

A meeting of the Community Council took place on Thursday 7th December 2017 at 7.30pm in Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall.

Present:

Mr Thomas Jones **TJ**
Mr Tony Hamnett **AT**
Mr Ray Powell **RP**
Ms Jackie Williams **JW**

Mr Bill Burrows **BB**
Mr Ian Matthews **IM**
Mr Charles De Winton **CdeW**

In attendance: County Councillor Liam Fitzpatrick **LF**
Ms Sue Dale (Clerk) **SD** and 1 member of the public.

Public participation

A former Councillor attended the meeting to explain her resignation and speak with Councillors. The former councillor felt that the meeting of the 27th November had not given the attendees a sufficient opportunity to be heard – one attendee was unable to finish her contribution because it went over the allotted 3 minutes, although another member of the public completed the contribution for her. To close, the former councillor asked for a review of the process perhaps leading to it's simplification. In answer the Chairman pointed out that each contributor had had 3 minutes – everyone who wanted to speak had that chance and that the procedures of the Community Council had been followed.

Welcome back to County Councillor Fitzpatrick and welcome to new Councillor Jackie Williams.

1. Apologies.

None

2. Declaration of Interest.

None

3. Public Participation.

None

4. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of Thursday 26th October 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the extraordinary meeting 27th November 2017 were amended and approved. The amendments were; initials missing from Ray Powell's name in those present. The word "eligible" was misspelled on page 4. The Chairman signed the minutes.

5. Matters Arising

No matters arising were recorded for the minutes of the 26th October. For the minutes of the 27th November, LF declared no opinion about the planning application 17/14934/FUL Cantref Luge. AH noted that a resident had written to him about the application, just after he had completed the comment for Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.

6. Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall and Ty Bach

The boiler is to be replaced at a cost of about £2800, new gutters are in the process of being fitted.

7. Groesffordd Hall Management

Hall utilization rates are steady and quite good.

Current Account £7237.54

Savings Account £9026.85

The planning for the extension may include going through the pre-planning approval process which appears to cost £120 (if the charge applies to Charities and Community Councils).

8. Flood Risk Management

The Menasgin Flood Management Report was approved. The Community Council wishes to write and thank their agent Dr Mervyn Bramley. SD

9. Traffic Safety – A40, A470 and C96 speed strips.

A40 and A470 are awaiting the new speed restrictions to be put in place by the Welsh Government. The Nant Ddu speed limit implementation is likely to be 2018.

C96 speed strips are needed to record the speed of traffic, it is hoped that this information would reveal the prevalence of the speeding along this road. It seems likely that the accidents along this road have been under reported, and in order to ensure that there is complete information residents have been asked to keep accident diaries and to call the Police if an accident occurs. This is important as Powys County Council also use the Police evidence base in their decision-making about speed limits.

C96 Hedges can be trimmed in order to improve visibility.

A40 Kirsty Williams AM recently supported the application of the speed limits.

10. Garages and allotments at Groesffordd, to discuss the possibility of the Community Council taking over the management of this facility from Powys County Council. Adjourned from October.

The garages are the responsibility of Powys County Council Housing and the allotments are the responsibility of Powys County Council Outdoor leisure. The Community Council can't advise residents without a copy of the appropriate licenses. LF offered to facilitate.

11. News of a councillor's resignation.

Ms Heather Hornung resigned from the Community Council 27th November 2017.

12. Approval of Standing Orders as circulated.

Approved.

13. Advertisement of co-option notice to apply to join the Community Council.

Clerk to action SD

14. To approve an amount for the Chairman's allowance. £200 was approved. Proposed AH, seconded: IM.

15. Newsletter preparation.

A news item about the anticipated planning/community council training. Also a possible item about a recent royal visit to a local trekking centre.

16. Conservation area – update from the meeting with the Brecon Beacon National Park (BBNP) and County Councillor Liam Fitzpatrick

The officers of the BBNP do not wish to impose a conservation area on Llanfrynach. They suggested the village consider a place plan. This is where interested parties from the community join together in a steering committee, and with an officer from BBNPA, document the community's wishes for their environment and author the plan. It might include speeding, parking, public houses, and so on. SD

17. Note for councillors on the use of social media. Councillors are reminded not to use social media about council business before official announcements.

18. Request from Llangynidr Community Council for a contribution to get the clerk a new printer. A sum of £80 was approved, provided that half the printer goes on the asset register.

19. Cheques signing

Clerk's Pay (standing order Nov)	£364.80
Clerk's Pay (standing order Dec)	£364.80
Wales Audit Office (external audit)	£238.50
Charles de Winton (fuel for flood management)	£22.31
Crickhowell Resource and Information Centre (screen)	£5.00

20. Finance Statement and budget considerations 2018/19.

LF offered to find out Powys County Council's costs of grass cutting in the village are this year. To assist the community council in it's budget calculations. The finance statement was accepted, preliminary budget calculations accepted.

21. Powys County Council Matters – motorcycle opinion query from the County Councillor. Besides speed, noise is a major problem. Also the memorials on the side of the road are a sad distraction from concentrating on the road.

22. Fix an date for the Christmas meal – Evening of January 12th, with partners.

23. Correspondence – noted and to be circulated. SD

Email: Powys Schools Consultation.

Email: Public service Board, well being consultation.

Email: Police precept consultation.

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

The fencing that came down near the playground has been fixed.

25. Date of Next Meeting: 18th January 2017 at 7.30 pm in Groesffordd Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting.