

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANFRYNACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Community Council took place on Thursday 30th July 2015 at 7.30pm in Groesffordd Hall.

Present

Mr Bill Burrows BB (Chairman)
Dr Mervyn Bramley MB
Ms Ruth Brown RB
Mr Tony Hamnett TH
Mrs Bronwyn Fox (Clerk) BF

Mrs Norma Higginson NH
Mr Ian Matthews IM
Mrs Alison Williams AW
Mr Steve Williams (Vice-Chairman) SW
Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick LF

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the councillors.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Charles De Winton.

3. Minutes from previous meeting on 18th June 2015

Minutes were agreed then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Playground Update

After receiving the detailed inspection report, councillors agreed to CDW taking charge of the playground and attending to medium risk items that require attention.

Other items detailed in the report were discussed and decisions reached as follows:

1. Pedestrian Gates, purchasing netting/mesh to be attached to the gate – it was agreed that this could in fact be more of a hazard than the existing rails therefore no action required.
2. Access Gate – No action, see 1 above.
3. Sign Provision and its contents – it was agreed that the CC should provide a sign as recommended in the inspection report. Quotes to be obtained **SW**

7. Newsletter

It was agreed that the sub group postpone the next newsletter until September so that local shows can be included. While the sub group are investigating some stories already they do require more input and have asked for articles on a lighter note with some human interest.

8. Upper Neuadd Dam

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The CC discussed how best to represent the community in matters such as planning applications. Councillors are often not aware that residents are experiencing problems and, at times, residents are unaware of planning in the area. It was agreed that the best way forward would be to actively communicate with residents, especially those in a councillor's particular ward or geographical area. Councillors should try to meet residents in their ward letting them know who they are and that they are available.

Water quality issues – After the planning application was submitted for Upper Neuadd Dam it became clear that there were other long standing issues with the quality of the water being supplied to Ty Neuadd, immediately below the dam. It was appropriate for the CC to look into these issues as a public service matter that affected one of our resident's well-being. MB therefore met with the resident who had only recently been provided by Dwr Cymru with a long requested summary of the historic test results they had taken from her water supply over the period 2000 – 2014. The results showed serious recurrent failures to meet national UK standard for water quality with e-coli bacteria. MB has written to the resident suggesting questions to which Dwr Cymru should provide answers to account for its performance. It was agreed to leave the follow up to the resident as she has other matters under discussion with Dwr Cymru which don't concern the CC. It was agreed that the CC needs to keep informed about this and may need to be further involved.

9. A40/A470 Speed Limit Review - Update

Further to the minutes of discussion on this item at the CC meeting on 18th June, Kirsty Williams tabled a written question on 21 May to Edwina Hart as Minister responsible for roads requesting details of the prioritised programmes of engineering works on the A40 at Llanhamlach and the A470 at Nant Ddu. KW chased this up with a verbal question in the Senedd to which she received a very general reply – addendum 1 attached. KW also received a written answer from Edwina Hart – addendum 2 attached, which reveals no new information. It does acknowledge that her officers were reviewing additional information and also that the Community Council needed to be written to. We still have no confirmation that the 'engineering works' might relate to broader traffic safety issues (such as a Llanhamlach A40 footpath) as distinct from simply putting up signs to impose a speed limit. It was agreed that the CC should write a further letter to the Minister summarising our residents' continued concerns. MB


10. Bus Stop and Parking – Llanfrynach

The CC thanked LF for arranging the bus stop road markings in Llanfrynach so quickly. Some workers in the area are now using this as a parking place, clerk to contact local police to find out ruling on these spaces. BF

The increasing lack of parking places was discussed, it was agreed that the CC should try to find a solution with the help of residents. It was also agreed that the CC find out to whom they should contact in the church for their suggestions. SW

11. Training

Recent courses have again been cancelled due to insufficient numbers. It was discussed and agreed that the clerk contact other CC's in the area to find out whether they would

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link up to provide sufficient numbers for the basic training programmes to be held locally. BF

It was agreed that MB attend the OVW annual conference in October.

12. Fibre Broadband

The Connection Voucher Scheme being run by Digital Cardiff was discussed. It was agreed that there was no need to incur additional costs to install fibre in the Groesffordd hall.

13. National Park Authority Issues

The CC has received a reply from BBNP Management Plan Officer thanking the CC for its response to the consultation regarding the Draft Management Plan 2015-2020 and inviting the CC to meet to discuss the issues raised. It was agreed that the CC would send 3 representatives to this meeting. Clerk to contact the officer for a selection of available dates. BF

14. Powys County Council Issues

BB confirmed he had attended the reception at The Royal Welsh Show.

15. Devolution and Community Delivery Issues

MB attended the Brecon & Radnor Area Committee meeting in July; he reported that an active cluster of town and community councils is now operating around Builth Wells addressing some common issues. There have been positive discussions between Chief Executives of PCC and OVW about OVW assisting in identifying and training in best practise for T&CC's in these new areas of devolution and community delivery. This takes up the point of general concern among T&CC's that, individually, they are often either not listened to or dealt with inconsistently by PCC. MB also advised that two jointly organised workshops are apparently being planned which will include discussion on improvements to the much criticised PCC Toolkit. It was recognised that this must link into budget setting for 2016/17.

It was agreed that a date be set for a joint meeting between Llanfrynach, TOU and Glyn Tarrell to discuss these issues. TH

16. Groesffordd Hall Management Update

Continues to do well.

TH gave each councillor present a copy of the Year End accounts for Groesffordd Hall – Addendum 3.

It was confirmed that the hall would be changing the cleaner.

17. Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall

Continues to do well.

The sports & Fete was very successful. The Hoedown which followed in the evening was also a success but more work than anticipated. Councillors urge caution in arranging similar events in the future as the event did attract people from outside the area. It was

agreed that the event did bring the communities together and thanks were given for support and donations.

18. Ty Bach Update

It was confirmed that the new urinal is a success following the receipt of bills which indicate that water usage has dropped significantly.

19. Planning Applications & Responses

15/12435/FUL – 1 Church Row, Llanfrynach
Single storey extension and insertion of roof light – No objections

15/12479/FUL – Crudyrwel
Proposed garage – No objections

20. Financial Statement & Cheque signing

Current available funds in the bank £8,214.33

Cheques signed:

Wicksteed	£85.20	Playground Inspection
BDO	£246.00	External Audit
B Fox	£54.48	Clerks Exps

It was agreed that a cheque be signed for OVW conference.

Financial statement attached – Addendum 4

21. Annual Return

The external audit has been completed. The Annual Return has been approved and accepted by the council. The issues arising report was presented to the council who have agreed to changes to be made to the asset register which will reflect the asset value at cost not at replacement value.

22. Correspondence

Lloyds Bank
Brecon Beacons Beast Mountain Bike Event
SLCC
OVW

Statement No. 69
Sunday 13th Sept 2015
2015 Conference 17th Sept 2015
Motions being put forward at the Annual
General Meeting 3rd Oct 2015

23. Grant Applications

None

24. AOB



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It was agreed to include an action plan update on the next agenda.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

Next General Meeting: 10th September 2015 in Llanfrynach & Cantref Hall.

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