

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANFRYNACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Community Council took place on Thursday 3rd April 2014 at 7.30pm in Groesffordd Hall.

Present

Ms Ruth Brown RB (Chairman)
Mr Charles De Winton CD
Mr Tony Hamnett TH
Mrs Bronwyn Fox (Clerk) BF

Mr Steve Williams SW
Dr Mervyn Bramley MB
Mrs Sue Brook SB

1. Welcome

Ms Ruth Brown (Chair) welcomed the councillors.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Bill Burrows, Mrs Norma Higginson and Mrs Michelle Davies.

3. Minutes from previous meeting on 20th February 2014

The minutes were agreed then signed & dated by the Chair

4. Matters Arising

Definitive maps were distributed to each ward.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Update on Playground Report

Painter not confirmed quote or start date – SW to contact him again.

SB will get an alternative quote from Roy Martin

Agreed to use local mole catcher – (BF)

Agreed to replace 6 foot fence; boundary fence on the field side not to be done at this time.

A representative from the community council must meet with RoSPA inspector so as to avoid unworkable recommendations on their report. Alternatively quotes from other playground inspection companies to be sourced. (BF)

7. Website Update

Communities 2.0 courses were attended by 3 councillors and the clerk. It was agreed that the sub-committee would meet to discuss requirements for the half day training triggered by these courses.

8. Flooding/Flood Risk

Menasgin – MB had reviewed with Natural Recourses Wales (Phil Morgan) the two issues on which the Community Council still considered action by NRW to be outstanding. On the issue of management action to be taken by the community to deal with the channel alignment, bank erosion and hazardous tree (which might fall and partially block the

river) upstream of Glan Menasgin, it had been agreed that a site meeting would be held between MB, RB, CdW and Gary Purnell (Technical Specialist, Flood Risk Analysis, NRW) on 15 April. On the other issue of the likelihood (frequency) of flooding significant bank overtopping, Phil Morgan would find out whether the hydrology (estimated frequency of the river flows) in the Flood Consequence Assessment carried out for the Ty Mawr holiday cottage development was suitable for use. (MB Ongoing)

A40 Surface Water, Llanhamlach - MB confirmed his understanding from N&MWTRA that the design of improvements to the stream culverts and the surface water drainage associated with the winter flooding on the A40 in Llanhamlach was proceeding under Powys CC and that funds were committed by Welsh Government to carry out these improvements in 2014/15.

River Usk threat to A40 at Scethrog – MB had met with Chris Dyson (Regional Rivers Specialist) to obtain NRW's view on the on-going movement of the River Usk. He updated the Community Council on the extent of historic information he had now obtained on river movement at Scethrog over the past 130 years. Dr Jose Constantine (lecturer in river geomorphology at Cardiff University) would visit the site on 16 April to provide an expert scientific view. All this information will be drawn together in the statement Report on options to address the threat to the A40 to be submitted by the Community Councils to the N&MWTRA in June. The N&MWTRA Route Manager (Dean Williams) had acknowledged this report will be a good starting point for the Agency to consider the next steps. (MB Ongoing)

Cantref – Simon Crowther still to produce a report after surveying the area to prevent a repeat of the flooding experienced this year.

9. Community Council Consultation Action Plan

- Lighting – SW met with LF in Llanfrynach. LF agreed to contact Powys CC to fix erratic lighting, also agreed to get street lamp next to White Swan turned on. TH agreed to look into lighting in Groesffordd.
- Traffic – A40, A470, C96 – BF had found the 2009 correspondence on file confirming the outcome of the last review by Welsh Government of the speed limit on the A470 in Nant Ddu. MB had compiled this in the requested Community Council note on the traffic safety in Nant Ddu, similar to that already compiled for the A40 in Llanhamlach. These two notes had been sent under Community Council letters to, respectively, residents in Nant Ddu and Llanhamlach seeking their comment and involvement. SB and MB reported several positive responses from residents in both villages confirming their support for the Community Council's stated position and their wish for a reduced local speed limit of 40 or 50mph. MB reported that Liam Fitzpatrick had contacted Kirsty Williams and Powys CC highway officers requesting an extended site meeting to discuss these issues but had not yet had a response. It was agreed that MB should follow this up with Liam and the N&MWTRA so as to ensure that the strength of the Community Councils' and residents' views on achieving speed limits in Nant Ddu and Llanhamlach are known. (MB)

Complaints have been received about parking in the layby near the bus shelter in Groesffordd. Although sympathetic to these issues, there can be no immediate resolution as there is no land available to increase off road parking.

Refuse – MB suggested plan to secure wheelie bins to prevent blowing onto the A40 in Llanhamlach.

10. National Park Authority Issues

Nothing new to report

11. Powys County Council Issues

A concern was expressed that community councils are not being notified of consultations/ questionnaires.

It was noted that we need to be aware of devolution and be prepared.

12. Traveller site at Cefn Cantref

SB advised that travellers have now been moved to a permanent site and all services are in the process of being removed from Cefn Cantref.

13. Groesffordd Hall Management Update

Savings Acc. £5177.05

Current Acc. £5013.82

TH confirmed once cheques and invoices cleared he will do year end.

Bank signatories are being changed.

14. Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall

All repairs to fascias and guttering are complete and vents have been insulated.

15. Ty Bach Update

Remains steady.

16. Planning Applications & Responses

14/10503/FUL – 1 Waunberllan, Llanfrynach, LD3 7AJ, Demolition of existing single story side extension and construction of new two story extension. – No Objections

14/10504/FUL – The Farthings, 3 Tregare Rd, Llanfrynach, Demolition of detached domestic garage workshop and store and construction of detached garage and workshop together with lean-to woodstore – No Objections

14/10492/FUL – Cantref House, Cantref, LD3 8LR, Construction of 3 timber pods on an existing tipi site – No Objections

P/2014/0275 – Ty'n y Caeau, Groesffordd, LD3 7SW – change of use from Youth Hostel to self-catering holiday accommodation and residential – No Objections

13/10305/FUL – Cefn Cantref – Permission Granted

13/09949/FUL – Tir Hir – Permission Granted

14/10368/FUL - Tynllwyn Farm, Cantref – Permission Granted

14/10367/FUL - Tynllwyn, Cantref 14/10367/FUL – Permission Granted

17. Financial Statement/ Cheque Signing

Current available funds in the bank £7,468.06

Cheques signed:

630 – HMRC - PAYE

631 – SLCC – ILCA Course

S/O – Clerk’s wages

18. Correspondence

Powys CC

Annual inspection of children’s play area

Lloyds Bank

Statement No.53 & 54

Powys Business Services

DBS Checks

OVW

Confirmation of membership

Santander

Dividend Statement

19. AOB

RB advised she will be away next meeting (AGM)

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

Next General Meeting: Thursday 8th May 2014 at 7.30pm in Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall.