

A meeting of the Community Council took place on Thursday 17th May 2018 at 7.30pm in Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall.

Present:

Ms Jackie Williams **JW**
Mr Ray Powell **RP**
Mr Tony Hamnett **AH**
Mrs Barbara Smith **BS**

Mr Ian Matthews **IM**
Mr Charles De Winton **CdeW(Chairman)**
Mr Bill Burrows **BB**
Mr Thomas Jones **TJ**

In attendance:

County Councillor Liam Fitzpatrick **LH**, PCSO Emma Jackson **EJ**
Ms Sue Dale (Clerk) **SD**,

1. **Welcome All.** Particularly to PCSO Emma Jackson from Dyfed-Powys Police.

2. **Apologies:** Mr Steve Prothero **SP**

3. **Declaration of Interest**

4. **Public Participation**

PCSO Jackson talked about recent incidents in the area, there have been lots of scam calls and dodgy emails, she recommends BT Call Guardian. For £30.00 BT will stop and screen all calls, good for people who do not want extra calls. Other incidents include a theft of diesel late at night in Llanfihangel Talylyn, an apparent intrusion into a home, trading standards infringements and finally a White VW Y reg has been seen driving suspiciously.

Speeding in and out of the village, it may be possible to set up a speedwatch group in Llanfrynach. The roads need to be surveyed by the Police to find safe spots to run Speedwatch, 4.30 to 5pm would be a good time to assess the problem. Councillors are to meet with PCSO Jackson soon. Clerk to arrange.**SD**

5. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of Thursday 5th April 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. **Matters Arising** Fencing (item 16 on the April agenda) has been completed by Powys County Council.

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.

There is to be a bar facility in the hall once a month.

A defibrillator is to be fitted in the telephone box.

8. **Ty Bach**

Finances are at a low due to a variety of factors. The front doors are to be re-painted.

9. **Groesffordd Hall Management**

A quite positive reply, to the pre-application, from the Brecon Beacons National Park (BBNPA), no need to step the walls or roof in from their

original lines. A bat survey may not be necessary due to the nature of the roof, but the point needs to be clarified with BBPNA. Completed accounts will go on the website when ready.

Current Account £8686

Savings Account £9029

The Hall has made about £1700 profit over the year.

10. A40, A470 Millbrook additional signage.

LF is to write to Welsh Government to ask if new signs to warn of farm traffic are possible. LF

11. Flood Risk Management

Building rubbish left by the river has now been cleared away and preparations continue for the work over the summer.

12. Newsletter

The next edition is to be published towards the end of June. 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 Contracts.

The same contractor from last year has won the contract again. He will provide separate quote for additional work if required. The quote from Powys County Council was not believable as it seemed to represent a below minimum wage rate.

The quotes for the play ground grass cutting are not yet with the Council, this item to be adjourned.

14. Playground gate and post contract.

A resident completed the work in a very timely fashion. The Community Council would like to thank him.

15. Village plan proposal update.

The public meeting on 23rd April was attended by 2 BBNPA officers, about 25 residents and the Community Council. A place plan would become Supplementary Planning Guidance. The resident's survey is to be designed at a meeting next week – the whole village will be surveyed.

16. Powys County Council matters.

The County Councillor commented on Powys County Council. £4 million will be spent on child services and £6million on adult social services, going

up to £17 million next year. Highways issues are under resourced, he is concerned.

There has been a report compiled by PCC Highways for a planning application in Cantref.

2 springs on Tregaer Road are owned by Wimborne Hall. The springs need to be dealt with before work can be done on the road.

Since the camper van has gone the parking outside the hall has improved.

Groesffordd also has parking problems especially at the weekends, the Police can only take a hand when there is obstruction of the road.

The road sweeper has visited recently.

17. Feedback on the freedom of information request about the garages at Groesffordd.

Clerk to write to the Information Commissioner as the 21 day deadline is now past.

18. General Data Protection Regulations come into force on the 25th May 2018. As a first step towards compliance the community Council will consider the options, purchasing a package or not.

Clerk to purchase a package for around £140 (on disk preferably).

19. Cheques signing and financial statement

Clerk's Pay (standing order May)	£364.80
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Tree work by the public toilets (for approval only)	£260.00
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20. Appointment, remit of and report from the internal auditor.

There have been difficulties getting the services of an internal auditor this year. However one has now been engaged. Council resolved to adjourn the item.

21. Signing of the Annual Report. The delay in the completion of the internal audit means the sign of the annual report will be delayed also. Council resolved to adjourn the item.

22. Report on the public viewing of the plans for the "White Swan" on the 11th May 2018.

The plans were available for viewing between 3 and 7pm on Friday 11th May 2018. 12 people left comments. These were used to help compile a response to the planning application, see item 23.

23. Planning – 18/16018/FUL "The White Swan" alterations and additions.

The Community Council along with our Constituents are in principle, in favour of the Public House remaining and are very keen to see it re-opening, however the plans and scheme that have been submitted do raise a number of concerns namely:-

1. There is not enough car parking provision for the scale of the proposed development. The proposal does not take into account of people visiting the establishment in two cars. The village suffers from parking issues already, this will add to the problem.

2. The scale of the proposal is not in keeping with the size of the village, the scheme appears to be very crowded given the space available.

3. This is a potentially large development for the village and it is felt should be decided at the PAROW Committee.

4. Access to Firethorn Cottage needs to be maintained as it is their only vehicular access, sufficient to the needs of the Owners of this property, including for the access of emergency vehicles.

5. The Cottages which will result from the scheme especially along the existing Public House's frontage should not be allowed to be individually sold off and need to be 'tied' to the existing ownership of the Property by way of a Section 106 agreement.

- **18/10682/FUL. 3 School Row, replacement extension.** No comments.

24. Brief on the annual playground inspection

Wicksteed inspected the playground and submitted a report. The report will be circulated to Councillors SD. The swings need new bushes and a new rail is required. Council approved the necessary maintenance.

25. Payments made to the village hall in 2017-18.

One £500 grant (passed on from PCC). The usual payment to the insurance was missed, this and similar payment for 2018-19 to be placed on the next agenda for approval.

26. Correspondence –

Email: Acknowledgement of Freedom of Information request from PCC.

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

The Bus Shelter in Groesffordd has been refurbished, £220 were spent on materials and £50 on labour. The Community Council wishes to thank the contractor for his work and also his generosity.

24. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 28th June 2018 at 7.30pm in Groesffordd Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting.