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LLANFYNYDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday,  
7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at Llanfynydd School.**

**47/15: PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick, Cllrs. Meirion Jones, Mairwen Rees, Brian Thomas, Haydn Jones & David Jones.

In attendance was the clerk Mrs. Elaine Blakeman.

Also Present: Claire Papworth.

**48/15: CHAIRMANS WELCOME** – The chairman welcomed everyone present. He noted he was glad to see Cllr. Meirion Jones at the meeting considering his recent bout of ill-health & wished him the best of health in the future. The Chairman passed his condolences on to the family of Ian Thomas for their recent loss.

**49/15: APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Rod Morgan & County Cllr. Mansel Charles.

**50/15: DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT**

The clerk is to contact Officer Roger Anthony regarding the date & location of the next meeting.

**51/15: MINUTES**

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

**52/15: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a. 36/15a JAPANESE KNOTWEED –

Cllr. David Jones confirmed that he would be meeting with Hillary Foster of NRW in the village on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr. Haydn Jones is to contact Mr. Hattersley, Onnen, regarding the meeting as Mr. Hattersley previously indicated that he would be interested in attending the meeting. A request was also received from the LVS requesting that some of their members would like to attend. The clerk asked Mrs. Papworth was there a need to respond to the request in writing or was it sufficient that she would pass the information back to Mrs Sargent who sent in the request. Mrs. Papworth stated that she would ask Mrs. Sargent to confirm to the clerk that she had received the information of the meeting.

b. Horses roaming the Figyn Mountain area – it was noted further to County Cllr. Charles' correspondence on the matter that the horses had been impounded & the police had been called again. The owner of the horses had to pay the relevant costs to have the horses released. Cllr. Meirion Jones advised that the horses had been impounded on his land.

**53/15: CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were discussed and noted:

1. National Botanic Garden of Wales – Events Spring 2015
2. Clerks & Councils direct –March Issue
3. CCC – Bank Holiday Bin Collections
4. BT – Adopt a Kiosk for as little as a £1
5. Yr Ardd – Spring issue
6. County Cllr. Mansel Charles – Re: Carmarthenshire Bogs Project

7. Mark Hadley LAF – Introductory email
  8. OVW – Seminar with Julian Dobson on “How to save our town centres”
  9. County Cllr. Mansel Charles – Stray Horses
  10. County Cllr, Mansel Charles – Overhanging trees
  11. County Cllr, Mansel Charles – Overhanging trees & subsidence
  12. OVW - Carmarthenshire County Council is consulting about changes to the monitoring of its CCTV cameras.
  13. Robin Griffiths – Re: CCTV in Carmarthenshire
  14. Home start – Launch/Open day invitation
  15. OVW -\_Consultations on Council Tax Exemptions for Long-Term Empty Homes and Second Homes in Wales
  16. OVW - discussion points which will aid your council discussion, influence your individual response to the White Paper
  17. OVW -\_Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales - Board Member Opportunity
  18. OVW - Motions for 2015 Annual Conference/AGM
- MBH 3 LTD –Re: Proposed development at the Pantglas Resort  
 Nat west – update to account terms

**Late Correspondence**

YFC Rally – 2 complimentary entry tickets were received for the YFC rally, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015. It was agreed by all that the clerk would have them.  
 Community Space Steering Group – Feasibility study done by Community Space Steering Group  
 Email from County Cllr. Charles – re: Road Maintenance

**54/15: COMMUNITY SPACE STEERING GROUP**

- a. 38/15a. Cllr. Meirion Jones informed the council that the 1st stage application for funding from the National Lottery has been accepted for the Pen Y Bont. Cllr. Jones noted that the people selling the Pen Y Bont are aware that the Community Space Steering Group are interested in buying the property & that they have indicated to the sellers that they are willing to pay the market price, should the funds become available.
- b. It was noted that the two other sites considered by the Steering Group had issues. The legal costs of finding the original deeds of the school would need to be funded & parking is an issue. The Hall Plot doesn't have parking available.
- c. Mrs. Claire Papworth spoke on behalf of the Community Space Steering Group regarding the feasibility study that was presented in late correspondence. Mrs. Papworth stated that the Community Space Steering Group has spoken with Ceri Davies, CCC Planning dept. regarding the school & he confirmed that the school will need planning for change of use. Mrs. Papworth stated that the school isn't suitable for a Community Space as long as it's a school. Mrs. Papworth noted that Mr. Robert Cottam is looking for the original deeds of the school so it can be ascertained if the school may be used other than an educational facility.
- d. Cllr. Meirion Jones asked members of the council to attend the Community Space Steering Groups open meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. He also asked that other council members would become members of the Steering Group as due to his current health that he may not be as active in the group as he has been. It was noted that following the recent letter from Mr. Papworth stating his concerns regarding the Community Councils performance & the strong content of the letter, that some of the Councillors may have been put off becoming a member of the Steering Group, considering Mr. Papworth is a prominent member of the group.
- e. It was noted that Mr. Robert Cottam is to become a member of the Community Space Steering Group. The current Committee members are Cllr. Meirion Jones, Mr. Glyn Dyer, Mr. Cledwyn Davies, Mr. Chris Papworth & Mrs. Claire Papworth.

**55/15: HALL PLOT/COMMUNITY GARDEN**

- a. 39/15a, 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 13<sup>th</sup> April. To be reviewed.
- b. 39/15b, The Councillors have viewed the sheds. Cllr. David Jones is to speak to Mr. Robert Cottam

who is a representative of the School Governors & the Church to ascertain if the council can keep the shed at its current location for now. Chairman is to view the sheds & ascertain if they can be moved to the Hall Plot.

- c. Chairman Lee Strudwick is to cut the grass in the Hall Plot.
- d. It was noted that Mrs. Julie Jones has done a spring clean on the Community Garden.

#### **56/15: ROAD MAINTENANCE**

- a. 40/15a: Overhanging trees from Pantycelyn Sq., Capel Isaac, to Y Rheol. It was noted that the work is in progress at present. To be reviewed.
- b. 40/15b: Street Lighting by Ty Newydd & Ael Y Bryn –  
The clerk noted that she had a call from Arwel Price, Street Lighting dept. who was looking into the matter again.  
Cllr. Thomas agreed to cut the branches. To be reviewed.
- c. 40/15c: Overhanging trees & Subsidence at Pantmawr, Llanfynydd, and along the Llanfynydd to Abergorlech road (Pantgwyrdd, past Panthowell on the left) –CCC have made arrangements for a tree that has recently fallen over to be cut back, but stated that their position hasn't changed regarding the large fallen tree on the left hand side of the route. They reiterated the fact that this is on privately owned land, but have agreed to monitor the whole area for possible movements or settlements. To be reviewed.
- d. 40/15d: 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. To be reviewed.
- e. 40/15f: Right of Way opposite Meadow View – Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick is to speak to the land owner. To be reviewed.
- f. It was noted that somebody has been dumping rubbish on the Abergorlech Road, North East of Pantmawr, on the left hand side before the bridge. The clerk is to inform County Cllr. Charles on the matter.

#### **57/15: WEBSITE**

- a. The chairman noted that he had spoken to Cllr. Rod Morgan who had a few ideas relating to the website. Cllr. Morgan is to take over managing the website.
- b. The Chairman agreed to take the signed minutes & scan them to the clerk, so she may scan them to Tim to be put up on the website.

#### **58/15: COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY**

Casual Vacancy – The clerk is to contact CCC regarding the current vacancy.

#### **59/15: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. 44/15d: It was noted that Mr. Papworth's recent letter would require a response. It was decided by all to discuss this further in Matters to be dealt with privately.
- b. 44/15i: Crefftiau Plwyf Llanfynydd Parish Craft - Cllr. Rees informed the Council that she had been researching grants for the project. It was decided that an application would be put forward for Awards for All. It was noted that the start date for the project should be at least 4 months after the application is sent and the finish date should not be more than 15 months after the application is sent. It was decided by all that Cllr. Rees would be the main contact & the clerk would be the senior contact for the project. Cllr Rees also stated that she would require an up to date Bar Chart from the Community Questionnaire, from the Community Space Steering Group for the application. Cllr. Meirion Jones is to organise this. The clerk is to provide financial information. It was agreed by all that this application would be submitted.
- c. Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick is to enquire as to whether the Speit vestry is available to the council for the next meeting.

- d. 37/15 14: Cllr. Mairwen Rees confirmed that she had taken the telephone survey. It entailed feedback regarding a previous grant Tidy Tows Grant application & maintenance of the Hall Plot.
- e. Planning – The clerk noted that the system that CCC informs the clerk of planning applications has changed. The clerk now receives by email a link to all the planning applications received on a weekly basis from CCC.
- f. Annual Accounts – It was agreed by all that the clerk ask Tina Giddings to audit the financial accounts 2014/2015.
- g. Athro Edgar Thomas – The clerk is to contact the bank & ascertain what interest rate is on this account.
- h. It was suggested that the Agenda Item 7. Grwp Llywio Gofod Cymunedol is changed to Grwp Llywio Lle Gymunedol.

**60/15: MEETING CLOSED**

Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick closed the meeting at 9.10 pm and invited the members of the public to make any comments they may have.

**61/15: DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council would be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm, venue to be confirmed.

Signed.....  
 Date..... 08/05/2015

The Chairman Mr. Lee Strudwick closed the meeting at 9.10pm so that members of the public that were present may comment.

- Mrs. Claire Papworth requested a show of hands as to who intended on attending the open meeting of the Steering Group on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.
- Mrs. Papworth stated that an appraisal on the village carried out in 1998 stated the needs of a community space.
- Following the success of the 1<sup>st</sup> stage National Lottery grant application for a community space, Mrs. Papworth suggested a success note be made in the minutes.
- Mrs. Papworth asked the council if the notice board would be staying on the school building.
- Mrs. Papworth asked the Council if they had an applicant in mind for the current vacancy on the council and if so that they consider posting the name and address on the local notice board.