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A meeting of the Community Council took place on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 at 7.30pm in Llanfrynach & Cantref Hall.

## **Present**

Mr Tony Hamnett TH (Chairman)  
Mrs Sue Brook SB (Vice Chairman)  
Dr Mervyn Bramley MB  
Ms Ruth Brown RB  
Mrs Bronwyn Fox (Clerk) BF

Mr Bill Burrows BB  
Mrs Michelle Davies MD  
Mrs Norma Higginson NH  
Mr Steve Williams SW  
Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick LF

## **1. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed the councillors and confirmed meeting dates for 2014/15.

## **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr Charles De Winton.

## **3. Minutes from previous meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

Minutes were agreed – Proposed SB      Seconded RB  
Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

## **4. Matters Arising**

None

## **5. Declarations of Interest**

The following interests were declared:  
Flood Management (Nant Menasgin) – RB & SW  
Groesffordd Show Grant Application – BB & NH

## **6. Update on Playground Report**

BF advised that the annual inspection had gone ahead without the agreed meeting with RoSPA inspector due to PCC outdoor Recreation Officer being on holiday. Although the overall risk rating is medium there are works and recommendations that if undertaken may reduce the risk. The original subcommittee for the playground, namely CD, RB & MB led by SW would look through the inspection report and deal with tasks. **SW** BF to forward a copy of the full report to SW.  
Due to holidays the painting of playground equipment has not yet been done.

## **7. Website Update**

Del Morgan of OVW continues to investigate and make representation to the Welsh Government regarding the new requirements for access to information electronically. It was agreed that, as the Ombudsman has advised that there is no need for sector councils to have such a register in place, we wait for further direction from OVW. It was agreed that BF would send a response to the consultation document 'Access to Information on Community and Town Councils' **BF**

## **8. Flooding/Flood Risk**

Eldercroft (C96) – MB reported that PCC had remodelled and rebuilt the culvert which had blocked in December 2014. However, Ken Jones (resident) was concerned that PCC did not intend repairing the actual masonry culvert, but rather to monitor it. MB had since inspected the culvert (from the end) with Ken Jones and it was clear that the masonry had deteriorated. MB had written to Lyn Parry (PowysCC) requesting a proper internal inspection of the culvert (which for H&S reasons would probably require a short road closure).

Nant Menasgin – MB and RB had met with NRW officers Chris Dyson (Rivers Specialist) and Anne Lewis (Geomorphology Technical Advisor) on 9<sup>th</sup> July. Their advise had conflicted with the proposed work agreed in April with NRW Flood Risk Management and as a result MB had advised the CC against proceeding with a Flood Defence Consent application for channel management. MB had written a short note on the issues constraining action (addendum 1 dated 20.07.14) which CD had asked NRW's Chairman to look into. MB had circulated a full note in draft to the CC documenting the current position and his recommendations as a professional engineer. The CC agreed that he should submit this to Tim England, NRW Flood Risk Manager – South East for consideration and also to provide background detail for NRW's chairman. MB stated that the CC's involvement with NRW had now become too onerous on him in terms of the free consultancy work he was doing to address/resolve NRW's requirements. Separate from the channel management impasse, it was noted that NRW agreement had been given to the removal of the bank-side sycamore tree that might fall and block the channel.

As this has become a complex matter, it was agreed that a CC sub-group comprising CD, RB, SW, AH and MB would be set up to consider future action, including how best the CC, landowner and/or residents are involved. **CdW / MB**

Swn y Nant, Llanhamlach culvert – The PCC funded works have been completed.

## **9. Joint Action with Talybont on Usk CC**

It was agreed that the joint meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 was a useful bridge builder. There are several joint issues such as street lighting, bus transport and refuse collection on which it may be beneficial to work together. It was agreed that councillors meet informally and decide on appropriate action going forward.

## **10. Community Council Consultation Action Plan – Update**

### **A40/A470 Speed Limits**

Meetings were held at Llanhamlach and Nant Ddu 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 to discuss the issues on the A40 & A470. In attendance was Sheena Hague (Deputy Director Network Management), Roger Williams MP, Kirsty Williams AM, Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick members of the Community Council, local residents and business owners. SH expressed her gratitude

for the presentation and quality of the evidence based work. Thanks were given to LF for arranging this very useful meeting. Letters of thanks have been sent to SH, RW and KW. We have requested that copies of any data received from statistics be forwarded to the CC.

It was agreed to draft a press release **SB**

Notes of the meetings to be put onto the website **BF/MB**

## **11. National Park Authority Issues**

BB advised no decision had yet been made on whether the NPA would retain the planning department.

## **12. Powys County Council Issues**

LF advised that although the PCC have done their best to assist our community over the years we must be aware that their resources are being cut further making it more difficult to maintain the current level of support.

It was agreed that LF would arrange a meeting between MD, Chris Richards and Brent Campbell and LF to discuss roads in Cantref.

## **13. Cantref Adventure Farm – Licence Application**

Licence has been granted. Residents have expressed concern to CC mainly about noise from music bands and the anticipated increase to the volume of traffic. Owner has advised he will do everything possible to minimise noise and disruption in an area to which visitors come specifically for the peace and quiet.

## **14. Preparation and Circulation of Reports**

It was agreed that, wherever possible, information be circulated prior to meetings to give councillors time to read and comment as this will aid informed decisions at the meetings.

## **15. Groesffordd Hall Management Update**

Railings and goal posts have been painted – no charge.

Increased bookings continue.

Savings Acc.       £5,697.24

Current Acc.       £5,541.19

Some just cheques just received have not been included in these figures.

## **16. Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall**

Continues to do well, more detailed information can be found on the CC website.

The annual sports and fete was a wonderful, quirky, happy community day which rose over £500.00. Final total will be advised when all bills are in.

## **17. Ty Bach Update**

The final payment of PCC's damping grant has now been received - £1500. This will go towards providing a grey water system in the Ty Bach, which will reduce the water bill, which is the main expense.

Donations continue to trickle in and volunteers continue to make daily visits to ensure everything is clean, stocked up and well run.

## **18. Planning Applications & Responses**

None

## **19. Financial Statement, Cheque signing & Accounts**

Current available funds in the bank £8,514.68

Cheques signed:

Freestyle (Newsletter) £55.00

OVW – Data protection & FOI £15.00

Clerks expenses £156.00

Clerk sent all councillors a copy of the quarterly accounts, copy to be placed on the website **BF**

The Accounts have been reviewed by the external auditor. Income from the grant of £500 was removed from box 2 (precept) and included in box 3 (other receipts).

Recommendation referred to the information contained within the register, after some discussion it was agreed that the clerk would make some alterations to the register to include dates acquired and values where possible. The Annual Return Section 3 was signed by the Chair and Responsible Officer. The Annual Return will now be returned to the External Auditors to complete the External Audit Certificate.

## **20. Applications for Grants/ Donations**

It was agreed to pay the following grants:

Groesffordd Entertainments, Groesffordd Show £200.00

Dial-a-Ride £200.00

## **21. Correspondence**

Brecon Advice Centre	Annual Report
BBNPA	Planning Services Guide
Powys CC	Grounds maintenance service
Powys CC	Sustainable Library Service for Powys – consultation
Powys CC	Local Development Plan
Powys CC	Consultation on improving the availability of allotments & community gardens

## **22. AOB**

MD handed in her resignation. Casual vacancy to be advertised (Cantef Ward) **BF**

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.12pm.

Next General Meeting: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm in Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall.