

A meeting of the Community Council took place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.30pm in Groesffordd Village Hall.

**Present:**

Ms Jackie Williams **JW**

Mr Bill Burrows **BB**

Mr Ray Powell **RP**

Mr Charles De Winton **CdeW(Chairman)**

Mrs Barbara Smith **BS(Chairman)**

**In attendance:**

County Councillor Liam Fitzpatrick **LH**, PCSO Emma Jackson **EJ**

Ms Sue Dale (Clerk) **SD**, an officer of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA) and two members of the public.

**1. Welcome All.**

**2. Apologies:**

Mr Steve Prothero **SP**, Mr Tony Hamnett **AH** and Mr Ian Matthews **IM**

**3. Declarations of Interest** None

**4. Public Participation**

The Officer from the BBNPA described the options open to the community:

Place plan – usually for larger communities, where the process seeks to understand the needs of the community and translate them into Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG). The role of the BBNPA officer is to provide advice and support.

-Design Statement – usually for smaller communities. Can be helpful in applying for funding. This process can also lead to the statement becoming SPG. Seeks to document the looks and character of the area. The BBNPA Officer feels that this option would be ideal for Llanfrynach.

-Conservation area – BBNPA have published guidance called “shape my Brecon Beacons” available on their website.

The Officer said that the choice between all options, or none of them, is up to the community.

PCSO Emma Jackson reported that there was no Speedwatch group in Llanfrynach. There had been one for the A40 at Llanhamlach. It was established that the 20mph limit is only available to areas with a school and there are only 2 light 30mph units in Powys, although they can be purchased but they require Highways permission to be used. C96 was discussed as a possible site for Speedwatch activities.

Llanfrynach has been quiet but there has been criminal activity nearby – quad bike thefts and burglaries in Ffrwdgrech Industrial Estate.

**5. Minutes of the last meeting** The rest of the meeting was chaired by BS as CdeW had to leave.

The ordinary minutes of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Annual Meeting minutes of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Human Resources committee meeting minutes of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 need amendment they were adjourned till next time.

6. **Matters Arising** None (for the Ordinary minutes and the Annual Meeting minutes)
7. **Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall**

The Hall committee are considering installing new windows and possibly cladding on the back wall (the wall there has become absorbent) and painting.

The proposed bar facility seems impracticable now.

The WI are funding new curtains for the Hall in celebration of their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A small plaque will be put up commemorating the occasion.
8. **Ty Bach**

No change to report, Ty Bach still going.
9. **Groesffordd Hall Management**

A first view of the provisional plans for the extension require some minor changes then they will be ready to submit to BBNPA. The aims are to provide a 6m storage area and a small stage making the Hall more versatile.

The bank accounts have not changed, standing at:

Current Account £8686

Savings Account £9029
10. **A40, A470 Millbrook additional signage.**

The letter to Welsh Government from the County Councillor has been sent. Progress could be made by holding an on site meeting.
11. **Flood Risk Management**

The job has been completed.
12. **Newsletter**

The next edition will be delayed somewhat. All articles are to be sent to JW for sending on to the Editor. The current list of articles is:

BS and SP are now Councillors

Awareness of sites of scientific interest, particularly the Special Area of Conservation on the Menasgin River.

EJ to provide photographs. EJ

Obituary for a recently deceased Groesfforddian. AH

Show dates. All

New 50 mph signs at Llanhamlach and Nant Ddu.

Statement about the Precept by the Chairman. CdeW
13. **Grass cutting Contract for the playground award.** The contract was awarded to last year's contractor – the quality of the work was good and the price lower (£500).
14. **Playground gate and post contract.** Complete. Resolved: Clerk to order the parts needed to complete approved maintenance on the playground equipment.

- 15. Village plan proposal update.** See Public Participation.
- 16. Powys County Council matters.** Two current consultations have proved controversial:  
 Blue badge consultation – where blue badge holders will have to pay for parking in PCC parking facilities after a time.  
 Home school transport consultation – where the numbers of free places will be restricted. This could cause many problems for families across Powys.
- 17. Feedback on the freedom of information request about the garages at Groesffordd.** The information has been received.
- 18. New model standing orders to be considered and approved.**  
 Adjourned until the next meeting – the changes are quite extensive and need further consideration. **All**
- 19. Report on the Clerk's appraisal and review of salary.** The Clerk's performance was rated as acceptable and the committee recommended an increase in salary. Emails were highlighted as an area for improvement in the coming year.
- 20. The General Data Protection Regulations come into force on the 25th May 2018. We are awaiting the results of the data audit**  
 Draft privacy notices have been circulated for Councillors and employees and need to stipulate a length of time to keep the data, also there is no need to keep medical history and NI numbers for councillors. Other privacy notices for the public and contractors need to be drafted. **SD&TH**
- 21. Cheques signing and financial statement**
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| Clerk's Pay (standing order June) | £364.80 |
| Internal Auditor fee              | £35.00  |
| Wicksteed Playground inspection   | £85.20  |
- 22. Appointment, remit of and report from the internal auditor.**  
 Completed and approved.
- 23. Signing of the Annual Report.** The annual return was circulated and approved, the Chairman signed the annual return.
- 24. Planning – 18/18160/FUL The White Swan re-consultation.** The comment to be returned to the BBNPA is that there was positive support for the new amendments, comments from the village stand.  
**- 18/16247/FUL. Nant Ddu lodge Hotel, provision of additional hotel facilities** A change of use application. No objection.
- 25. Payments to the village hall to be considered by Council, £460 and £483 for insurance cover.** Approved.
- 26. Talybont on Usk request preferred dates and agenda items for the next Joint Council's meeting.** The Council wish to suggest a meeting date in September/ October and have no agenda items to put forward at this stage. **SD**

**27. Correspondence –**

Email: Independent Remuneration Panel Proforma. For use at the end of September to return Councillors' expenses for the year 17-18. SD

**28. Any Other Business (to be used to pass on information only)**

A defibrillator has been installed at Lechfaen farm.

Clerk to check the insurance policy for coverage over the Groesffordd Show.

Update on Lechfaen Well, "The Living Wells" project is applying for funding for additional shrub clearance, repointing with lime mortar and fencing. Other wells may receive different work Clerk to send the original email on to BB.

BB will be sending a personal letter of support.

BBNPA have sent an application for change in a public footpath by the A40 near Brecon. Councillors found it difficult to identify. The map and accompanying documents were emailed to Councillors for a decision.

**29. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7.30pm in Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting.