awards

3. CCC – Christmas Toy box Scheme
4. Email from Cllr. Mansel Charles – Re: Cancellation of Community Carol Service, 7th December. The council noted their disappointment at the cancellation of the Community Carol Service.
5. Email from Lee Davies – re: Community Cleaning services
6. Email from Tynged yr Iaith Sir Gar – invitation to open meeting 17th January.
7. Age Cymru Sir Gar – Invitation to AGM 13/14, 3rd December
8. Carmarthen Federation of Young Farmers – Thank you for the recent donation of £50
9. LVS/Community Space Steering Group – Thank you for the recent donation of £50
10. Community space Steering Group – Community questionnaire Bar Chart & feed back report
11. Community Space Steering Group – Request for information about Llanfynydd
12. Email from CCC, Rosie Carmichael – Requesting information for County Bogs sign
13. Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – Llangollen 2015
14. OVW – Email re: Badger found dead survey
15. OVW – Email re: Back to the Land professionals event, 10th December,
16. OVW – Email re: Revised salary scales 2014/2015
17. OVW - Carmarthenshire Governance Review Report available on www.wiga.gov.uk

Road Maintenance

18. Email from CCC, John McEvoy – Copy of requests for counter locations
19. Email from CCC, Ian Thomas – RE: subsidence & overhanging tree at Pantmawr, Abergorlech

Planning

20. Letter from Eifion Bowen – Re: Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan-Notification of Publication of Inspector's Report
21. Email from Eifion Bowen – Re: CCC – Planning Seminar.
22. E/30950 – Cert of Lawful development for change of use into a residential dwelling at Blaensannan Fach, Llanfynydd, Mrs. Heidi Jones – Permission Granted.
23. E/24195 – Proposed Erection of 12 wind turbines to form a scheme known as "Brechfa Forest East Wind Farm" – Permission Granted. **To be reviewed.**

Finance

24. SLCC – renewal notice membership 2015. It was noted that the council is not a member of the SLCC.

197/14: COMMUNITY SPACE STEERING GROUP

- a. 183/14a. Imminent Closure of Llanfynydd School – The clerk noted as requested, a letter was sent to Revd. Cannon Bryan Witt stating the urgent need for a community space in the Llanfynydd village. It was noted that other groups in the community have also sent a similar letter. Cllr. Merion Jones indicated that the Community Space Steering Group also intend on sending a similar letter.
- b. The clerk read out an email from Mrs. Papworth on behalf of the Community Space Steering Group requesting information to aid in the outline proposal application for the lottery bid. Information requested:
 - i. A copy of the Llanfynydd Community Map, showing the Community boundaries – It was noted that the council did not have a map, but the clerk had spoken to County Cllr. Charles & he was going to see if he could obtain one.
 - ii. If the Community Council works to a Community Action Plan – It was noted that there is no action plan for the council at present.

The clerk is to respond to Mrs. Papworth in writing.

- c. It was suggested that in future should the Community Space Steering Group/LVS send a request to the council for Grant Aid or any funding in relation to the community space project that they might also present a set of accounts as the banking arrangements are being shared between the two organisations.

198/14: HALL PLOT/COMMUNITY GARDEN

- a. 184/14b, Items held at school –It was noted that according to Mr. Williams items being held in the school belonging to the council need to be moved ASAP. Cllr. Rees agreed to speak to Cllrs. Strudwick & D. Jones to see if they have any suggestions. Cllr. Meirion Jones offered to store some items.

199/14: ROAD MAINTENANCE

- a. 185/14a: Overhanging trees from Pantycelyn Sq., Capel Isaac, to Y Rheol. It was noted that the work remained outstanding. Clerk to follow up.
- b. 185/14b&f: Street Lighting by Ty Newydd & Ael Y Bryn - The clerk had contacted Nigel Francis of CCC. Mr. Francis enquired as to whether the estimate for new lighting was the same site as was quoted back in March, outside Haulfryn. The estimated cost was £2000 plus the additional energy and maintenance costs. Mr. Francis's colleague, Mr. Arwel Price then contacted the clerk stating that he is willing to meet the councillors on site to discuss the street lighting. It was noted that it is dark from Portis up to Speit.
Cllr. Peter Law stated that he had contacted the council with the street lamp numbers that were giving trouble in the village. Cllr. Law also stated that he had not contacted the owner of the overhanging tree which is obscuring the light as the light isn't working at present, but agreed to do so when the light is working again. To be reviewed at next meeting.
- c. 185c/14: Overhanging trees & Subsidence at Pantmawr, Llanfynydd, and along the Llanfynydd to Abergorlech road (Pantgwyrd, past Panthowell on the left) - The clerk contacted Ian Thomas of CCC & received a response stating that he has not had a response from the owners & at present according to the land registry the land appears to be unregistered (assumably due to the sale of the property). However, Mr. Thomas stated that he had issued a formal Trees & Hedges Notice to Panthowell again, and if the work is not completed would then call to discuss the concerns in person. With regards to the tree itself Mr. Thomas reiterated the fact that CCC does not consider the works to fell the tree is very urgent at this present moment in time. The clerk was asked to contact CCC once again to ascertain what would be a reasonable time scale allowable to the landowner for a response on the matter. To be reviewed.
- d. 185/14e: Speed Limit - Mr. John McEvoy met on site with Cllr. David Jones & County Cllr. Mansel Charles to discuss the counter locations. Four locations were agreed.

