

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANFRYNACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Community Council took place on Thursday 4th December 2014 at 7.30pm in Groesffordd Hall.

Present

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

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

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the councillors.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Charles DeWinton and Mr Ian Matthews.

3. Minutes from previous meeting on 11th September 2014

Minutes were agreed then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

Councillors are waiting for new course dates. BF attended IT course in Brecon.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Playground – Update

No further progress has been made on the goalposts.

Sign posts were discussed; it was agreed that a sign could be installed with CC heading giving location information. **SW**

7. Flooding/Flood Risk – Update

Nant Menasgin –It was confirmed that the sycamore was felled and that the tree had been removed. RB had subsequently informed NRW.

MB reported that he is preparing the Flood Defence Consent application to NRW in discussion with the sub-group. The bank repairs to take place in May / June 2015; the location of the bank repair has been surveyed and block stone for the repair sourced.

WUF reconfirmed that it is still prepared to install the block stone under their own funding. Local resident Brian Stephens will do final shaping and moving shoal material, CDW providing the machinery. In the consent application, this whole job will be described as partnership work co-ordinated by the CC. A resolution was passed that the CC will pay for the block stone at a cost of up to £1,000.

Proposed by: AW

Seconded by: NH

It was agreed that this cost to be included in the precept.

It was agreed to let the sub-group discuss the detail of the project and update the CC at

subsequent meetings. MB/CDW/SW/RB

It was confirmed that a meeting was held with NRW Director of Operations during which he apologised for the difficulties the CC had experienced in being left to resolve the conflicting views of the flood risk management and conservation staff, acknowledging that if dealing with NRW became too complicated the public are more likely to take matters into their own hands which is not in the interest of the wider community or the environment. He confirmed that the NRW's duty should be to the community as they provide a public service.

It was agreed that MB will now proceed to finalise the statement report on Scethrog MB

Cantref – Clerk confirmed letter has been sent to Simon Crowther.

8. A40/A470 Speed Limit Review - Update

It was confirmed that completed questionnaires for both A40 & A470 have been submitted. The review is due to be finalised the end of Dec 2014; CC expect to receive news of the outcome early in 2015. It was agreed that, whether the outcome is positive or negative, councillors be prepared to handle queries from residents.

AW to take on liaison with Nant Ddu, getting hand over information from Sue Brook.

9. Communications Update

It was agreed that Sue Brook still did most of the work on the newsletter but that the sub group was useful and would ultimately spread the workload. Councillors were asked to contribute news items and photo's.

The purchase of basic publisher software was discussed. Quotes to be obtained for the precept meeting. BF

10. Cantref Pond

Residents have approached the CC for a letter of support and an offer of funds to aid in raising the water levels of the pond and so create a better habitat for wildlife and prevent the area becoming a bog. It was agreed that financial help was not possible as the pond is on private land but a letter of support could be done. AW

AW to forward a copy of the Cefn Cantref Pond report to CC.

11. National Park Authority Issues

BB confirmed he did attend the liaison meeting at the end of November during which the Review of Designated Landscapes in Wales was discussed; the three main points being to define the purpose of designated landscapes, the merits of classifying designated landscapes and how to use the website.

In general the meeting needed to be better organised and less self-serving.

12. Powys County Council Issues

None

13. Devolution of Services/Assets

After the budget conversation events and community delivery workshops in the autumn, PCC Chief Executive Jeremy Patterson sent an email to town and community councils giving them the opportunity to give their views about changes to delivery of PCC services at community level.

The fact that there will be a change in the way services are provided due to colossal financial cuts was therefore discussed. Although many cuts don't affect us directly and we have taken on some already i.e. Llanfrynach toilets; the CC agreed that we need to consider whether or not there are other services that can be provided at our local level, whilst acknowledging that this would need to be included in the precept and issues such as Health & Safety would be a major factor.

To date there has been no clear indication of which services are to be cut and the CC has no idea what the costs are likely to be. It was noted that pilot schemes (Hay on Wye being the nearest) are all in urban areas, no rural areas have been included.

It was noted at the OVW conference that many CCs are potentially involved in taking on services, including possibly forming cluster groups with other CC's, with help and advice from OVW. The OVW Chief Executive is meeting with Powys CC to identify generic issues and advice, which the CC should note. Action: MB

After an in depth discussion where the dangers, such as volunteers using machinery without training, were pointed out; it was agreed that the CC should respond initially to the email from Susan Simpson dated 19th November 2014 and not get tied up with Powys CC issues.

It was also agreed that no decisions would be reached until after the joint meeting with Talybont and Glyn Tarell CC's on 7th January.

14. Groesffordd Hall Management Update

A meeting of the Trustees took place 30th Oct 2014 at which it was agreed to increase hall hire charges from 1st Jan 2015, fees have not increased since 2007.

It was also agreed that the hall would go ahead with plans to get Wi-Fi and to purchase 10 new tables at a cost of £599. BB to cover visual PAT test as required. It was proposed that another meeting would be held in six months' time to gauge progress.

Current Acc £6,659.21

Deposit Acc £5,017.40

15. Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall – by invitation

The Trustees made a decision to light up the Oak tree which has stood outside the hall for more than 300 years. The lights are not just for Christmas, they will be permanent, and can be put on for any special requests. The lights are a positive statement and a marketing tool to highlight a major asset. The 'Country Christmas' will be held in the hall on 7th Dec 2014.

The kitchen renovation is planned for March 2015 when the hall may be closed for a short period.

16. Ty Bach Update

The planned work to remove the current urinal and install electronic flush system is due to begin next week.

17. Planning Applications & Responses

14/11140/FUL Ger y Nant, Llanfrynach, Brecon, LD3 7AX - Retention of unauthorised change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden, erection of raised beds, 2 outbuildings and a conservatory. – Permission Granted

14/11481/FUL Greenway Farm, Llanhamlach, Brecon, LD3 7YA – Erection of No. 3 turkey rearing units with associated feed bins, hardstandings and attenuation pond. The CC has received concerns from residents regarding odours. A discussion followed regarding the merits of the application as well as possible positive or negative impacts to the surrounding area. BB and MB are to meet with the owners of the farm and look at all aspects of the application prior to the CC's response to the BBNPPA. **MB/BB**

18. Financial Statement, Cheque signing

Current available funds in the bank £7,513.79

Cheques signed:

Roy Jones & Son	Paint Equip & Matting under swing	£1264.62
C De Winton	Grass cutting, Llanfrynach Playground	£500.00
SLCC	Membership	£103.00
Freestyle	Newsletter	£55.00

19. Correspondence

Kirsty Williams AM/AC	Road Safety in Mid Wales
Powys CC	Library opening times
Lloyds Bank	Statement No. 61
One Voice Wales	Buckingham Palace Garden Parties

Grant Applications

Brecon Advice Centre	£200.00	Proposed: MB	Seconded: SW
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20. AOB

TH undertook to draft a policy statement to inform individual councillors about any requirements governing how, as councillors; they may hold and use the email addresses of individual residents for CC purposes.

Because LF advised he would have more information regarding budgets in the New Year and the CC are meeting with Talybont & Glyn Tarell on 7th Jan, it was agreed to have the Precept meeting on 15th Jan 2015 and postpone the General meeting.

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

Next General Meeting: Thursday 22nd January 2015 at 7.30pm in Groesffordd Hall.