

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANFRYNACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Community Council took place on Thursday 19th June 2014 at 7.30pm in Groesffordd Village Hall.

Present

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

Mrs Michelle Davies MD
Mr Charles De Winton CD
Mrs Norma Higginson NH
Mr Steve Williams SW
Cllr Liam Fitzpatrick LF

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the councillors and thanked RB for her efforts as chair last year.

2. Apologies

None.

3. Minutes from previous meeting on 8th May 2014

The Chairman briefly outlined requirements for minutes. It was agreed that in complex matters of detail reference to an email or addendum was adequate; the email or notes being made public separately and key conclusions or actions cross referenced in the minutes.

The following amendments were made to the draft minutes:

Mr Charles De Winton was absent from the meeting.

8. 'Otters and bats were a concern' was deleted and 'MB had recorded conclusion of meeting in an email which is addendum 1 dated 16.04.14' was added.

Also added under A40, Llanhamlach - 'Funds by Welsh Government have been committed to carry out improvements to surface water drainage and stream culverts'

10. 'Powys CC highway officers' was replaced with 'Highway authority officers – N&MWTRA'

SB proposed and MD seconded that the minutes be approved.

The minutes were then signed & dated by the Chair

4. Matters Arising

LF reported that to date he had not had a response from Kirsty Williams with regard to a site meeting to discuss speed limits on the A40 & A470 and asked that the Community Council write to Kirsty to arrange this meeting as soon as possible. LF reiterated the importance of Kirsty arranging the meeting as she has the power to bring together other important bodies such as NW Trunk Roads Agency and Dyfed-Powys Police.

The Chairman then read a letter received from Kirsty Williams AM and Roger Williams MP dated 11th June 2014 with regard to speed limits on trunk roads which asks for views and comments from local residents.

Councillors agreed consultation with the community is vital. SB confirmed this issue would be on the front page of the June newsletter.

BF

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Update on Playground Report

BF confirmed the fencing had now been replaced as agreed. Painting of equipment and the matting under the swing could not be done in June as the contractors were on holiday. We are waiting for confirmation of the date for the annual inspection.

7. Website Update

SB advised that she had an interview with PR company promoting Communities 2.0 and requested that councillors who had worked together with Communities 2.0 in setting up the website be available for a photo shoot on Monday 23rd June.

TH confirmed that he had attended ICO training course on 5th June – Data Protection and FOI; this led to a discussion on registering Member's Interests and Freedom of Information. It was resolved that the topic be left to the next meeting to allow time for MB (OVW Representative) to consult with OVW for clarification of the new regulations and how best to implement them. MB

BF to seek advice from SLCC. BF

The Welsh Government has issued a consultation document on 'Access to Information on Community and Town Councils' – responses required by 4th August.

8. Flooding/Flood Risk

C96 Highway Drainage – Brent Campbell (PCC) had confirmed to MB that 2 highway gullies would be installed near Ael y Bryn in 2014/15 if there is remaining funding from the culvert improvements at Eldercroft. Should there be insufficient funding, they will be included on the 2015/16 list of schemes.

A40, Llanhamlach – The Welsh Government funded works to improve the drainage at the dip in Llanhamlach have been completed. The repairs to the collapsed culvert headwall opposite the Peterstone turning, to be funded by PCC Land Drainage, had not yet been done. MB to follow up with Simon Crowther.

Nant Menasgin – As part of NRW's internal consultation prior to granting consent to the Community Council to carry out channel maintenance, MB has now been asked to discuss the proposals on site with Chris Dyson (NRW Regional River Specialist) and NRW's Geomorphologist. MB

9. Joint Action with Talybont on Usk CC

TH confirmed he had met with Glyn Thomas (Chairman Talybont CC) and LF. Together they have drawn up an agenda for the meeting on Monday 23rd June – distributed copies to Councillors. TH confirmed this would be an exploratory meeting covering a wide range of topics which may or may not have a common cause. TH advised that due to the range of topics each one would be timed. The one major topic being the erosion issue at Scethrog; TH thanked MB for his extensive work on this project and it was confirmed that MB would give an update of where it's at and what the CC can do to go forward.

10. Financial Regulations – Order to repeal S 150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 (The two-signature rule)

BF drew councillors' attention to the new ruling regarding the two signature rule and advised that, in order to safeguard public money, it would be well to retain dual control at the point of payment. Councillors agreed that 2 signatures would still be required for all cheque payments and a payment authority note containing two signatures would be required for any payments that had to be made electronically.

11. Appointments – Chairman & Vice Chairman

LF confirmed appointments were by election.

12. Community Council Action Plan - Update

NH looked into getting copies of definitive maps; all agreed the maps on our website are as good.

MB to trial marking up footpaths from the definitive maps on the CC's Parish on Line sheets that are displayed on the website.

The introduction of wheelie bins and recycling boxes was discussed. All agreed they were not ideal. MB has written to PCC with regard to danger of bins being sucked onto the A40 in Llanhamlach by passing lorries. A letter has been received from a Llanfrynach resident regarding responsibility of the bins on pavements; there is confusion and PCC have given no clear guidance. Clerk to write to PCC to get definitive answer for our residents and criteria for bins/sacks. BF

13. National Park Authority Issues

BB advised that a draft of the visitor management plan has been published and is available for consultation which ends 8th July. Put onto CC website BF

14. Powys County Council Issues

Powys CC Highways are using a ranking scheme for repair works. LF advises the local community to work with him for repairs which are considered to be important. LF confirmed a date is yet to be set to meet in Cantref.

LF advised that Domestic Care would suffer with cut backs as care is extremely costly.

15. Groesffordd Hall Management Update

TH confirmed that lettings are increasing. Hall accounts for Year End are complete.

	2012/13	2013/14
Income	£3,763.00	£4,111.10
Expenditure	<u>£2,503.19</u>	<u>£3,407.17</u>
Profit	£1,259.81	£ 703.93

Monies in Bank as at 30th March 2014:

Savings Acc. £4,843.22

Current Acc. £5,016.72

16. Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall

The hall committee also looks after the phone box in Llanfrynach. Plans are underway to restore the phone box this summer.

17. Ty Bach Update

Still doing well. The most costly item being water/sewage. Hall trustees are looking into grey water flushing system to help reduce these costs.

Ty Bach now has a twitter account and email address:

@LlanfrynachLoos and Tybachllanfrynach@outlook.com

18. Planning Applications & Responses

Chairman confirmed that CC's now have a statutory requirement to consider all planning applications. Applications will therefore be sent to every Councillor for consideration and comment not just to respective ward councillors.

14/10763/FUL – 1 Waunberllan, Llanfrynach, Brecon, LD3 7AJ – Removal of existing single storey single brick side extension and construction of new two storey side extension.

P/2014/0522 – Upper Farm, Lechfaen, Brecon - Erection of agricultural building for storage of hay, animal fodder and also livestock.

14/10492/FUL – Cantref House, Cantref, LD3 8LR - Construction of 3 timber pods on an existing tipi site (Amended application)

14/10938/FUL – Tynllwyn, Cantreff, Brecon, LD3 8LP - Change of use of part of detached barn into holiday accommodation.

Public footpath at Tynllwyn – Diversion Order 2013 – BBNPA confirmed Public Path Order.

19. Annual Accounts

The Annual Accounts have been completed and agreed with the Internal Auditor.

Proposed – CD

Seconded – MB

The chairman signed the Annual Return that is to be sent to the External Auditor.

20. Financial Statement and Cheque Signing

Current available funds in the bank £9,809.85

Cheques signed:

J Hughes	£35.00	Internal Audit
James Phillips	£72.00	Mole catching
HM Revenue & Customs	£153.20	PAYE
Beacons Fencing	£420.00	Replace fence, Llanfrynach Playground

21. Correspondence

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Lloyds Bank	Bank statement no. 56
The Voice	OVW Spring 2014/15 newsletter (given to MB)
Powys CC	Ranking scheme for undertaking minor works
House of Commons	Request for views/comments – trunk roads speed limits
Powys CC	Receipt for Playground Inspection
Powys CC	One Powys Plan 2014 -2017
Peter Tolworthy	Complaint ref wheelie bin
Grant Applications	Groesffordd Show - £200.00

22. AOB

SB advised the newsletter is almost complete, will send by email to councillors for proof reading.

Plans are being made to take earth from the top of Pen y Fan to Flanders to commemorate those who took part in the First World War. Snowdonia National Park is also donating earth from Snowdon.

It has been brought to the CC attention that Cantref Adventure Farm has applied for a full liquor and entertainment licence. There are concerns from residents about light and noise pollution. Reassurances from the applicant have been given orally.

RB registered a complaint from a Llanfrynach resident about the speed of tractors going through the village with unsecured bales of hay.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

Next General Meeting: Thursday 31st July 2014 at 7.30pm in Llanfrynach & Cantref Community Hall.