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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, 2nd March 2015 at Llanfynydd School.

32/15: PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick, Cllrs. Meirion Jones, Mairwen Rees, Brian Thomas, Haydn Jones, Rod Morgan & David Jones.

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

Also Present: Helen Sargent, Val Martin, Kate Price-Raybody, Judith Law, Sue Fitz-Gibbons, Chris Hattersley & Claire Papworth.

Cllr. David Jones Left the meeting at 9.30pm.

33/15: CHAIRMANS WELCOME – The chairman welcomed everyone present & passed on his get well wishes to Peter Law who is in hospital at present.

34/15: DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT

Community Officer Roger Anthony informed the council that there was nothing to report in the area.

Horses roaming the Figyn Mountain area – County Cllr. Charles had been in contact with Phil Evans of Animal Health who had looked into & resolved the situation. But in light of a report of a sighting of the horses today – 3 in number - between Pantyrefail, Tipsee Valley & Clawddowen Farmhouse, Officer Roger Anthony had agreed he would again speak to the owners of the horses. County Cllr. Charles agreed to contact Phil Evans again regarding the matter. It was decided that all future sightings of the horses by local people, should be recorded together with reports given to the police and any action they may take.

35/15: MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr. Mairwen Rees and seconded by Cllr. Brian Thomas that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2015 be accepted as a correct record of proceedings.

36/15: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. 20/15a JAPANESE KNOTWEED –

The clerk read out the correspondence from NRW relating to the control of Japanese Knotweed. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Hillary Foster of NRW to arrange a site visit to the village & see how she would advise on how to proceed in the eradication of the knotweed. Cllr. David Jones agreed to meet with her.

37/15: CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were discussed and noted:

1. OVW - Launch of the New One Voice Wales Website
2. Peter Law – resignation letter. The council noted that they were sad to receive Cllr. Law's resignation. It was agreed that the clerk would send a card on the council's behalf thanking him for his time & efforts spent on the council & to wish him a speedy recovery.
3. Rebecca Phillips – Re: Japanese Knotweed
4. Hilary Foster, NRW – Re: Japanese Knotweed site visit
5. OVW – Training courses. The clerk noted an interest in "The Council meeting" training, but as it was being held in Trefeglwys, it

was thought to wait for similar training nearer Carmarthen.

6. Cllr. Charles – Oil delivery to school
7. SLCC – Renewal membership. It was decided not to renew, but would review should the need arise.
8. OVW - Welsh Government Consultation Document - Tax Devolution in Wales Land Transaction tax
9. County Cllr. Mansel Charles – Re: the horses in the Llanfynydd area.
10. OVW – Renewal membership 2015-2016
11. CCC – Update on the Authority’s Third Sector Funding Review.
12. Play for Wales – spring newsletter
13. OVW – THE Wales training strategy 15-19 & questionnaire
14. Cllr. Mairwen Rees – Evaluation of tidy towns. Cllr. Rees agreed to do a telephone survey with Miller research regarding previous grant aid received from the tidy towns.
15. OVW - IMPORTANT West Wales Branch meeting - Sat 7th March Tenby
16. Mrs. Claire Papworth – Community Space Steering group correspondence with Cllr. Rod Morgan. It was noted current pictures have been added to the website.
17. CCC – Re: Felindre
18. CCC - Cllr Enq No. 14,046 - Ysgol Llanfynydd. It was noted that LYFC have been using the school recently.
19. CCC - Town & Community Council Liaison Forum
20. Mr. Chris Papworth – Proposal of Annual review of individual Councillor’s performance and their collective performance.
21. OVW - Women in Public Life Invitation

22. OVW - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2015
23. OVW- Last chance to take advantage of Chaining Skills Training at Llanerch Community Centre, Heol Nant y Felin, Llanerch, Llanelli. SA15 3PA on Thursday 5th March
24. OVW - Last chance to take advantage of Making Effective Grant Applications Training at Ammanford Indoor Bowls, Manor Road, Ammanford. SA18 3AP on Wednesday 4th Mar
25. OVW - Devolution, Democracy and Delivery White Paper - Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People
26. OVW - Invitation to a Welsh stakeholder event on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) Programme of Measures consultation
27. OVW - Review of the Private Sector Empty Properties, questionnaire

