

**CYNGOR CYMDEITHAS LLANFYNYDD  
LLANFYNYDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday,  
5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Speit Chapel Vestry.**

**62/15: PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick, Cllrs. Meirion Jones, Mairwen Rees, Brian Thomas, Haydn Jones & David Jones.

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

Also Present: Helen Sargent, Sue Fitzgibbons, Chris Hattersley & Val Martin.

**63/15: CHAIRMANS WELCOME** – The chairman welcomed everyone present. He congratulated the YFC Llanfynydd juniors for coming second in the YFC rally & congratulated everybody on their stewarding. He also congratulated Arwel Jones who was recently elected Chairman of All Wales Activities Committee.

**64/15: APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Rod Morgan.

**65/15: DYFED POWYS POLICE REPORT**

Community Officer Roger Anthony noted that somebody had damaged the UKIP election poster in the village.

**66/15: MINUTES**

There were 2 adjustments to be made to the minutes. Following the amendments it was proposed by Cllr. David Jones and seconded by Cllr. Haydn Jones that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 be accepted as a correct record of proceedings.

**67/15: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a. 52/15a JAPANESE KNOTWEED –

It was noted that some of the Councillors & several of the locals met with Hillary Foster of NRW regarding the Knotweed problem. Ms. Foster informed those at the meeting that the knotweed can be treated with a 3 year plan, but caution had to be exercised treating near water. She then sent the clerk a follow up email to clarify a few points on treating the weed. It was noted that Caroline Orr is looking into funding for the treatment of the Knotweed. Cllr. Strudwick is to get a price from some contractors.

**68/15: CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were discussed and noted:

1. Letter from St. David's Diocesan Board of finance – re: Llanfynydd Former Voluntary Aided Primary School.
2. CCC – Code of Conduct Training
3. Office for National Statistics – Annual Survey of Hours & Earnings 2015. Clerk is to respond.
4. BDO – Annual Audit forms
5. Carmarthen Tourist Information – Requesting information of carnival. Clerk to email to all councillors so they may pass on to other groups in the village.
6. Hilary Foster – Report of meeting re: Japanese Knotweed
7. County Cllr. Charles – Re: Fly tipping at Pant Mawr
8. OVW - Response to the White Paper, Reforming Local Government: Power to the People. link
9. OVW - Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015
10. OVW - Programme 2015 for Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918

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11. Arwel Price – Street Lighting
12. Community Space Project – Notes on Open meeting 13/04/2015
13. Gateway confirmation of Annual employee submission

**Outdated Correspondence**

14. OVW – Carmarthenshire Area Committee meeting Agenda

**Late Correspondence**

15. The Pensions Regulator – Contact nomination. Clerk is to respond.
16. Letter from Cllr. Meirion Jones – request confirming that local YFC & Community Council have their own insurance.

**69/15: COMMUNITY SPACE STEERING GROUP**

- a. Correspondence item 68/15, 12. Notes from the Community Space Steering Group Open Meeting 13/04/15. The Penybont has been sold. The School Building was deemed not readily available and fraught with complications. The Hall Plot site feasibility study carried out by the LVS in 2013 was supported by both the Local Planning and Highways dept. The Steering Group has shown that funding is available for this type of project which could achieve a venue for up to 50 people inside and would still retain the outside garden/seating areas.  
It was decided by a show of hands that the Steering Group should stand down and the Community and the Village will put its support to the new owners of the Penybont. The Steering Group was thanked for all their hard work and it was suggested that perhaps a Community owned venue could be considered again sometime in the future.
- b. It was decided to remove The Steering Group from future Agendas.
- c. It was noted that the Community Council did not support the recent feasibility study that was done on the School Building as it was prepared by The Steering Group & not by an independent body.

**70/15: HALL PLOT/COMMUNITY GARDEN**

- a. 55/15a, Items held at school – To be reviewed.
- b. 55/15c, It was noted that Chairman Lee Strudwick has cut the grass in the Hall Plot & has agreed to go again at the end of the week.
- c. Cllr. Mairwen Rees agreed to do some weeding.

