

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANFRYNACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Community Council took place on Thursday 20th February 2014 at 7.30pm in Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall.

Present

Ms Ruth Brown RB (Chairman)
Mrs Norma Higginson NH
Mr Charles De Winton CD
Mrs Michelle Davies MD
Mrs Bronwyn Fox (Clerk) BF

Mr Bill Burrows BB
Mr Steve Williams SW
Dr Mervyn Bramley MB
Mr Tony Hamnett TH
Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick LF

1. Welcome

Ms Ruth Brown (Chair) welcomed the councillors.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Sue Brook.

3. Minutes from previous meeting on 9th January 2014

The minutes were agreed then signed & dated by the Chair

4. Matters Arising

MB confirmed he did attend Ovw meeting 17th January with BF; he expressed his dissatisfaction of the way in which the SO's had been changed; the Development Officer, Del Morgan, agreed to seek clarification of the changes.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Update on Playground Report

Whilst doing a routine inspection SW found that the fence is falling down on one side due to rotting poles. Quotes to be obtained for repair to the fence (BF)

SW to purchase moss killer for clearing under the swings.

A mole catcher is needed for removal of mole (BF to get quotes)

SW to level mole hills once weather improves.

RB has put carpet around the fruit trees.

7. Website Update

4 people booked to attend Communities 2.0 Wordpress courses in March which will trigger additional half day advice to be used to make improvement to CC Website.

Updated action plan not showing on the website (BF)

Google analytics has been set up for monitoring use of the website.

8. Flooding/Flood Risk

Menasgin - RB noted thanks to NRW for their maintenance work on the Menasgin which has stayed within its banks due to shoal removal in 2010. MB has held off speaking to Phil Morgan about the Menasgin as NRW has been busy with recent flooding issues. CD

has spoken to NRW (Steve Cook) who is keen to know if the CC has a problem with NRW response. (MB)

A40, C96 - MB stated that Powys County Council was performing very professionally with regard to its response to flooding on the A40 and C96. The CC can log any new occurrences more easily as it now has a list of relevant contacts. MB had met with Powys CC (Brent Campbell and Lyn Parry & later with Simon Crowther) and had emailed notes on actions to be taken. Both Powys CC and North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency have agreed to put in capital works to improve road drainage. MB understood that N&MWTRA had received other complaints as well. CC expressed thanks to MB for his efforts with regards to A40 & C96. (MB to monitor actions)

Cantref lay-by opposite church – SB has a meeting with Lyn Parry (PCC) re improving drainage and repairing the lay by. SB had a meeting with Simon Crowther who is surveying problems with drainage in the lanes in Cantref and will come up with a report soon. LF, also at the meeting, suggests there is extensive work required. (SB ongoing)

Talybont-on Usk Community Council agrees to work with Llanfrynach CC to compile a Statement Report on evidence over the next 6 months of bank erosion on the River Usk near Scethrog. It is hoped the evidence will prompt the N&MWTRA into appropriate action and avoid the A40 being affected in the future by bank erosion. (MB ongoing)

9. Community Council Consultation Action Plan

- Lighting – Extensive work has been carried out in Groesffordd Park with the addition of 8 new lights. Lamp Posts all erected awaiting electrician to connect. LF will follow up on his request for a survey of faulty lighting in Llanfrynach & Groesffordd.
- Traffic – C96 – BF has made contact with Llangors Community Council who agree to work together with Llanfrynach CC and the authorities in the hope of agreeing fresh action. LF to contact Powys CC Road Safety with a view to discussing the issues on site (LF suggests a single date dealing with C96, A40 and A470). Some local residents who have particular knowledge and experience of the issues should also be contacted.

The right of way on C96/Groesffordd Road/A40 slip road onto Groesffordd Road also to be discussed at this meeting.

A40 – MB has contacted the Police & Crime Commissioner re safety issues in Llanhamlach which has triggered the assignment of Roads Policing Sgt Dillon and Inspector Dyfed Bolton who leads the Road Camera Partnership to the Llanhamlach A40 issues. MB has now provided a short CC briefing note for LF on A40 safety issues, which MB will circulate to residents and businesses in the Llanhamlach area. The CC noted that the N&MWTRA was required to review speed limits on the A40 by end December 2014 under new WG Guidelines and agreed that the local community should be consulted on this.

LF recommended the CC revisits the traffic safety issues on the A470 in Nant Ddu at the same time. MB agreed to produce a similar note for A470 in Nant Ddu. BF to

look up previous minutes regarding safety issues in Nant Du. LF to contact Roger Williams/ Kirsty Williams and Highway Authority representatives.

TH reported that Groesffordd councillors had agreed with Powys CC officers a new layout for the junction with the Lechfaen road

- Refuse – Cantref and Llanhamlach have received Wheelie Bins.

10. National Park Authority Issues

BB reported that the local development plan has not identified anything as yet.

11. Powys County Council Issues

LF confirmed budget decisions to be made next Tuesday (25th Feb)

12. Groesffordd Hall Management Update

TH confirmed now able to produce a complete set of legal documents for the hall – BF received set of documents for filing. Lease (from Powys CC) runs for 30 years from 2005.

Trustees: Currently Gaynor Skyrme & Brian James. TH proposed appointing 4 ward members as trustees and signatories, namely Mr Bill Burrows, Dr Mervyn Bramley, Mrs Norma Higginson, and Mr Tony Hamnett. Motion seconded by BB, all councillors in favour.

Business Acc. £5016.38

Current Acc. £5177.05

Banked in Current today £428.00

13. Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall

SW confirmed date of fete 5th July 14 & Christmas Bazaar 7th Dec 14.

Current Acc. £11079.00

Quote has been accepted for repairs to guttering etc. £800.00

Tony Bracey looking into grant aid for Wi-Fi & projector.

14. Ty Bach Update

LF advised business rates would not be levied on public toilets.

16. Planning Applications & Responses

Tynllwyn Farm, Cantref 14/10368/FUL – Retrospective application for change of use of land to increase residential curtilage from agricultural land - No objections

Tynllwyn, Cantref 14/10367/FUL – Retrospective application for alteration works to two stone agricultural buildings – No objections.

17. Financial Statement/ Cheque Signing

Current available funds in the bank £7,690.39

Cheques signed:

627 – Clerks wages

628 – OVW - Membership

629 – S Brook (Newsletter Printing)
Standing Order signed for clerk's wages.

18. Correspondence

Walk for Life
Lloyds Bank
OVW
Victim Support
NPA

Invitation to organise a walk for kidney disease
Statement No.52
Winter 2013/14 newsletter
Request for donation
Definitive Map.

21. AOB

BF to get 2 more copies of Definitive map to give to councillors for rights of way. The CC agreed that the Definitive Map routes in the CC area should be shown on the Website
BF to draft letter to put on website re applications for donations.
RB confirmed that she had not received a response to her application to attend garden Party at Buckingham Palace.
Separate meeting to be arranged to study maps and decide on scheme for walking the footpaths.

Huge vote of thanks to SB for the newsletter, also RB & MB for proof reading.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.58pm.

Next General Meeting: Thursday 3rd April 2014 at 7.30pm in Groesffordd Village Hall