200/14: PLANNING

- a. 186/14a E/31009 - Application for cert of Lawfulness - Existing. Retain dwelling (lived in 12 years), Barn (10years), Caravan (11 years sometimes stayed in) on site. Land adj Penlan Fach, Llanfynydd, Mrs Susan Hollins.
The clerk noted that she had sent an email as requested, stating that the planning dept. had not adhered to its normal planning procedure in this instance as the planning was granted within 12 days and the council were not given the usual 21 days to respond. The clerk also noted the councils concerns regarding decision to grant planning on this occasion may open the floodgates to numerous similar future applications in the parish. The council also wished to be notified of any other developments at this location that may require potential planning permission.
- b. Planning seminar - To be held in February. It was decided that there may be possibly 2 councillors attend from Llanfynydd Community Council. The clerk is to advise CCC.
- c. Planning Application E/30950 - Mrs. Heidi Jones, Blaensannan Fach, Llanfynydd. Certificate of Lawful development for change of use into a residential dwelling. Permission Granted.
- d. Planning application E/24195 - Proposed erection of 12 wind turbines to form a scheme known as "Brechfa Forest East Wind Farm". Permission Granted. To be reviewed.
- e. Cwm near Plas Newydd, Llanfynydd - Concern was expressed that there are 2 caravans at this property and no planning permission has been granted. The clerk is to contact the planning dept.

201/14: GRANT AID

- a. 187/14b Maud Watkins - The clerk presented 27 envelopes of £15 and 2 of £50. The councillors agreed to distribute them to the recipients. The clerk noted that on presenting the letter of withdrawal to the bank, the bank clerk informed her that the signatories had not been updated on her computer but

agreed to give the cash.

- b. Athro Edgar Thomas – There were no nominations for this award. To be reviewed.

202/14: FINANCE

- a. Clerks Salary – Two invoices were presented by the clerk. One for Salary for Sept-November 2014 and expenses to 30/11/14. The invoices were passed around for inspection and approval by all councillors present. Both cheques were prepared & signed for accordingly.
- b. Nat West – The clerk noted that the previous forms that were signed by the councillors were signed in the wrong place. Cllrs. Meirion Jones & Brian Thomas re signed the forms. The clerk is to present to the bank again.

203/14 MEETING SUSPENDED

Cllr. M Rees, who was acting chair, closed the meeting at 9.00 pm for fifteen minutes and invited the members of the public to make any comments they may have. The attached points were raised at this time.

204/14: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. 189/14a: County Bogs project sign – The clerk re emailed Rosie Carmichael as she hadn't received the first email. Ms. Carmichael responded stating that she had been in contact with Mrs. Papworth and required dimensions of the Hall Plot notice board to ascertain if a sign could be made suitable. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Ms. Carmichael stating that the council do not wish to use the Community notice board, but would willingly accept a free standing sign and upon receipt would arrange for it to be mounted at a suitable site.
- b. Cllr. Rod Morgan, whilst giving his apologies to the clerk offered to arrange for the purchase of a Christmas tree for the village. Members were in agreement that he should proceed with this. The clerk to arrange.
- c. It was agreed that the clerk on behalf of the Community Council should, once again, write to CCC with regards to the Japanese Knotweed problem. In particular, the village river side bank, which was prevalent with this plant, was of grave concern to members. Also, it was deemed a good idea to copy in as many appropriate departments as possible in order to make concerns known.
- d. 189/14c - It was agreed that the annual council dinner be held at New Cross Inn, Dryslwyn, on 17th January. The clerk to arrange. It was also suggested that Miss Elin Rees be approached and invited to give a presentation on her recent visit to Patagonia. Cllr. Rees agreed to ask Miss Rees and report back to the clerk.
- e. Cllr. Meirion Jones presented 6 History of Llanfynydd books that had originally been donated to the school. Cllr. Jones is to speak to Cllr. David Jones to ascertain as to how many books are available, and where were they being stored and if it would be possible to add these six books to the current stock.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council would be held on Monday 5th January 2015 at Llanfynydd school at 7.30pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

The Chairman Cllr. Mairwen Rees suspended the meeting between 9.00pm and 9.15pm, so that the members of the public that were present may comment.

- Japanese Knotweed. Members were advised that Japanese Knotweed found on private land could attract a £2,500 fine to the land owner if they were not seen to be doing something towards eradicating the plant. Also, it was pointed out that ASBO's could now be issued if no effort was being made by an individual or group to destroy the plant. Mrs. Papworth asked the councillors if the Community Council would be prepared to issue ASBO's.
- Mrs. Papworth, as a representative of the Llanfynydd Steering Group, asked for a copy of the letter that the Community Council sent to Rev. Canon Witt expressing the need of the community for a community meeting place such as the school building.
- Members were asked if arrangements were in hand regarding Christmas decorations in the village.
- The Llanfynydd Steering Group asked if a map of the parish could be made available to them as part of the documentation required for the forthcoming grant application.