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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,
9th February 2016 at Speit Chapel Vestry.**

20/16: PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Brian Thomas, Cllrs. Meirion Jones, Mairwen Rees, Lee Strudwick, Sarah Thomas, Haydn Jones & David Jones.

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

Also Present: Claire Papworth, Helen Sargent, Sue Fitz-Gibbons & Robert Cottam.

21/16: CHAIRMANS WELCOME – The chairman welcomed everyone present. He also noted the sad passing of Mrs. Mair Williams.

22/16: DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST – County Cllr. Mansel Charles declared an interest in any planning issues that would arise. During the meeting Cllr. David Jones declared a personal interest stating that he does work for Mr. Dave Lewis, who has agreed to pick up the gazebo.

23/16: MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr. Meirion Jones & seconded by Cllr. David Jones that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2015 be accepted as a correct record of proceedings.

24/16: CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In response to the letter sent to Mr. Cottam, by the clerk, asking if he had any objection to a bin being placed near his property, Mr. Cottam attended the meeting & asked that the Council would not place a bin as suggested, as he currently has a problem with fly tipping & feels that a bin would make it worse. Mr. Cottam also stated that the proposed location was not safe & could cause an accident. The council took Mr. Cottam's comments on board & agreed that they would not pursue the application for a new litter bin.

Correspondence from the LVS was read out proposing the organization of a Floral Display Competition in the village. The LVS asked the council for their support. Members reacted positively and the general feeling was that funding for sponsorship of a class would be made available. The LVS are to present their proposals at a future meeting.

The Correspondence from the LVS also asked the council to 1. advise of the eligibility criteria for the awarding of Grant Aid in May & November 2. Explain the difference between Grant Aid & Donations as it appears that the benefit of Grant Aid stays within the parish and some donations appear to benefit causes outside the parish and 3. consider posting the eligibility criteria and procedures for applying for Grant Aid and Donations on their website so that the public can be made aware of what is available and where relevant.

It was noted that any applications for grant aid are reviewed in May & November. Any applications received throughout the year are put on file & appear on the relevant Grant Aid list, except for those that have a deadline; these are sometimes dealt with as they come in. It was noted that S137 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 permits a Community Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to the area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure.

Community Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. It was noted that there is no difference between grant aid & donations.

Mrs. Papworth thanked the council for the information that had been passed on regarding the spraying of the Japanese Knotweed.

Correspondence was read out from Mrs. Sue Fitz-Gibbons noting that the current and savings accounts appear quite high when viewed in the context of 2015 expenditure and the proposed precept for 2016. Mrs. Fitz-Gibbons asked the Council 1. Does the Community Council have a policy/method of calculating an appropriate reserve? 2. How often is the calculation revisited and the reserve reviewed? 3. Is any part of the current reserve earmarked for a specific purpose? 4. At present is there a surplus over and above the reserves required? And 5. If the answer to question 4 is yes, could some or all of the surplus be released to improve facilities and/or services in the community? It was noted that there is no particular method of calculating the reserve. The current reserve exists as the money was supposed to go towards public toilets but the project fell through. It was noted that the reserves are not earmarked for anything specific at present but it was discussed that some projects to improve the village may be considered. It was also noted that the reserves are currently declining.

It was brought to the attention of the council that the LVS are doing a lot of the maintenance in the village.

25/16: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. 6/16b: Dwr Cymru Welsh Water grant – To be reviewed.

26/16: CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were discussed and noted:

CORRESPONDENCE FOR FEBRUARY MEETING 2016

Road Maintenance

1. County Cllr. Charles - LLANFYNYDD RURAL AREA

Planning

2. RWE – Re: Brechfa Forest Windfarm
3. CCC – Henffordd, Abergorlech

Finance

4. CCC – Footway Lighting Charges 2016/17
5. Zurich – Insurance Renewal

6. LVS – Agenda Item 4, Llanfynydd Floral Display Competition & Grant Aid & Donations
7. Sue Fitz-Gibbons – Bank Balances
8. OVW – Renewal of membership
9. OVW – Carmarthenshire Area Committee, Feb Agenda
10. Mrs. Smithson – Preswylfa, Thank you for Maud Watkins Donation
11. CCC – Invitation to St. David's parade, Carmarthen, 27/02/16, 11am
12. OVW - MODULE 20 – SUSTAINABILITY/WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT 2015 Training at LLANERCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEOL Y FELIN, LLANERCH, LLANELLI. SA15 3PA on TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY.
13. OVW - Appointment of Members to the Social Security Advisory Committee. Link available from clerk.
14. OVW - Public Appointments Opportunity – Appointment of Chair to Sport Wales
15. Mr. Richard Davies – RE the History of Llanfynydd
16. County Cllr. Charles - Sports Relief Community Cash Communities
17. Dryslwyn Shop – Grants
18. Val Martin – Thank you card re: Maud Watkins contribution.

27/16: HALL PLOT/COMMUNITY GARDEN

- a. 8/16a: Gazebo –Cllr. David Jones agreed to make arrangements to bring the Gazebo back to the village.

28/16: ROAD MAINTENANCE

- a. 9/16a: Right of Way opposite Meadow View – To be reviewed.
- b. 9/16b: Pot holes at Bryn yr Eglwys – To be reviewed.
- c. 9/16c: North Lodge Pant Glas Hall – To be reviewed.
- d. 9/16d: Missing sign Corner Opposite the Farmers – The clerk noted that she had no response as yet from the landowners. It was agreed that the clerk would contact CCC & ask for an update on their position.
- e. 9/16e: Neighbourhood Watch sign by Speit Cemetery near the sewage works – Cllr. Lee Strudwick has taken the remaining sign to the work shop for repair. It was noted that there is no Neighborhood/Farm Watch in the village at the moment. It was agreed that this would be discussed with Community Officer Roger Anthony at the next meeting.
- f. 9/16g: Road from Llwynceilyn yard to Abergorlech Road– It was noted that this work has been completed.
- g. 9/15h: Sign Posts either side of the road at Llwynceilyn Farm Yard – It was noted that Cllr. Meirion Jones had meet with John Mc Evoy. The request has been placed on the CCC list for signs. It was noted that the farm owner had asked that the sat nav co-ordinates for the area be redirected. Mr. McEvoy is to follow this up.
- h. Sign leading to Brynberllan through Maes yr Heidd – It was noted that the No Through Road sign had been taken down as the Welsh spelling was incorrect. It was agreed that the clerk would contact CCC & ask that the sigh be re-erected with the correct spelling & that the co-ordinates be redirected from the sat nav program as the road isn't suitable for the volume of traffic directed there.
- i. Pavement request from Speit Chapel to Bronsannan – It was noted that the road from Speit Chapel down towards the village has eroded & poses a health & safety risk to members of the public. It was agreed that the clerk would contact CCC & ask that a pavement be placed in the village.
- j. It was noted that it is important that the local footbridges are checked & maintained on a regular basis. It was agreed that Councillors take a look at the surrounding areas & report findings at the next meeting. It was agrees that Footbridges is to appear as an item on the agenda in the next meeting.

29/16: PLANNING

- a. 10/16a. E/32536 - Mr TJ, Mrs EE, Mr CP and Mrs EM Davies, land opposite Llys y Nant, Llanfynydd, for 12 No. detached domestic properties and 1 pair of semi-detached houses. To be reviewed.
- b. 10/16b: Caravans at Henffordd, Abergorlech – It was noted that the planning dept. is looking into the matter. It was also noted that there is now only one caravan there at present.

30/16: WEBSITE

Mr. Rod Morgan sent his apologies for not being able to make the meeting to discuss the website, but will try & attend the next meeting. It was noted that Tim who currently looks after the website is hoping to retire his position. It was agreed that this would be looked at the next meeting.

31/16: FINANCE

- a. Cllr. Mairwen Rees presented two invoices for the Crefftau Plwyf project. Two cheques were prepared & signed accordingly.
- b. An invoice was presented for the clerk vacancy advertisement in the Carmarthen Journal. A cheque was prepared & signed accordingly.
- c. Two invoices were presented from OVW for the Clerk working hour's calculator & subscription

renewal. A cheque was prepared & signed accordingly.

32/16: LLANFYNYDD PARISH CRAFT

It was noted that the Baptist Church have agreed to the wall hanging. Cllr. Rees noted that she is hoping to organize a talk with Mr. Cliff Price on Photography.

33/16: CLERK VACCANCY

13/16: It was noted that there had been only one response for the position. The clerk is to make contact & organise a meeting with the Councillors. The Councillors asked the clerk would she be willing to attend the March meeting should the applicant be successful & require training. The clerk agreed to the request.

34/16: VILLAGE BENCH

15/16 – Cllr. David Jones noted that the bench has been pressure washed & is drying out.

35/16: PUBLICATION SCHEME

It was agree that it would be discussed at the next meeting.

36/16: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. 17/16a Dog Foul – It was noted that a neighbouring parish sent out a standard letter to everybody in the parish regarding the problem of dog foul. This letter was supplied by CCC. It was agreed to remove this item from the minutes for the time being.
- b. 17/16b Defibrillator – It was discussed that the cost of the defibrillator may be funded by the History of Llanfynydd a/c. An appropriate location needs to be decided. The clerk is to look into the application form.
- c. 17/16d It was proposed that because the Community Council didn't have the expense of the Christmas tree & decorations this year that a contribution is offered to the church for having the lights on during the Christmas period. Cllr. Dylan Thomas is to ask Mrs. Rhiannon Thomas. A sum of £25 was agreed. Cllr. Lee Strudwick is to ask Mr. Rod Morgan where the lights are at present.
- d. Code of Conduct training – it was noted that CCC normally run training May/ June. It was noted that some Councillors would be interested in attending this training.

37/16: MEETING CLOSED

Chairman Cllr. Brian Thomas closed the meeting at 9.49 pm.

Signed..... *B.J. Thomas*
Date..... *08/03/16*