Outdated Correspondence

29. OVW – Don't miss out on Data Protection and FOI Training at Picton Community Centre, Freemans Way, Haverfordwest. SA61 IUG on Tuesday 24th February 6pm - 8.30pm

38/15: COMMUNITY SPACE STEERING GROUP

- a. 22/15. Cllr. Meirion Jones informed the council that a big lottery meeting had been attended in the Botanic Gardens & that the school would be considered. He noted that it would be easier to get a grant to maintain the school as opposed to buying it. He confirmed that 3 venues were on their application, the Pen y Bont, the School & to build on the Hall Plot.

39/15: HALL PLOT/COMMUNITY GARDEN

- a. 23/15a, Items held at school –It was noted that the items still remain in the school shed and would do till end of March. The official handover of the keys to the Diocesan offices is to be undertaken 13th April. To be reviewed.
- b. 23/15b, The Chairman is to view the sheds & ascertain if they can be moved to the Hall Plot.
- c. It was noted that the Hall Plot does not need cutting yet.

40/15: ROAD MAINTENANCE

- a. 24/15a: Overhanging trees from Pantycelyn Sq., Capel Isaac, to Y Rheol. It was noted that the work remained outstanding. County Cllr. Charles is to ask CCC to carry out a survey. To be reviewed.
- b. 24/15b2: Street Lighting by Ty Newydd & Ael Y Bryn –
It was noted that now again all the lights on the main road going through the village are on most of the night. The part lighting is not working. The clerk is to contact CCC again.
Cllr. Brian Thomas has spoken to the owner of the overhanging tree that is obscuring the light & she has agreed that the tree may be cut but is not willing to incur the costs. Cllr. Thomas agreed to cut the

branches himself. To be reviewed.

- c. 24/15c: Overhanging trees & Subsidence at Pantmawr, Llanfynydd, and along the Llanfynydd to Abergorlech road (Pantgwyrd, past Panthowell on the left) – Cllr. D Jones noted that he had a site meeting with CCC last year & they informed him that they weren't going to proceed with anymore work at Pantmawr. County Cllr. Charles is to follow up.
- d. 24/15d: Stone Drain outside Arfryn – it was noted that this work hasn't been done. County Cllr. Mansel Charles had notified the CCC & is to follow up.
- e. 24/15e: Water escaping onto Roadway above Felindre, Capel Isaac side. It was noted that this work has been done. No further action.
- f. 24/15f: Right of Way opposite Meadow View – To be reviewed.

41/15: PLANNING

- a. 26/15a: Caravans(s) at Cwm farmland near Plas Newydd, Llanfynydd – It was noted that the land owner opposite has been advised to keep a record of dates & occupancy.
- b. 26/15b: E/30560 – Conversion of former agricultural workers cottage into a residential annexe at Rheol, Capel Isaac. Notice of site visit by planning committee. County Cllr. Charles informed the council that this has been since granted.

42/15: WEBSITE

- a. It was noted that it has been costing Cllr. Rod Morgan's son Tim, who has been looking after the website £5 per month for the last 2 years. He doesn't want to be reimbursed & is happy to maintain it for now. Councillors were very grateful for the work that Cllr. Morgan & his son had done on behalf of the community by maintaining the website.
- b. It was suggested that maybe a subcommittee be set up, made up from members of other organisations in the community who may be prepared to contribute their efforts. It was noted that the website which was initially intended as an electronic notice board has now grown & requires a lot more work. To be reviewed.

43/15: FINANCE

- a. An invoice for £60 from OVW for 2015/2016 membership was received. A cheque was prepared & signed accordingly.
- b. Two invoices were presented by the clerk. One for salary for Dec 2014, Jan & Feb 2015 & expenses to 02/03/2015. Both cheques were prepared & signed accordingly.

44/15: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. 29/15a: County Bogs project sign – The council were informed that the County Bogs sign has been collected by Mr. Chris Papworth who is to speak to the church re where it may be placed.
- b. 29/15b: Defibrillator – The clerk noted the online application is a definite one & it was agreed that the Council hold off on the application until a community space is determined. To be reviewed.
- c. County Cllr. Charles noted that he is happy to continue to chase up any problems the council bring to his attention.
- d. 29/15f: Following the supply documents requested by Mr. Papworth under the FOI Act, a more recent letter was read out from him stating his concern about the Community Council and Community Councillors performance.

The Councillors response to Mr. Papworth's letter was that of disappointment and it was felt that one persons opinion shouldn't overshadow all the work that the Councillors collectively do within individual groups within the community. It was suggested that any correspondence from Mr. Papworth may be brought to an independent body because of his history of letters & requests of information etc. It was also suggested that his most recent letter be brought to a solicitor for legal advice. The overall response to Mr.

Papworth's letter was very disheartening. To be reviewed at next meeting.

- e. School Funds – It was noted that there is a sum of approx. £6500 in an account that is trusted to the school governors to be used for the children of the community. A similar sum is also trusted to Mr. Cliff Price & the monies are to be combined.
- f. It was noted that Caryl Thomas has recently represented Wales in the ladies Welsh rugby team.
- g. Letting of the school – it was noted that individual groups in the community could use the school at present, at the discretion of the school governors, as long as they fill out the relevant paperwork & have their own insurance.
- h. It was noted that the communities' new resident Mr. Hattersley has had a problem with dogs barking constantly in the neighbourhood. Cllr. Morgan had spoken to some of the dog owners & they have agreed to try and resolve the problem.
- i. Cllr. Rees put forward a wall hanging craft project for individuals & organisations. The project would consist of 9inch squares using a variety of craft techniques and each one representing a scene from Llanfynydd parish. The squares would then be mounted on to a backing fabric which would then be suspended on to a rail. Cllr. Rees had put the idea to individuals who had been very positive at the prospect of the project. It was also noted that the Community Questionnaire indicated that 36% had ticked the box "Craft Activity". The displaying of the finished Wall Hanging may be located in the anticipated Community Space or subject to approval, the Church of Chapels. The outcome would also result in a visual display of the History of Llanfynydd. There may be small grants available or maybe some of the money from the History of Llanfynydd may be used. Cllr. Rees volunteered to source suitable grants by the next meeting. To be reviewed.

45/15 MEETING CLOSED

Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick closed the meeting at 9.30pm and invited the members of the public to make any comments they may have.

46/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that meetings would be changed to the first Tuesday of the month to 7.30pm all year round. It was agreed that this is to be amended in the constitution. The clerk is to forward past & updated constitutions to all Councillors.

It was resolved that the next meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council would be held on Tuesday 7th April 2015 at Llanfynydd school at 7.30pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

The Chairman Mr. Lee Strudwick closed the meeting at 9.30pm,so that members of the public that were present may comment. The following items were discussed:

- Val Martin stated that the Book Club had arranged to use the school for one of their meetings, but it didn't materialize due to an issue with insurance. The governors and acting chair of the governors had given their permission for the school to be used. There appeared to be a difference of opinion between Mrs. Martin & Cllr. Meirion Jones on the matter. Cllr. Jones confirmed that he was acting as

an individual when conversing with the school governor on the matter and was not representing the Community Council.

- Mr. Hattersley & Ms. Fitz-Gibbons, the new residents at Onnen, noted that they are very happy to be in the area & grateful to the people who have made them welcome. They stated they are more than willing to treat the Japanese Knotweed growing on their property & would be happy to meet up with the specialist from NRW if appropriate. They also offered to plant up the concrete trough near their drive. Mr. Hattersley & Ms. Fitz-Gibbons did state that the dog barking is a major problem & could be detrimental to the community and asked the Council to support them with their problem. Cllr. Rod Morgan has already spoken to two of the of the dog owners who have agreed to try & resolve the problem. Ms. Fitz-Gibbons also mentioned that the land adjacent to them has Knotweed growing on it & having checked they can't seem to determine who owns the land.
- Community Space Steering Group – Mrs. Claire Papworth has checked with Ceri Davies from the planning dept. to see if the school would require planning permission for Change of use. He is to come back to her.