**71/15: ROAD MAINTENANCE**

- a. 56/15a: Overhanging trees from Pantycelyn Sq., Capel Isaac, to Y Rheol. It was noted that the work has been completed. No further action.
- b. 56/15b: Street Lighting by Ty Newydd & Ael Y Bryn –  
The clerk noted that she had been informed by Arwel Price, that the work had been completed. No further action.  
It was noted that Cllr. Thomas has cut the branches.
- d. 56/15c: Overhanging trees & Subsidence at Pantmawr, Llanfynydd, and along the Llanfynydd to Abergorlech road (Pantgwyrd, past Panthowell on the left) – No further action.
- d. 56/15d: Stone Drain outside Arfryn – it was noted that this work has been done. No further action.
- e. 56/15e: Right of Way opposite Meadow View –It was noted that the land owner hadn't been contacted by the warden. The clerk is to contact Jason Lawday again. To be reviewed.
- f. 56/15f: Rubbish dumping on the Abergorlech Road, North East of Pantmawr- it was noted that the rubbish had been collected. No further action.
- g. Bridge by Penybont – It was noted that the bridge by the Penybont has been hit by something. The copings have been damaged. County Cllr. Charles to follow up.
- h. Pot holes at Bryn Yr Eglwys up to the Brechfa Forest- It was noted that there are pot holes in the area. County Cllr. Charles is to follow up.
- i. North Lodge Pant Glas Hall – It was noted that since the stone drain culvert had recently been resurfaced the water is now lodging & goes over the wall to the Lodge. County Cllr. Charles is to follow up.

**72/15: FINANCE**

- a. Members of the Llanfynydd Tug of War team had called to the clerk with cheque no 642, which had been presented to the TOW team last April for Grant Aid. They explained that they didn't have a bank a/c at that time & asked that the cheque could be reissued. A cheque for £50 was reissued. Cllrs. D Jones, M Rees & Brian Thomas all declared an interest.
- b. A cheque was prepared & signed for £100 for Tina Giddings as a token of appreciation for doing the internal audit.
- c. The Chairman noted that he would like to use the chairman's account to buy a card, bunch of flowers & wine for Mrs. Julie Jones, who continued to open & close the school for the Council meetings over the previous few months, even though she hadn't been paid for doing so. £30 was agreed & the clerk is to organize. Cllr. David Jones declared an Interest.

**73/15: COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY**

Casual Vacancy – The clerk has contacted CCC regarding the current vacancy & is awaiting a response.

**74/15: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. 59/15a: It was noted that the clerk had sent a response to Mr. Papworth's recent letter.
- b. 59/15b: Creffiau Plwyf Llanfynydd Parish Craft - Cllr. Rees informed the Council that she had sent off the grant application.
- c. Correspondence 68/15 1 – A letter was read out from St. David's Diocesan Board of finance re: Llanfynydd Former VA Primary school stating that the future of the school is being considered and interested parties are asked for any proposals to buy or lease the property. It was agreed that the clerk would respond, asking for more information as to the terms on leasing the property.
- d. Late correspondence 68/15 16 – Letter from Cllr. Meirion Jones – Cllr. Jones presented a letter to the Chairman asking him to confirm that in the open meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council on 2/2/15, that Councillors did say that the local YFC had their own insurance & the Community Council also have their own insurance. It was confirmed that the Community Council did have their own insurance & Councillors are to verify if the YFC have their own insurance.

**75/15: MEETING CLOSED**

Chairman Cllr. Lee Strudwick closed the meeting at 8.30 pm and invited the members of the public to make any comments they may have.

**76/15: DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next meeting of Llanfynydd Community Council would be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm, Speit Chapel Vestry.

Signed.....

Date.....

The Chairman Mr. Lee Strudwick closed the meeting at 8.30pm so that members of the public that were present may comment.

- Mr. Chris Hattersley enquired as to what the development was with the Penybont.

Chairman's Initials.....

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Appendix 1

Bank Statements showed the following balances

18/05/2015 Lloyds Bank - Business Current Account: 00092707	£8406.71
14/05/2015 Lloyds Bank – Deposit A/C:07046026	£6739.51
18/03/2015 Lloyds Bank – Chairmans account : 00159763	£123.00
18/11/2014 Lloyds Bank – History of Llanfynydd Account: 00470604	£2482.41
27/10/2014 Lloyds Bank - Hall A/C 00198807	£88.87
27/02/2015 Nat West – Bonus Saver A/C: 30254566	£1632.11
18/05/2015 Lloyds Bank – Athro E Thomas: 07099626	£111.38
18/12/2014 lloyds Bank – Maud Watkins: 07102252	£4792.24